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White Pebbles and Sand coming

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Near the end of October or the beginning of November, Denise Raley will open the doors to White Pebbles and Sand, LLC.

Raley explained that they will have a grand opening before the Thanksgiving holiday season.

"It is going to be, for lack of a better definition, an organic spa," explained Raley. "So, organic hasn't really been defined clearly by the FDA, but society as a whole, we understand it to be something that is not chemically-laden or harmful to the body. So all the products that I use and the supplements that I'm encouraging people to take are all organic, completely safe, you could even eat the product that I am using."

One line of products Raley will be using is called Éminence Organic Skin Care, and she has just been awarded the right to partner with them and use their line.

"I'm really excited to bring it to Baker," said Raley. "Alecia Keys, some of the big Hollywood names that use it, have phenomenal skin and they are really conscious about the overall health of the body. So, that's kind of where we're taking this spa is just to make sure that anybody—that maybe their health isn't quite what they want it to be, maybe they're fighting cancer and have some chemotherapy going on, every product that we use in and for our treatments, without being certain I guess if they have an allergy to a natural product, would not hinder their health or their recovery."

Éminence was founded in 1958 in Hungary and is a biodynamic, a self-



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Denise Raley, owner.

sustaining farming system, product.

Éminence is an award-winning company, some of their awards being "Favorite Skin Care Line 8th Consecutive Year, Professional's Choice Awards, American Spa, 2016," "Best Body Scrubs, Dermascope Aesthetician's Choice Awards, 2015," "Innovate Awards: Philanthropic Initiatives, International Spa Association, 2016," and many others. Éminence has a facility in Canada, and that is where Raley's orders are shipped from.

Raley has owned businesses in the past and was inspired to open Pebbles and Sand, LLC after experiencing bad skin and acne. Éminence worked for her.

Raley explained that taking care of the external skin is just as important as taking care of other health and nutrition.

"It's really not about being beautiful; it's about feeling beautiful," explained Raley. "And when you're healthy and you're vital, and you're feeding yourself the right things,

it will come to the outside. How you feel about yourself will just radiate from you and that's what I want to give people. I want them to love the skin that they're in and I want them to feel the best that they've ever felt."

Raley explained that they will offer Éminence facials, vitamins and minerals, and organic skin care products.

Raley is an esthetician—someone who has special training in administering facials, aromatherapy, and hair and skin care, so she will not be offering body massages.

She explained there is a technique used by Hungarians where in an Éminence facial, people are unclothed to the waist, they lay on the table draped, and their back will get the treatment as well as their face.

They will offer skin scans that will tell them if a product is helping their skin and if that product is making a difference. They will also offer body wraps and sugaring, an alternative to waxing.

Raley is also a licensed nail technician and will be offering manicures and pedicures; however, she will not use or remove false nails.

They will use a line called LCN for hands and feet and she explained that it is "5-free;" it does not have the main five bad ingredients used in nail polish. She is also a certified eyelash technician and she will offer eyelash extensions, using an American made adhesive that is formaldehyde free.

Raley said why she named it White Pebbles and Sand: "The white pebble is referenced in the Bible. "A Catholic monk paraphrased the verse to mean you have three selves. The person you think you are, the person other people think you are, and the person God knows you are. The white pebble represents the latter.

"The white pebble is a very simple metaphor that audaciously asks the question; 'Who is your authentic self?'"

Sumpter's bear problems

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McKinney said they explained there are not as many berries as there were, and the bears are coming down lower looking for food. She said they have been all over town.

This issue was addressed in the Around the Water Tower mailer, which explained the issue with the hot, dry summer contributing to less browsing. Residents are encouraged not to put their garbage out for the bears to get into. Bears are especially drawn to garbage.

McKinney stated it is her understanding that when the bears are trapped, they

are destroyed.

The ODFW website (http://www.dfw.state.or.us/wildlife/living_with_black_bears.asp) states, "Once habituated to finding food near homes, bears can become a threat to human safety and must often be euthanized."

The website lists suggestions for bear-proofing yards, including keeping pet food inside, hanging bird feeders at least ten feet off the ground, keeping barbecues clean, putting garbage out just before pick-up, and purchasing bear-proof garbage cans if necessary.

Back in early September, two separate bear incidents were reported.

On the evening of September 7, 2017, a black bear was shot and wounded near the area of Sumpter Stage Highway and Cemetery Road.

The Baker County Sheriff's Office and Oregon State Police searched the area but were unable to locate the bear.

There was a separate report on the morning of September 8th of a bear creating a disturbance on Spaulding Ridge near Sumpter.

On September 7, Doug Forell was in his residence at 39484 Sumpter Stage Highway when he heard a commotion outside.

As he opened the door to his residence he came face

to face with a bear.

Forell shut his door, and the bear pushed on the door.

Forell retrieved a handgun and shot the bear from inside the house while the bear was still on his porch. The bear ran off but was wounded.

OSP Troopers and Sheriff Travis Ash tracked the bear as far as they could, but it was some time later before the bear was found. That incident occurred between 9 p.m. and midnight.

There was an additional report of another bear causing an incident in the Spaulding Ridge area. This was not believed to be the same wounded bear.

City Council: SAFER grant

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That topic came later in the agenda.

First, Mayor Downing called for Citizen Participation for anything that was not already on the evening's agenda.

There was none.

Downing then moved on to the first item on the agenda.

Budget Resolution 3802

Amending the 2017-2018

City Manager Fred Warner addressed Council informing them that Community Development Manager Robin Nudd, applied for and received a grant from The National Trust for Historic Preservation to be used for a feasibility study for the Central Building at Baker Middle School.

Hunter Noack has been working with Nudd in an

effort to survey the rapidly deteriorating building, formulate a plan and then purchase and repair the building thus saving the historic landmark.

Nudd received the grant October 5, 2017.

This was an unforeseen event during the 2017-2018 budget process and therefore was not accounted for in the final budget.

The grant is \$5000 and does require a grant match,

which Noack will provide.

This resolution is required to amend the current 2017 -2018 budget allowing for the received funds to be spent.

Upon a motion to approve the resolution by Councilor McQuisten and seconded by Councilor Joseph the motion passed by unanimous vote.

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— WEEKLY HAY REPORT —

Friday, October 6, 2017 — Eastern Oregon

Prices trended generally steady to lower on lighter volume this week. Precipitation fell in much of the reporting area and has hindered haying progress.

Tons Price Range Wtd Avg

No new sales reported this week.
Last week:
Alfalfa / Large Square Good/ Premium
30 160.00-160.00 160.00

Alfalfa Large Square Good
220 150.00-150.00 14=50.00

USDA Market News Service—AMS.USDA.gov

— CATTLE MARKET REPORT —

Wednesday, October 4, 2017

Vale, Oregon

Cattle sold through the auction: 2,145

Steer Calves

300-400# Bulk 181.00-209.00 Top 217.00
400-500# Bulk 159.00-193.00 Top 200.00
500-600# Bulk 145.00-163.00 Top 164.00

Heifer Calves

300-400# Bulk 154.00-181.00 Top 182.00
400-500# Bulk 136.00-161.00 Top 173.00
500-600# Bulk 129.00-147.00 Top 147.75

Yearling Steers

600-700# Bulk 134.00-158.00 Top 163.50
700-800# Bulk 132.00-143.00 Top 145.50
800-900# Bulk 123.00-137.00 Top 139.00
900-1,000# Bulk N/A Top N/A

Yearling Heifers

600-700# Bulk 131.00-144.00 Top 146.75
700-800# Bulk 119.00-128.00 Top 132.00
800-900# Bulk 117.00-126.00 Top 130.00
900-1,000# Bulk N/A Top N/A

Thin Shelly Cows 42.00-59.00
Butcher Cows 63.00- 69.00
Butcher Bulls 65.00-79.00
Stock Cows N/A
Younger Hfrts. 76.00-103.00
Stock Cows - 875.00-1075.00
ProducersLivestock.com
541-473-3136

— LOG PRICE REPORT —

Prices are based on the majority of saw mills in Northeastern Oregon and Central Idaho. The prices listed below are a composite prices of various sawmills willing to visit with me about this topic.

Ponderosa Pine—small diameter class 8-11 inches diameter class \$250 per mbf. Only one sawmill was willing to buy small diameter pine at this time.

Ponderosa Pine—medium diameter class 12-17 inches diameter class \$300 to \$350 per mbf

Ponderosa Pine-large diameter class 18 plus inches diameter class \$380 to \$410 per mbf

The Pine prices are still approximately \$40 per mbf below average lumber/log market due to 2017 fire salvage

Doug Fir & Western Larch—\$380 to \$420 per mbf. Normal prices typically ranged between \$425 to \$475 per mbf.

White Fir—\$300 per mbf. Normal prices typically ranged between \$340 to \$360 per mbf.

Engelmann Spruce—\$350 at one Idaho sawmill, other sawmills including with White fir prices.

In general, the log prices still impacted from 2015 fire season and fire salvage that resulted. Sawmills are starting to get log yard inventory in line with sawmill production needs. With a new Administration as of 1/20/2017, a more normal economic environment should result and hopefully a more healthy housing situation will result in a better climate for Northeast Oregon Sawmill and private forest landowners.

Courtesy of Arvid Andersen, Andersen Forestry Consulting

— PRECIOUS METALS REPORT —

Price per ounce, USD

Gold: \$1,292.30

Silver: \$17.16

Platinum: \$932.45

Palladium: \$937.25

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Corn: \$349.25/bu/USD

Wheat: \$435.25/bu/USD

Soybeans: \$966.00/bu/USD

Oats: \$249.50 bu/USD

Rough Rice: \$12.02/cwt/USD

Canola: \$495.20 CAD/mwt

Live Cattle: \$118.80/lb./USD

Feeder Cattle: \$156.15/lb./USD

Lean Hogs: \$61.55/lb./USD

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