

Smoke slows sales at PAPA’s Sporting Goods

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For many Americans, summer brings with it an array of recreational activities such as swimming, kayaking, biking, fishing-- you name it; but when wildfires fill the air with hazardous smoke, the call to the great outdoors decreases in volume, and the effects of that have been felt by PAPA’s Sporting Goods and More, a recent addition to the Western Plaza.

Brian Holsclaw, who co-owns the new store with Allen and Cheryl Knopsnyder, decided that they wanted to do something positive for the community with the money they’ve made from their primary venture in the Valley, PAPA’s Dispensary.

“I have a really strong background in retail,” Holsclaw said. “I ran stores like Gap, Banana Republic, Old Navy and several others, but that’s my high volume experience. “And with the success from that store (PAPA’s Dispensary), we wanted to create something that met more of the needs of the

Valley instead of only selling to marijuana users. We wanted some kind of family store to show how we feel about our community...so that’s why we decided we needed to open up a sporting goods store - cuz there isn’t one.”

PAPA’s Sporting Goods carries everything from footballs to fishing tackle to skateboards and bicycles; and right now their focus is on stocking equipment that children will need for school sports such as cleats and baseball bats.

As a father of six, Holsclaw is determined to share the sort of family values he practices in his own life with his community writ large by donating to any cause he can.

“The first event that we did since we’ve opened was Stomping Out Cancer to raise money for the American Cancer Society,” Holsclaw said. “We were able to raise \$712 between our two stores.”

Another reason for opening the new store, according to Holsclaw, is that a lot of times it’s hard for a dispensary to do a lot of good things for the community because, well,

it’s a dispensary.

“A lot of the causes we donate to aren’t necessarily marijuana friendly like schools and churches,” Holsclaw added.

Along with Stomping Out Cancer, PAPA has also raised money for the Illinois Valley equestrian team, Teen Night at the Boys and Girls Club and the Dome School, just to name a few, and currently they are involved in a back-to-school backpack drive as well as donating to the Lions Club, 4H and a softball team sponsorship.

But with the wildfires popping up after the July 15 lightning storm, business has come to a grinding halt.

“It sucks but I know it has to happen because I was a firefighter for about six years,” Holsclaw said. “I did 4 years in Clark County, Nevada, and when I got here I was on the Illinois Valley volunteer squad.”

Holsclaw also plans on running for mayor in 2020.

PAPA’s Sporting Goods and More is located at 214 N Redwood Hwy. Suite F and



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What if you do not want to make a will?

If you wish to pass along funds and you do not want to go to the trouble of drafting up a will or a trust, there are other options. While it is always advisable to have a will drawn up, as it makes your wishes very clear, there are a few ways to give or gift monies or real property to folks.

Life insurance. Life insurance proceeds (money) pass outside of probate. The person, or persons, whom you name as beneficiaries on your life insurance policy will receive the funds or pay-out upon fulfilling the policy conditions which usually consist of providing the death certificate. Purchasing a life insurance policy and naming as beneficiaries a loved one you wish to protect, or to receive funds, is a great way to provide monies to family or to loved ones. Generally, life insurance proceeds are not taxable, but the interest upon the proceeds is.

Payable on Death Account. This is a bank account that pays out (money) upon your death to the person you have named as the beneficiary. You have complete control over the account while you are living and the person to whom the account will eventually pay out has none. Simply,

ask your bank how to set this account up.

Survivorship Interests. You can own a joint bank account, and other personal property (like a car or a horse) with another person or persons and have a right of survivorship. The right of survivorship can exist for whomever you own that personal property with. If you pass on, the other party just continues on as the owner of the personal property. You can also own real property (a home or a ranch or a lot on the river) with a right of survivorship. If you pass on, the rights to control the real property are totally taken over by the other owner(s). You can see the fight that would ensue if potential heirs do not understand that a piece of property is held in such a manner. The heirs have no interest at all.

There are some other ways to pass along money and property without executing a will but the above are three of the most simple. On deck for next month: What is a trust?

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