

**UMATILLA**

# City wants to extend adult biz moratorium

By **JADE MCDOWELL**  
East Oregonian

The Umatilla city council will take public comment next Tuesday on an ordinance that would extend its moratorium on new adult businesses for another six months.

The original 120-day moratorium was enacted in September and is set to expire this month.

City planning director Bill Searles said the planning commission needs two or three more meetings to finish the time-consuming process of determining outright uses, uses subject to special standards and conditional uses that will be allowed in each commercial zone.

Residents appeared before the city council multiple times in 2014 asking the city to ban strip clubs, but the Oregon Supreme Court ruled that targeting businesses involving nudity is an infringement on free speech.

Instead of making rules

specific to strip clubs, the Umatilla planning commission is overhauling its rules for commercial zones to specify where broader categories of businesses can set up shop.

Searles said the commission plans to have a public hearing in March at the latest on a finalized list of uses, then make a recommendation to the city council at its March or April meeting.

Creating a detailed set of rules for what types of businesses are allowed in each part of town will make a more "user-friendly" process for people wanting to set up shop in Umatilla, Searles said. Potential entrepreneurs will be able to look at a master list of where their business would be allowed instead of having to work with the planning department to figure it out.

The public hearing on the ordinance to extend the moratorium will be part of the Umatilla City Council meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday at city hall, 770 Sixth St. in Umatilla.

**HERMISTON**



Staff photo by Jade McDowell

**Umpqua Bank manager Art Flores, center, cuts a red ribbon held by members of the Chamber of Commerce and Umpqua Bank at the bank's open house.**

# Umpqua Bank opens new location in old KFC

By **JADE MCDOWELL**  
East Oregonian

Hermiston's new Umpqua Bank location was packed with well-wishers during a ribbon-cutting and open house on Wednesday.

Manager Art Flores told the crowd that turning a former Kentucky Fried Chicken building into a bank had proven harder than anyone expected, causing "delay after delay." But he was grateful for the support of staff, Knerr Construction and community members through the process.

"I can't say enough thank you's to all of you," he said.

Pastor Dean Hackett, whom Flores described as a "dear friend," told the group gathered for the celebration that the process had indeed been a long one.

"I know it has required your patience and endurance and stick-to-itiveness," he said, wishing Flores and his staff "all the best."

Chamber of Commerce director Debbie Pedro said the large turnout said a lot about the way Flores and his staff were involved in the community.

"Thank you for making this investment in Hermiston," she said.

Umpqua Bank was founded in 1953 in southern Oregon and in 2012 had over 200 branches across the West.

After moving from its location on Highland Avenue, Umpqua Bank is now open for business in its new building at 450 N. First Street in Hermiston. For more information about the bank's services visit [www.umpquabank.com](http://www.umpquabank.com).

# Avian flu yet to reach Eastern Oregon

By **GEORGE PAVEN**  
East Oregonian

Avian flu is yet to turn up in Eastern Oregon, despite a recent outbreak in the Tri-Cities area of southeastern Washington.

Earlier this month, the Washington State Department of Agriculture established a quarantine zone around parts of Benton and Franklin counties to protect poultry after avian flu was found in two backyard flocks.

More than 700 chickens, ducks, turkeys and guinea fowl were affected by the outbreak, according to a report in the *Tri-City Herald*. Jim Hermes, an extension poultry specialist with Ore-

gon State University, said the disease was likely spread by migrating wild waterfowl, which are known carriers of avian flu but not as susceptible to becoming sick.

This particular strain of the virus, H5N2, poses no known health threat to humans, Hermes said, but can be highly contagious in poultry.

The only reports of avian flu so far in Oregon have come from west of the Cascades: first in a backyard flock near Roseburg on Dec. 19, and most recently in a wild mallard that was shot by a hunter at Fern Ridge Wildlife Area near Eugene.

"We haven't seen any commercial flocks (infected) here," Hermes said. "The

industry is well aware. They really clamp down on their security when one of these incidents break."

There are no commercial poultry producers in Umatilla County. Local backyard flocks should be fine, Hermes said, so long as they are confined or kept away from wild waterfowl that could be carrying the disease.

"Discouraging waterfowl from being near your property is really the best method, or just keeping your birds in confinement until this passes," he said.

Blue Mountain Wildlife in Pendleton will also not be accepting any rescued waterfowl from Washington until the threat passes. Direc-

tor Lynn Tompkins they are monitoring their raptors, and will keep birds in isolation if they show signs of being sick.

If any bird dies without an apparent injury, Tompkins said the state has agreed to pay for testing at OSU's diagnostic laboratory. The rescue center has brought in 16 wounded birds so far this year — including seven from Washington — and has experienced no problems.

"We're just paying attention and trying to learn as much as we can about it," Tompkins said. "I don't think it will be that big an issue."

Contact *George Paven* at [gplaven@eastoregonian.com](mailto:gplaven@eastoregonian.com) or 541-564-4547.

**HEPPNER**

# Awards banquet recognizes city's best

By **TAMMY MALGESINI**  
East Oregonian

It was like a family reunion in Heppner during the Town & Country Community Awards — siblings Jerry and Judy Healy were recognized as man and woman of the year by the chamber of commerce.

Others receiving awards during Hooray for Heppner and All That Jazz Thursday night at the Morrow County Fairgrounds included Howard Bryant, Petra Payne, Maddie Lindsay and Wheatland Insurance.

## Lifetime Achievement

At 96 years old, Howard Bryant is a local historian, and is often the go-to guy when someone's identity in an old photo is needed.

"His memories are a treasure to all of us," said Kim Cutsforth during the award presentation. "His generosity is a bonus."

Cutsforth shared an extensive list of ways Bryant has given back to the community — everything from making donations for sports equipment and sharing his hunting cabin and outdoorsman expertise to mentoring others through his work in the banking and insurance industry.

Over the years Bryant has been involved with the Wranglers and the Morrow County Fair & Rodeo, as well as being a lifelong member of the Masons, the Shriners and the Methodist Church.

Bryant, who said he loves Heppner and Morrow County, offered humble appreciation for the recognition.

"I'd like to meet this fellow," Bryant said with a laugh. "I don't know him."

## Man of the Year

In presenting the award, Pat Sweeney said Jerry



Bryant



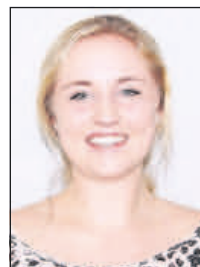
Jerry Healy



Judy Healy



Payne



Lindsay



Snider

standards in challenging students to succeed.

Moving to Heppner during her senior year, Payne lettered in three sports. She attended Western Oregon University, studied abroad in Mexico and returned to teach Spanish and coach softball, developing a solid program, leading to a state title in 2012.

Coming from a family of educators, Payne said her parents helped prepare her to become the teacher she is.

## Youth Recognition

Payne presented Maddie Lindsay with the youth award, highlighting her accomplishments in sports and the community.

In addition to being a three-sport athlete, Lindsay has served on student council, is a member of the National Honor Society and has assisted with canned food drives, volunteering at the Neighborhood Center and with youth sports.

## Business of the Year

Jeff Bailey, in presenting the award to Nancy Snider of Wheatland Insurance, said he was surprised she hadn't previously been recognized.

In addition to meeting people's insurance needs, Snider is supportive and involved in community activities. Wheatland Insurance has been a major sponsor for the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo.

Snider shared the recognition with her employees.

"Without them, we wouldn't be where we are," she said.

Contact *Tammy Malgesini* at [tmalgesini@eastoregonian.com](mailto:tmalgesini@eastoregonian.com) or 541-564-4539

*Happy New Year*

From Dr. Hibbert, Lacey, Jessica, Bailey, Heather, and Sarah

541-612-3707

**SKIN CANCER SCREENING**

January 23rd • 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Good Shepherd Medical Center • Conference Room #2 Hermiston, OR

**FREE**

**"Melanoma & Funny Moles"**

Center for Excellence in Dermatology is proud to announce we will be hosting a FREE skin cancer screening.

Dr. Robert Hopp, Board Certified Dermatologist, will be giving a presentation and will follow up with skin exams!

Please call 509-735-1100 to reserve your appointment time!

CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN DERMATOLOGY (509) 735-1100 or 1-855-525-4677 toll free

GOOD SHEPHERD HEALTH CARE CENTER

**BEST STAND-UP COMEDY ON IT'S WAY TO HERMISTON!**

**Melonville Comedy Festival**

**January 24, 2015**

**Hermiston Community Center**

The 22nd edition of the Melonville Comedy Festival will feature three headlining stand up comedians. The comics have been seen on Last Comic Standing, HBO, Comedy Central, and on the Bob and Tom Radio Show.

**BRAD UPTON**

Has been working as a stand-up comic for 35 years. He has appeared in the HBO Comedy Festival, NPR Radio's Rewind, and will perform this spring with Neal McCoy and Johnny Mathis. Brad has several albums that are played on XM Satellite Radio

**DAVID CROWE**

Is a frequent guest on the BOB AND TOM Radio show, appeared in his own Comedy Central special, and can be heard often on Satellite Radio.

**DUANE GOAD**

Is a comic who has worked in many of the top clubs in the United States. Duane is an opening act to Lewis Black and Jim Gaffigan. Goad also has an animated show on Comedy Central.

Tickets \$35 per person

Doors open at 7:00, Show starts at 8:00

Tickets available at Hermiston Chamber of Commerce for more info: 541-561-7488

Special Olympics

KORD 102.7 FM

No refunds

When Caring, Quality and Commitment Make a Difference.

Assured Quality HOME CARE INC. Se Habla Español

Call Today for your **FREE** Assessment Providing Personalized In-home Care 24/7

541-429-8099

920 Frazier Ave ste 212 Pendleton Or 97801

[www.aqhcinc.com](http://www.aqhcinc.com)

- Personal Care
- Housekeeping
- Appointments
- Bathing
- Companionship
- Respite Care
- Errands
- Memory Care
- Cognition
- Groceries
- Blood Pressure
- Checks
- Meal Preparation
- Laundry
- Home Care
- Grooming
- Medication Assistance
- Insurance Billing

Insured • Bonded • Licensed

Come celebrate the life and work of

**Martin Luther King Jr.**

January 19, 2015

7 pm

First Christian Church

215 N. Main, Pendleton, Oregon

For more information, contact 541-276-5358

Sponsored by the Pendleton Interfaith MLK Jr. Day Committee