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Melva’s Upholstery up for sale

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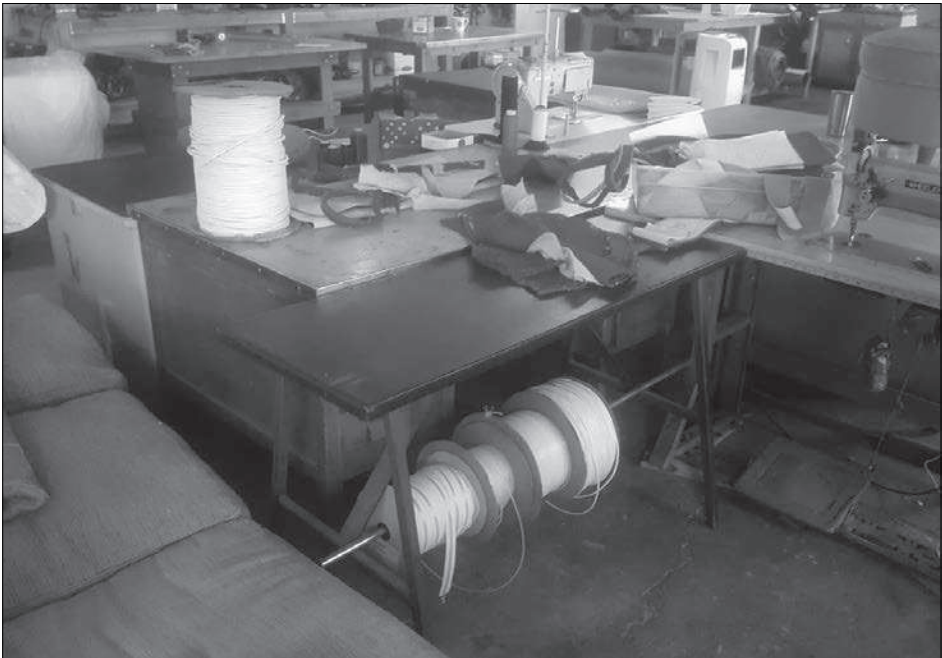
Baker City’s well-known 10th Street business, Melva’s Upholstery, is now up for sale. Melva Butler passed away October 12th and her daughter, Jennifer Long, is selling the upholstery business.

Butler opened her business in 2010, where she refinished furniture, automotive equipment, redid the seats in the car and the full interior of a vehicle. She also refinished equipment seats, couches, and chairs. Long explained that Butler could fix wood damage as well.

Soon, the business was booming with orders stacked up.

Long explained that the building is leased and, if someone does not buy the business, they will need to move the equipment into storage until they are able to sell it.

“I would hope that they could provide similar quality, because that’s what everybody went to her for is the high quality of work that she did and good pricing,” said Long. “Everybody just thought the quality of work was



Submitted Photo.

The interior of the business is stuffed with equipment and materials, ready to use in this turnkey opportunity.

amazing and had her redo all sorts of really neat old furniture and she did a really good job.”

Butler moved to the Sumpter Valley in 1990 and she worked in Baker City at Safeway and Marvin Wood Products. Between working at Safeway and Marvin Wood Products, Butler worked at Broadway Upholstery and that is where she learned some of the upholstery.

Long explained Butler started the upholstery out of her mother’s back shed

and she started with renewing the seats in Long’s Maverick as a gift.

“At first it was just kind of a side job for her and more and more people wanted her to do their stuff and she ultimately decided it was time to go full time,” explained Long. “At the time, she was working at Marvin’s Wood Products, and she made the leap and opened the shop down further on Tenth Street and we helped her.”

Melva’s Upholstery had backed up orders that are

being referred to another upholstery business in town.

“There’s a guy, Dave, he works out by A&D Restoration, and took over his father’s old upholstery business and we’ve been sending work his way,” explained Long. “He’s just starting out so it’s a smaller operation but he does do high quality work from what we’ve heard. He’s just not at a point where he could take over a shop like this.”

Prepping for winter

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Christy explained that in hiring, they usually put on one or two extra people. They also go through their list of extra board members, which is up to ten or twelve individuals, and make sure their cell phones and information is current and they are available. They are called laborers or lumbers, people that transport cargo from truck wrecks to other trailers.

They have transported many different types of cargo, such as apples, crab meat, pizzas, and many others.

In the winter, they have a crew of four full-time, two part-time, and ten extra board people they can bring in. They have around 21 company vehicles that range from traffic control vehicles, flagging trucks, to heavy wreckers. They have done up to 100 calls in a 24-hour period and it usually requires everything they have and everyone doing the job.

“In the two decades that I’ve been providing service for the state, my task is keeping roads and lanes open,” explained Christy. “What we do is purely reactionary. By the time we are clearing up roads, the incident has already happened. ODOT’s mandate is to prevent those incidents from occurring. We work closely with ODOT, I think they do a superb job and over the last 20 years that I’ve seen, I’ve seen an increasing number of commercial vehicle accidents and a lot of times multi vehicle collision incidents that close the freeway for extended periods of time. We never used to see these issues twenty years ago. A lot of the problems we are having right now is speed induced and lack of driver education.

“There’s nothing anybody can do to prevent poor judgment on the part of

truck drivers and motorists. There’s no way that you can prevent accidents from occurring if the people that are making the accidents happen aren’t educated enough to keep themselves out of an accident.”

Christy explained that it wasn’t long ago they responded to a 17-car pile-up ten or fifteen miles out of town and it was induced by poor driver ability, either by driving too fast or too close.

Last winter, Superior Towing received 400 calls in one day.

“There’s no way we can respond to 400 calls, but there’s 400 cries for help and we can only service just a small portion of that.

It’s just impossible to do it all. All this is from poor judgment from people driving cars or people driving trucks,” said Christy.

Christy advises people who are traveling in the winter time to stay away from trucks. If you have to pass a truck, do it quickly and get around them. He explains that you do not want to be around anybody and trust their judgment.

Christy explained it is important to be cautious and drive slow, take your time, try to drive during the daylight, and be aware that conditions change rapidly. One of the biggest risks in winter driving is black ice.

“When you see snow on

the ground, you know it’s slick,” explained Christy. “But there are other conditions on the road that you necessarily see, especially at night. Black ice, or pavement that looks to be dry but it’s just a sheet of ice, those kinds of things get a lot of people to have an accident because nobody can differentiate the dry pavement from black ice. Unless you pull over, get out, stand and with your foot and see what the condition of the road is, a lot of times you can’t tell.”

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Saint Alphonsus Foundation—Baker City Invites you to . . .

Festival of Trees 2017

Preview Among The Trees

Thursday, November 30, 2017
6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.
Tickets: \$15 per person
Hors d'oeuvres
No-host Bar
Silent Auction

Gala


Friday, December 1, 2017
5:30 p.m.—11:00 p.m.
Cocktails 5:30 p.m. ~ Dinner 6:30 p.m.
Tickets: \$55 per person
Buffet Sit Down Dinner
No-host Bar
Silent & Live Auction
Following the auction, dance to the live music of “Colorblind”

Events are held at the Baker County Event Center
2600 East Street
Baker City, Oregon

✂ Tickets Available at Betty's Books,
The Sycamore Tree and
Saint Alphonsus Medical Center—Baker City

Family Day—Saturday, December 2, 2017
Admission: Can of Food/Unwrapped Toy
Viewing of the Trees
“Make It, Take It” ~ Sponsored by Crossroads Art Center
Photos with Santa ~ Sponsored by Baker City Kiwanis

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— WEEKLY HAY REPORT — Friday, November 10, 2017 — Eastern Oregon

Prices trended generally steady in a limited test. Retail/Stable type hay remains the largest demanded hay. Many hay producers have sold out for the year. Recent showers and snow has hampered hay movement.

Tons	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Alfalfa/Orchard Mix Large Square Premium	10 140.00-140.00	140.00
Barley Large Square Good / Premium	100 115.00-115.00	115.00
Barley Straw / Utility	60 40.00-40.00	40.00
USDA Market News Service—AMS.USDA.gov		

— CATTLE MARKET REPORT — Wednesday, November 8, 2017 Vale, Oregon

Cattle sold through the auction: 3,832

Steer Calves			
300-400#	Bulk	189.00-213.00	Top 217.50
400-500#	Bulk	159.00-200.00	Top 201.00
500-600#	Bulk	143.00-168.00	Top 169.00

Heifer Calves			
300-400#	Bulk	161.00-191.00	Top 200.00
400-500#	Bulk	136.00-168.00	Top 169.00
500-600#	Bulk	134.00-147.00	Top 147.50

Yearling Steers			
600-700#	Bulk	139.00-155.00	Top 156.00
700-800#	Bulk	127.00-146.00	Top 147.00
800-900#	Bulk	118.00-138.00	Top 139.00
900-1,000#	Bulk	N/A	Top N/A

Yearling Heifers			
600-700#	Bulk	125.00-144.00	Top 146.50
700-800#	Bulk	119.00-132.00	Top 134.00
800-900#	Bulk	103.00-118.00	Top 120.00
900-1,000#	Bulk	N/A	Top N/A

Thin Shelly Cows	49-59.00
Butcher Cows	59-67.00
Butcher Bulls	63-79.00
Stock Cows	N/A
Younger Hfrts.	78.00-108.00
Stock Cows Young -	N/A
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 saw-mills 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 land-owners.

Courtesy of Arvid Andersen,
Andersen Forestry Consulting

— PRECIOUS METALS REPORT — Price per ounce, USD

Gold:	\$1,282.10
Silver:	\$17.05
Platinum:	\$927.68
Palladium:	\$987.60
Bloomberg.com	

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Corn:	\$337.50/bu/USD
Wheat:	\$445.75/bu/USD
Soybeans:	\$967.50/bu/USD
Oats:	\$267.50 bu/USD
Rough Rice:	\$11.48/cwt/USD
Canola:	\$512.70 CAD/mwt
Live Cattle:	\$125.18/lb./USD
Feeder Cattle:	\$153.93/lb./USD
Lean Hogs:	\$67.50/lb./USD
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