

Oregon buzz: Pot plants at state fair are a first

A step into agricultural mainstream

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SALEM — Nine living marijuana plants will be displayed at the Oregon State Fair in a first of its kind event for the United States starting next Friday.

The exhibit of the non-flowering, immature plants brings pot cultivation more into the agricultural mainstream less than two years after Oregon voters legalized recreational marijuana. The Oregon Cannabis Business Council, which organized the exhibit, says it's the first time live cannabis will be shown at a state fair anywhere in the U.S.

The group last year had an informational booth about marijuana at the fair and there were no complaints — a key factor in allowing them to go one step further and offer live plants for viewing this year, said Dan Cox, spokesman for the Oregon State Fair.

The specimens were selected by judges at a competition last weekend who chose three winners each in the sativa, indica and hybrid categories.

The entire exhibit will be housed in a translucent tent and extra security will be on hand to check identification so only people 21 and over can enter, Cox said.

None of the plants are allowed have buds, which are more potent than the leaves.

That's because the Oregon Liquor Control Commission, which will regulate the recreational marijuana business, is still finalizing regulations for the nascent industry and it's

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currently illegal to transport a flowering plant, said Donald Morse, director of the Oregon Cannabis Business Council.

Those regulations and a licensing process for recreational producers are expected by 2017. The industry hopes to have plants with buds at the fair next summer, Morse said.

The event has raised some eyebrows, but Cox said the Oregon State Fair has always played a role in displaying the latest and sometimes controversial fads in agriculture and state culture. Nearly 20 years ago, he said, the fair had an exhibit on tattoo body art that caused a similar sensation.

"It is a showcase for traditional things. And yet it's always been a show place for the new, the different and the innovative," he said.

Oregon voters legalized recreational marijuana in a November 2014 ballot initiative after medical marijuana was legalized years earlier.

Recreational marijuana remains illegal in 46 states and under federal law. But in Oregon, the pot business has been booming.

OBITUARY

Melvin 'Donnie' Stout

Seaside

Dec. 16, 1930 — Aug. 15, 2016

Don was born on Dec. 16, 1930, in Pryor, Oklahoma, to Oscar Melvin and Cleta Georgette (Hodge) Stout. He was the oldest of four children, Donnie, Lonnie, Norma Jean and Ronnie Stout. The family also lived in Glendale, Arizona, before moving to Campbell, California. Don enjoyed participating in track, and he graduated from Campbell High School.

From 1950 to 1955, he went to school at City College in San Jose, California, to become a journeyman electrician, and was an International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers union man for 45 years.

He attended First Baptist Church in San Jose, California, and became involved in a singles group called The Investors, where he met his wife, Dina Elizabeth Abbas, from Vancouver, British Columbia, and in 1963 they were joined in marriage.

First daughter Tamara was born in 1964, followed by Juliet, Donald and Cynthia. In 1974 they moved to Spokane, Washington, where they raised their children in the Spokane Valley, and attended the Berean Bible Church. The Stout family enjoyed many years in a wonderful community of friends, fellowship and faith. Don and Dina retired to Seaside, Oregon, in 1996, and joined the congregation at North Coast Family Fellowship.

Don loved to read, research the commodity

market, set up charts and day trade. He enjoyed volunteer work at his church, walks on the beach and taking care of his cat, Einstein. He lived his life with integrity, was constantly faithful, deeply spiritual and always generous. Don was dearly loved by his family and will be greatly missed.

Don Stout is survived by his wife of 53 years, Dina; and his children, Tamara and her husband Brekke, Julie and her husband Ted, Donnie and his wife Michele and Cindy and her husband Rod. Don has seven grandchildren: Ezekiel, Conner, Josie, Isaiah, Levi, Anasara and Isabella. He is also survived by his sister Norma Jean, and brother Ronnie. Don was preceded in death by his mother Cleta, father Oscar, brother Lonnie, mother-in-law Martha, father-in-law Gerd, sister-in-law Freda and brother-in-law George.

Don Stout's celebration of life will be held at North Coast Family Fellowship on Tuesday, Aug. 23, at 11 a.m., with a reception to follow. A private family interment will be at Evergreen Cemetery.

In lieu of gifts or flowers, please consider a donation to The Gideons.

Hughes-Ransom Mortuary & Crematory in Seaside is in charge of the arrangements. Visit www.hughes-ransom.com to share memories and sign the guest book.



Melvin 'Donnie' Stout

'A very rare treat'



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A ribbon seal turned up Tuesday on the beach about a mile north of Oysterville Road on the Long Beach Peninsula in Washington, according to NOAA Fisheries. "We had another beautiful ribbon seal visit Washington state in 2012, but it is a very rare treat for sure."

Oregon wildfire season picking up amid heat

Associated Press

PORTLAND — Oregon's wildfire season is picking up just as much of the state endures a stretch of triple-digit heat.

A fire west of Sunriver led officials to warn people in a subdivision they might have to evacuate. In south-central Oregon, campers Thursday were ordered to leave campgrounds along the Chewaucan River because of a wildfire burning near Paisley in the Fremont-Winema National Forest. Some homes in that sparsely populated area also fell under the evacuation alert.

In Eastern Oregon, crews set intentional blazes to rob the Rail fire of fuel as it burns about 10 miles southwest of Unity. The wildfire that has scorched 37 square miles produced

a large column of smoke that could be seen from Baker City.

Firefighters in the coming days won't have comfortable conditions to battle the flames. The forecast calls for temperatures near or above 100 in Western Oregon and it'll be in the 90s east of the Cascades. The fire near Sunriver was relatively small, less than a square mile, but its location near the resort community got attention.

Crews worked through the night and continued to focus on the southeast corner, the direction the fire had been moving and an area with homes, said Patrick Lair, spokesman for Central Oregon Interagency Dispatch Center. Crews got a line around the fire at about

2:30 a.m. Thursday and did back-burning through the night.

The fire northwest of Paisley spread to more than 3 square miles. It started Wednesday afternoon and grew fast because of gusty winds, high temperatures and low humidity.

The town of Paisley, population about 250, remains under a low-level warning, with people asked to make preparations in case an evacuation becomes necessary. The situation is a little more serious for seven homes on Mill Street, where residents were warned to be ready to evacuate.

Three other fires in Lake County, which borders California and Nevada, were small and posed no threat.

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