



This photo provided by McDonald's shows a breakfast Happy Meal.

McDonald's giving breakfast Happy Meals a try in Tulsa

NEW YORK (AP) — McDonald's is considering another addition to its all-day breakfast menu: Happy Meals.

The fast-food chain says it will begin testing breakfast Happy Meals in Tulsa, Oklahoma on Sept. 26. The Happy Meals come with either two McGriddles cakes or an egg and cheese McMuffin. McDonald's says the latter option is the same size as a regular Egg McMuffin, except without the slice of Canadian bacon or butter.

McDonald's Corp., based in Oak Brook, Illinois, has been trying to win back customers since CEO Steve Easterbrook took over last year and said he wanted to transform it into a "modern, progressive" burger company. The company had conceded that it failed to keep up with changing tastes, with sales slumping in recent years.

One of the company's biggest moves since Easterbrook took over was the rollout of an all-day breakfast menu in the U.S. last fall. It's not clear what affect the addition is having. Although U.S. sales have been up at established locations in the last four quarters, McDonald's hasn't said how much of that has come from an uptick in customer visits, versus factors such as higher pricing.

McDonald's is known for getting more business from families with children relative to its traditional rivals, such as Burger King and Wendy's.

The company says the McGriddles cakes in the Happy Meals have 240 calories, and the egg and cheese McMuffin has 260 calories. The Happy Meals also come with side apples, yogurt or hash browns.

Applicator fined for drifting herbicide

WALLA WALLA, Wash. (AP) — A Washington spray applicator will pay \$2,200 in fines for allowing herbicide to drift onto neighboring apple trees last year.

The Walla Walla Union-Bulletin reports that Luz Martinez Jr. of Othello agreed last month to pay the penalty and have his license suspended for 20 days.

According to the agreement, Martinez was spraying herbicide onto two potato fields in September 2015 when the spray drifted to a nearby Broetje apple orchard. There, the herbicide caused \$5.4 million in damages.

Martinez said he checked the weather and accounted for wind when he was spraying, but according to the Washington State Department of Agriculture the wind was heading toward the orchard.

Deadline set for biodigester odors

LOWELL, Mich. (AP) — The operator of a biodigester in western Michigan has until Nov. 1 to curb odors in the area or it could be shut down.

The Grand Rapids Press reports Lowell city and utility leaders met Thursday and decided to let Lowell Energy AD proceed with another odor-elimination plan. The plant operator first plans to install a filter and cover an outside wastewater treatment vat.

Bruce Koetter, vice president Webster Environmental Associates, says it's a "temporary fix." The company was hired by Lowell Energy to deal with the problem.

Lowell Energy last year opened the biodigester, which converts a mix of beer waste, salad dressing and manure into methane gas that powers a turbine and generates electricity.

Twitter surges after sale rumors

NEW YORK (AP) — Twitter's stock is surging following a report that the social media company, forever struggling in Facebook's shadow, is close to a sale.

The business channel CNBC, citing unnamed sources, said Friday that Twitter Inc. has received "expressions of interest" from several technology or media companies and may receive a formal bid by the end of the year. It named Salesforce.com. and Google as possible buyers.

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UPS testing drones for use in package delivery system

By RODRIQUE NGOWI
Associated Press

MARBLEHEAD, Mass. — One of the world's largest package delivery companies is stepping up efforts to integrate drones into its system.

UPS has partnered with robot-maker CyPhy Works to test the use of drones to make commercial deliveries to remote or difficult-to-access locations.

The companies began testing the drones on Thursday, when they launched one from the seaside town of Marblehead. The drone flew on a programmed route for 3 miles over the Atlantic Ocean to deliver an inhaler at Children's Island.

The successful landing was greeted by jubilant shouts from CyPhy Works and UPS employees on the island to witness the test.

"I thought it was fantastic," said John Doderio, UPS vice president for industrial engineering.

CyPhy Works founder Helen Greiner, who previously co-founded robot-maker iRobot, said the drone tests with UPS allow her company to gather engineering and cost information and then work with UPS to look at where drones can add the most value to UPS' extensive network.

Still, the robot-maker doesn't see drones replacing delivery trucks, bikes, buggies or gondolas anytime soon.

"Drones aren't going to take the place of all delivery, but there are



AP Photo/Rodrique Ngowi

In this Thursday still image from video, a test drone making a UPS delivery lands on Children's Island in Marblehead, Mass. UPS partnered with robot-maker CyPhy Works to fly the drone on a programmed route for three miles over the Atlantic Ocean to make the delivery.

places where you have inaccessible location, an emergency situation where the infrastructure is down, you want or need the package quickly — these are the areas where drones will be the best way to get a package to a location," Greiner said.

It's not all clear skies for drones, though.

Newly revised federal aviation regulations don't permit commercial drones to fly over people not involved in their operations and require them to remain within line of sight of their operators at all times, effectively rendering commercial deliveries impossible. But those restrictions aren't keeping drone-makers and their partners from

testing technology suitable for commercial deliveries while they work with regulators to tweak existing rules.

United Parcel Service Inc., based in Atlanta, isn't the only company testing drones. Wal-Mart is testing drones it says will help it manage its warehouse inventory more efficiently, and Amazon.com is testing them for home delivery.

CyPhy Works Inc., based in Danvers, manufactures tethered surveillance drones capable of remaining airborne for hours while streaming reconnaissance data that can't be intercepted, jammed or spoofed.

HERMISTON

New real estate company opens doors

East Oregonian

Hermiston residents have another option for their real estate needs with the recent opening of Christianson Realty Group.

The new company is located at 702 E Main St., Hermiston in the Simmons Insurance building.

Principal broker Bennett Christianson said the two companies are separate businesses but will work together to provide clients with a complete package of services all in one

place.

"We're trying to cover as many needs for people under one roof as possible," he said.

Christianson Realty Group offers help buying and selling commercial and residential properties. They will also offer a one-stop-shop partnership with Simmons Insurance for services such as homeowners insurance and investing.

Christianson said he grew up in Hermiston, and he and his father Wayne Christianson moved to the

coast in 2007 to start a real estate career together. Nine years later they have moved back to Hermiston and teamed up with former American West broker Melissa Mercer to form Christianson Realty Group.

Christianson said he and his father are excited to be back in the area and looking forward to doing business here.

"It's good to be back and reconnect with people in town," he said.

For more information call the company at 971-237-1403.

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