

PENDLETON

\$45M data center development delayed

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The only publicly announced project on the Airport Road extension has been delayed.

Makad Corp., based in Vancouver, Washington, was originally slated to start a land lease with the city by Aug. 31 to build a \$45 million data center on Airport Road, but both sides have since agreed to extend the start date to Dec. 31, 2017.

Tawni Camarillo, Makad vice president of operations, wrote in an email that CyDat Industries, a subsidiary of Makad that will operate the data center, is still interested in the project.

"Pursuant to the original lease agreement and working with the city of Pendleton, CyDat Industries has extended the lease for the data center property and has continued working positively on the projects design and feasibility studies," she wrote.

When the project was first announced in October 2015, a Makad official said it would take two years to perform feasibility studies for the site and another 18 months after that to build the

center.

Even after the lease starts, Makad isn't required to begin paying rent until 2018.

City manager Robb Corbett said he's been in regular contact with Makad officials and hopeful about the project's viability.

"I'm optimistic that it will go forward," he said.

When Makad announced the data center, city officials touted the 45 jobs the company said it would create and its validation of the airport industrial park as a business destination.

The city offered Makad a lucrative tax incentive package, built a \$300,000 sewer line extension and promised to extend additional utilities to the site.

At July city council meeting, Corbett said Makad representatives had a good meeting with officials from Cascade Natural Gas about extending utilities to the project site.

Although Makad helped develop the River Lodge and Grill in Boardman, the company failed to get two other major projects off the ground at the Port of Morrow, spurring a lawsuit from a co-developer during one of the projects.

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School safety work nets award for police chief

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Pendleton police chief Stuart Roberts' efforts to improve school security earned him statewide recognition.

The Oregon Peace Officers Association presented Roberts with its Public Service Award for spearheading the School Security Initiative across Eastern Oregon through an agreement between the InterMountain Education Service District and the Pendleton Police Department. The nonprofit association consisting of nearly 1,500 federal, state and local law enforcement officers confers the honor on law enforcement personnel who "performed exemplary deeds or services on behalf of their communities," according to the association.

Roberts received his award Nov. 4 at the association's annual banquet at the Spirit Mountain Conference Center, Grand Ronde. Mark Mulvihill, education district superintendent, attended the banquet in support of Roberts.

"It's pretty amazing to have a police chief this committed to all of the students in our region," Mulvihill said in a written statement from the district.

"Everyone knows about Stuart's competency and professionalism, but it was impressive to watch him navigate various local and political challenges during evaluations at 18 school districts, and to develop and implement such a comprehensive plan to improve student safety."

Completing security evaluations for schools was just the first step for Roberts in a months-long process. He also researched, developed and trained district staff on uniform emergency protocols and plain language for crisis management, according to the district, and he helped with behavioral threat assessments and initiated collaborations with local agencies.

Roberts has been with Pendleton police since 1994, serving as its chief since 2003.



Roberts

SAGE Center manager to speak in Heppner

HEPPNER — Kalie Davis, manager of the SAGE Center, is the guest speaker for the upcoming Heppner Chamber of Commerce meeting.

The no-host luncheon gathering is Thursday at noon at Heppner City Hall, 111 N. Main St. Catered by The Mustang Diner, the meal features chicken Alfredo, green salad, garlic bread and dessert. The cost is \$10.

To ensure there's enough seating and food, those

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planning to attend are asked to RSVP by Tuesday. For more information or to make a reservation, contact heppnerchamber@centurytel.net or 541-676-5536.

Training highlights landlord protection

PENDLETON — A workshop geared for landlords is being offered by the Oregon Rental Housing Association.

The training will cover how landlords can protect their investments. The event is Monday at 6 p.m. at

STANFIELD

City gets new bar and grill

Broken Barrel serves fun in a casual atmosphere

By JADE MCDOWELL
East Oregonian

Stanfield has added a new bar and grill to its list of dining options.

The Broken Barrel features local wine, cocktails, craft beer, milkshakes, hand-pressed burgers, and other food. It opened Oct. 19 at 120 W. Coe Ave.

Owner Martha McClusky said she opened the Broken Barrel because she loves pairing good food with good alcohol. She said the menu is starting out fairly simple, but she likes adding a new twist to familiar menu items.

"I just want really approachable food, like cheeseburgers, and then we make it a little bit better," she said.

An example of that is the tequila lime burger, made with local beef and topped with homemade guacamole. Another current offering is mozzarella sticks wrapped in egg roll wrappers and served with sriracha aioli.

The cozy bar features a pool table and multiple televisions, and McClusky said she is working on adding lottery and would like to add outdoor seating when the weather warms up. She said she is striving for an atmosphere that is fun and casual, suitable for a business lunch or a drink after a day in the fields.



Staff photo by Jade McDowell

The Broken Barrel is now open for business at 120 Coe Avenue in Stanfield.

"We want people to be able to come straight from work and not feel uncomfortable," she said.

She said she moved to Hermiston about three years ago and had been looking for the right place to open a restaurant. When the space on Coe Avenue and Main Street opened up she felt like it was the "right place at the right time."

McClusky said she has extensive experience in the food service industry, including several restaurants

on the East Coast.

"I've been everything — dishwasher to waitress to manager," she said.

So far she has four employees and said that things have been busier than she expected during her first three weeks. She said she has been grateful for the support of the community and hopes that the Broken Barrel will help contribute to Stanfield's growth.

The Broken Barrel is open 11 a.m. to midnight seven days a week.

HERMISTON

Adding bus service could cost \$10-\$60k annually

By JADE MCDOWELL
East Oregonian

The Hermiston City Council will consider an agreement with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation for a free public bus system during its Monday meeting.

Under the proposed agreement, recommended by a city transit committee after public input, the CTUIR — through its Kayak Public Transit system — would run the bus from 9 a.m. to 4

p.m. Monday through Friday starting Jan. 2.

The bus would be free and open to any member of the public. The CTUIR and transit committee created a route through town featuring 29 stops that will be visited by the bus once each hour. The stops are spaced so that almost all Hermiston residents living inside city limits will have less than a quarter of a mile walk to a bus stop.

If the city gets the \$115,000 in grant funding it expects from the state, and

estimates of ridership are correct, staff estimate it will cost the city about \$150,000 per year to subsidize both the bus system and the taxi tickets for senior and disabled riders. Currently the city spends between \$90,000 and \$140,000 per year on the taxi program alone.

On Monday the council will also consider re-adoption of its financial and investment policies, which it must reconsider once each year. The mayor will also be asked to read a proclamation

marking Nov. 26 as "Small Business Saturday" and one recognizing the "I Love My City" campaign started by Hermiston Assembly of God.

After the bus route discussion the council plans to discuss possible participation in the Portland Rose Festival.

The city council meeting will be Monday at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 180 N.E. Second St. in Hermiston. Public comment is allowed at the beginning of the meeting and before each agenda item.

PILOT ROCK

New bike pit deal in the works to cover liability

By PHIL WRIGHT
East Oregonian

Pilot Rock City Council will look over the draft of a deal Tuesday night for managing the city's off-highway vehicle park. Mayor Virginia Carnes said the real sticking point for keeping the park remains Oregon's recreational immunity problem.

Pilot Rock considered handing over its motocross park to Pilot Rock OHV Inc., the nonprofit that oversees events and races at the "Bike Pit." Concerns about splitting costs and responsibilities sidelined the move.

The city held a work session Monday night to discuss the Bike Pit. Under a

new draft agreement, the city would maintain the property, including the track, fencing, and parking lots, and the Bike Pit board would pay for the maintenance and upkeep of the track, as well as for monthly inspections.

The Bike Pit board would have to carry liability insurance for all events, naming the city as the second insured. And the board would agree to reimburse the city \$1,000 per year for insurance costs, according to the agreement, "which may be subject to increase."

Carnes said the city has been trying to let go of the park for a decade, maybe

longer. Turnover on city council has hobbled the effort, she said, and with four new councilors coming on in January, she wants to get something done this year.

The city's major concern is the change in Oregon law regarding recreational immunity. The Oregon Public Use of Lands Act protected cities from lawsuits that resulted from parks and recreation use, but that changed in March due to an Oregon Supreme Court decision.

Carnes said that cities throughout Oregon are closing parks and play areas in reaction to the ruling.

Pendleton in June closed three city playgrounds, and Carnes said Pilot Rock adopted an aggressive schedule to check its parks and equipment. But that might not be enough to protect against a lawsuit.

Carnes said the Legislature needs to address the immunity law, but that would not happen until 2017.

Pilot Rock councilors, though, are not voting on the deal when they meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. at city hall. And Carnes said any deal would be interim and could depend on whether state lawmakers take on recreational immunity.

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