

**ECHO**

# From fast food to fine dining

New owner takes over at H&P; old tractor show comes to town

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The H&P Cafe, a staple of downtown Echo, is celebrating new ownership on Saturday.

Michael Barzee and his family took over the cafe in May and said they have made some improvement.

Barzee said the family has kept the old menu but also added new items.

"So far folks seem to be very pleased with the quality of food, the flavor of the food and the seasoning I've been using," Barzee said.

He said his favorite part of running the H&P cafe so far has been talking with customers and implementing their suggestions, including new homemade french fries. Barzee worked in fast food for 24 years, the last 11 at Jack in the Box, so he said he has been enjoying getting to set the menu for a change.

"It's absolutely fantastic to work for yourself and be in charge of everything," he said.

Barzee keeps the cafe open seven days a week with his wife Torie and their three children, with some help from his brother-in-law and his daughter's friend. It is open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays.

On Saturday the cafe, located at 231 E.

Main St., will be doing raffles and door prizes from noon to 5 p.m. and will be serving items normally offered only certain days of the week, including pulled pork sandwiches and homemade chili.

The event will coincide with the antique tractor show the winery is putting on from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday downtown and at Fort Henrietta Park.

The show will be collecting donations for the nonprofit cancer survivor support organization Kick'n Cancer.

Sno Road Winery owner Lloyd Piercy said the show, which he hopes to make an annual event, will feature a variety of pieces of antique farm equipment, including many from the "amazing" collection at Amstad Farms.

"We will feature the evolution of the plow," Piercy said. "We will also have modern tractors sitting next to antique ones so people can compare."

A 1913 horsedrawn corn picker will also be featured next to a modern one.

Piercy said downtown businesses, including the H&P Cafe, will be open during the event to show off the city's "vibrant little downtown" to visitors coming to town for the show.

"We encourage people who want to drive their vintage car to bring it," he said. "It will be a great day to drive it. It might not be part of the show but the crowd that is there will appreciate it."

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**LOCAL BUSINESS BRIEFLY**

**Bank of Eastern Oregon announces 2Q earnings**

HEPPNER — Bank of Eastern Oregon netted earnings of \$724,000, or 58 cents per share, during the second quarter of 2015, compared to \$717,000 and 62 cents per share for the quarter last year.

Year-to-date earnings are down slightly — \$1.194 million to \$1.275 million — which CEO Jeff Bailey said is due to the recent cost of acquiring Bank Reale based in Pasco.

"The accounting conversion process is complete and I commend our employees for their hard work and dedication making the process relatively simple and seamless for our customers," Bailey said.

Total assets, net loans and deposits are all up by more than 10 percent over a year ago, while shareholders' equity increased by \$2.6 million, or 10.4 percent, from June 2014.

Chief Operations Officer Gary Propheter said deposit runoff is not unusual with an acquisition, but so far former Bank Reale customers seem to have welcomed Bank of Eastern Oregon. Meanwhile, deposit trends remain strong in the bank's traditional communities.

Despite the effect drought is having on this year's wheat harvest, the bank expects its agricultural portfolio will perform relatively well, bolstered by continued strong cattle prices.

However, Bailey said it is important to fund the bank's loan loss provision to allow

for loan growth and cyclical volatility in the agricultural economy.

For more information about Bank of Eastern Oregon, visit [www.beobank.com](http://www.beobank.com).

**It's time to discover downtown**

HERMISTON — Refreshments, discounts and a Passport Bonus are all featured in the Hermiston Downtown District First Thursday.

The event is Thursday from 4:30-7 p.m. on Main Street, Hermiston. The public is invited to stop in and enjoy the hospitality of downtown businesses.

Be sure to pick up a

passport book and get it marked at four or more businesses, then turn it in to enter a drawing.

For more information, contact the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce at 541-567-6151 or [info@hermistonchamber.com](mailto:info@hermistonchamber.com).

**Gateway Cafe opens on weekends**

HEPPNER — A full menu will be offered at the Gateway Cafe in Heppner.

Alvin and Linda Liu have opened the new restaurant in the space previously occupied by John's Place. Gateway Cafe is currently open Fridays and Saturdays from 4-8 p.m. at 164 N. Main St., Heppner.

# ABORTION: 105,441 in Oregon in last decade

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response to questions about the videos.

Brown's office did not comment on whether the governor had seen any of the videos, or whether the allegations and the organization's use of state funding warranted investigation.

Since 2008, Brown has received \$20,000 in campaign contributions from EMILY's list, a pro-choice group, and about \$10,000 from EMILY's List Federal Fund. Planned Parenthood PAC of Oregon has given \$3,500 to Brown.

Brown spoke at a Planned Parenthood "Day of Action" rally in April of this year and accepted the Pro-Choice Champion award from them in 2012. Her first job, as a lobbyist for the Women's Rights Coalition, was funded in part by Planned Parenthood.

Brown chose Jeanne Atkins as her replacement as secretary of state when she succeeded former Gov. John Kitzhaber. Atkins led the Women's Rights Coalition when it hired Brown in 1991 and also worked as a lobbyist for Planned Parenthood.

Speaking through a spokesperson, Atkins said she had no "official reaction" as an office holder.

"My personal belief ... is that ethical questions about medical care and medical research are best resolved among medical

professionals ... I hope Oregonians will listen thoroughly not just to the allegations but to the responses given," Atkins said.

"We know these to be politically-motivated attacks coming from a group with a questionable background," spokesperson Molly Woon said. "We know Planned Parenthood to be a trusted health care provider."

Abortion opponents were less retrained. Oregon Representative Bill Post (R-Keizer) ran on a pro-life platform in 2014. Post said if he could, he would defund Planned Parenthood tomorrow.

"In political terms, when the founding fathers said, 'Life, liberty and pursuit of happiness,' it's pretty hard to have the last two without the first," he said. "When a woman goes in for an abortion, I doubt she was thinking that the baby was going to be torn to pieces and sold off."

Post plans to introduce a bill to stop all taxpayer-funded abortions in Oregon, which are performed by a number of service providers, during the legislature's 2016 short session.

Data from the Oregon Health Authority list 105,441 abortions performed in Oregon over the last 10 years.

In fiscal year 2013-14, around 43 percent of all abortions performed in state were taxpayer funded, Post said.

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**BRIEFLY**

**Extended slump in oil taking toll on industry, economy**

NEW YORK (AP) — As drivers, shippers and airlines continue to enjoy lower fuel prices, the oil industry is responding to much lower profits with sharp cuts in spending and employment that are hurting economic growth.

Low oil and gas prices are good for the overall economy because they reduce costs for consumers and business. U.S. economic growth was higher in the second quarter, and economists say that was partly fueled by consumers spending some of their savings on gasoline at stores and restaurants.

But with oil prices down around 50 percent from last year, major oil companies are cutting back, offsetting some of this good news. For instance, Exxon Mobil said Friday it cut spending by \$1.54 billion in the second quarter, while Chevron announced it is laying off 1,500 workers. Until about six months ago, booming U.S. oil and gas production was helping the country's economy grow during a time of sluggishness.