

RIVOLI: Benefit concert planned for May 31

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Froelich Engineers and other subcontractors are already starting to put together plans for a new steel framework for the theater.

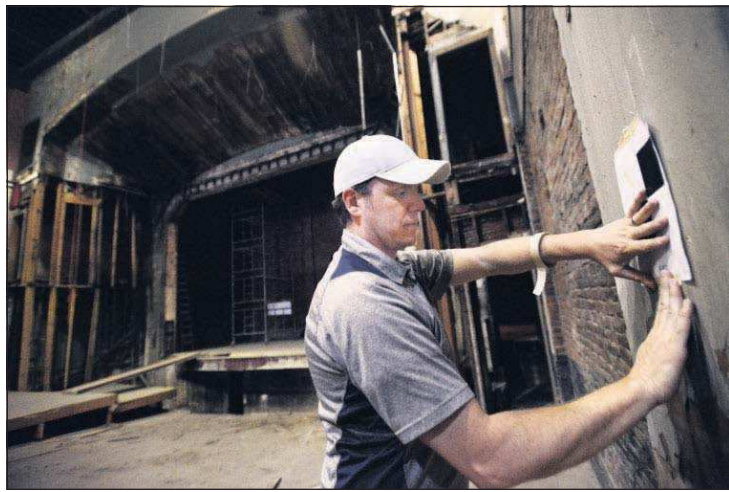
The plans are expected to be finished by Oct. 15, after which the coalition can put out a bid for the framework.

The coalition has raised \$112,000 of the \$135,888 they need for the planning phase, roughly 82 percent.

Picken said the coalition has a few more fundraisers planned to close the gap, including a May 31 benefit concert from Seattle band La Luz at the Great Pacific Wine & Coffee Co.

Once the coalition hits its goal for the planning stage, it will begin the fundraising process to pay for the framework.

Picken said the coalition will raise money for construction



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Paul Tice, founder of ToPa 3D of Beaverton, tapes a paper target on the wall of the Rivoli Theater on Tuesday in Pendleton. Tice is using a 3D laser scanner to create a digital blueprint of the old theater.

through grants from government entities and private foundations, as well as local fundraising efforts.

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Oregon official: Rules still being finalized for pot edibles

BEND (AP) — Oregon officials say candies, cookies and beverages infused with the active ingredients in marijuana won't be available for recreational consumers for another month or two.

It became legal last week for recreational buyers age 21 or older to purchase low-dose edibles at medical marijuana dispensaries, reported *The Bulletin*. First, however, the state must create rules for those sales, such as defining a "low dose," said Oregon Medical Marijuana Program Manager Andre Ourso. He said the Oregon Health Authority has already started drafting the regulations.

"We don't have a specific date in mind; we're preparing to do it as quickly as we can," Ourso said. "That may be a month or two months."

Edible products like candies, lozenges or cookies are already available to medical marijuana cardholders in varying dosages.

Summer Latchford is the company

director at DiamondTree, which operates two dispensaries in Bend and one in Madras. She says her company will probably offer edibles to recreational users in 5 milligram and 3 milligram doses.

She said the edible products can't be presented in a way that makes them attractive to children or made by infusing an existing product with cannabinoids, ruling out gummy bears, for instance.

High Grade Organics dispensary owner Nick Harsell sells cannabinoid-infused chocolates, cold-brew coffee and ginger ale, among other items. He said he may have to tweak his offerings to suit the wishes of new customers.

"Processors will have to repackage or make new batches for the recreational market," said Harsell. For his part, Harsell says he's "holding off taking in edibles until I see that definition" of what constitutes a low dose.

AMBULANCE: Clearview has new van for bariatric transfers

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Last Wednesday, Darrin called Deputy Fire Chief Mark Moore to find out if the department would be interested in the vehicle. Moore relayed the offer to Neeley.

"Let's go," he said.

They headed to Pendleton that very afternoon to take a look and liked what they saw.

"It's a four-wheel-drive vehicle with plenty of power," Neeley said. "That's a big deal for us in the winter."

On Saturday morning, Neeley returned to Pendleton to collect the keys and drive the ambulance to its new home at the Pilot

Rock fire station. No money exchanged hands.

"The ambulance was donated to them," Neeley said. "They didn't want to make any money off of it."

The handoff has the blessing of Pendleton Fire & Ambulance.

"We think it's great," said Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal Matt Benedict. "It's going to help them out immensely."

Everyone seems to win here. Clearview has a 2016 van that will allow for bariatric transfers. Pilot Rock has a dependable ambulance and a less-dependable one in reserve. Pendleton can depend on Pilot Rock for mutual aid.

The vehicle was stripped of its lights and siren before going to Clearview, so Pilot Rock must shell out to replace those and also to put lettering on the ambulance.

"Those are minor expenses," Neeley said.

Darrin Umbarger watched as the fire chief swung up into the driver's seat, turned the key and brought the diesel engine rumbling to life. Umbarger smiled as the ambulance moved down the block and around the corner.

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FIRE: Current estimate for fire station would fall between 'average' and 'good'

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new equipment and vehicles, something the city's public safety capital reserve fund is not able to cover.

"One way or another — having ambulances breaking down with patients or engines breaking down on the way to fires — is not a good thing," Ciraulo said. "We're getting very close to that point."

Several councilors questioned why the fire station's \$8.2 million estimate was significantly higher than the estimate from an aborted bond proposal

from 2014, which said a new fire station could be built for \$4.5 million.

Ciraulo said he didn't know what went into the earlier estimate, but the current estimate was reflective of the costs to build a new, no-frills fire station.

City Councilor Paul Chalmers pointed to the Marshall & Swift building cost index, which states that the current estimate would fall between an "average" and "good" fire station.

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