

**HERMISTON**

# Pop-up market provides creative outlet

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Small Business Saturday brought an opportunity for weekend shoppers to experience Two96main.

The “pop-up market” at — you guessed it — 296 Main Street in Hermiston deviated from its regular hours to accommodate holiday shoppers on Saturday. The storefront is usually only open on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. but extends its hours on First Thursdays and for special occasions.

“We like to call ourselves a glorified garage sale,” said Liz Marvin, who contributes items for sale along with Kari Christiansen, Tami Smith, Amber Peterson, Shannon Snyder and Rachael Christiansen.

The items are much more aesthetically pleasing than the usual used clothing and broken lamps that can often be found at garage sales, however. The women of Two96main are a creative group that refurbish, make or “upcycle” items ranging from hand-painted tables to Christmas trees made out of weathered fence posts.

“Everything has a personal touch on it,” Kari Christiansen said. “Somebody’s built it, somebody’s painted it.”

The exception are the greeting cards with humorous sayings on them that the storefront’s previous tenant, Defining Details, owned by Snyder, used to sell before moving out earlier this year. Due to their popularity, they are still available through Two96main.

The group also has a “wish book” where customers can put down their name and number with something they are specifically looking for, such as a chair of a certain



Two96main is a pop-up market open Thursdays in downtown Hermiston.



Two96main is a pop-up market selling home decor in downtown Hermiston.

size and color. There are no promises that one will be found, but Christiansen said they do keep their eyes open for items that can be upcycled into what customers are looking for.

The women who run the market have day jobs, fami-

lies and other obligations that keep them busy, which is why they are only open on Thursdays. They don't have specific rules for how many items each person in their group needs to contribute, what exactly they need to create or how many hours

they need to help run the storefront.

“We just want it to be no stress, to just be fun,” Christiansen said.

“That’s kind of our rule: No stress,” Marvin chimed in. “Because it’s not worth it if it’s not fun.”

She said the project is a nice creative outlet and it provides another storefront to attract pedestrians downtown. The group works to support other local businesses, through efforts like tastings of local wines and beers or distribution of maps for downtown events like Small Business Saturday.

They will be open extended hours this coming Thursday for the First Thursday/downtown Christmas tree lighting celebration.

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**BRIEFLY**

## Log pile catches fire at Rieth mill

RIETH — Pendleton firefighters early Monday battled a blaze on a lumber mill’s log pile. Fire chief Mike Ciraulo estimated 40 logs were lost in the fire at Blue Mountain Lumber.

Ciraulo said the fire department received the call at 4:07 a.m. to respond to Blue Mountain Lumber Products, 44112 Rieth Road, near Pendleton. The business lost two loaders to fires in August.

“When we arrived, we found a large log deck on fire,” he said, and the windy conditions made for a challenging situation. “It took about an hour to get the fire under control.”

No one was injured in the fire, and Ciraulo added the Pendleton crew made sure the fire would not restart.

The cause remains under investigation, he added, but preliminary findings point to decomposing organic material below the log pile. That matter, much like in a compost pile, can heat up and burn, the chief explained, and the wind helped dry out the material and fan the flames.

He advised folks to keep an eye on their wet haystacks or compost piles, which can flame up under the right circumstances even in cold and wet conditions.

## Hermiston School District taking Distinguished Alumnus nominations

HERMISTON — Hermiston School District is taking submissions for the 2017 Distinguished Alumnus Award.

The annual award, in its third year, recognizes a Hermiston graduate who is a leader in his or her chosen field and community. The 2016 recipient was Alan Keown, a 1975 HHS graduate who is a musician, percussion teacher and arranger of music.

The 2017 Distinguished Alumnus will be announced at Hermiston High School’s Evening of Excellence on May 10 and be a featured speaker at the high school’s commencement ceremony June 3, as well as other role model opportunities throughout the 2017-2018 school year.

To nominate someone for the role, contact Hermiston School District at 541-667-6000. Candidates must be a Hermiston High School graduate, have attended HHS at least two consecutive years before graduation, be a leader in his/her professional field with at least 15 years of verifiable experience, be willing to serve as a role model for youth, be free of criminal convictions and have a strong history of community service.

## Retired educators hold bazaar, meeting

PENDLETON — The December meeting of Retired Educators of Umatilla County will be held in conjunction with its annual holiday bazaar.

The sale, which supports grants awarded to local teachers to enhance the classroom experience, is Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Roosters Restaurant, 1515 Southgate, Pendleton. In addition, there were will be several raffle items, including voucher/gift cards for area businesses and restaurants. The winner doesn’t have to be present during the drawings.

The meeting is at 11:30 a.m. Several teachers who have received recent grants will share about their projects.

Membership in OREA-Unit 9 is not limited to retired educators. Anyone interested in education is invited to participate. For more information, call Bill Mayclin at 541-276-4540.

## Winterphest features holiday fun

PILOT ROCK — Winterphest offers family fun this weekend in Pilot Rock.

The event kicks off with a craft bazaar from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Pilot Rock Community Center, 285 N.W. Cedar Place. Vendor tables are \$10 each. The fun continues in the evening with a light parade at 5 p.m., followed by a free chili feed in the council chambers.

For more information, call Nancy Hinkle at 541-379-1950 or Virginia Carnes at 541-443-5832.

## Hardman hosts open house, potluck

HARDMAN — The public is invited to see the newly remodeled dining room at the Hardman Community Center.

The open house and potluck is Sunday from 1-4 p.m. at 51186 Highway 207, located about 20 miles south of Heppner. Main dishes are provided by Ruggs Ranch and Snow McElligott; and coffee and punch by the center. Those planning to attend are asked to bring a side, salad or dessert to share. To coordinate seating, large groups should RSVP.

For more information, contact [hcc@hughes.net](mailto:hcc@hughes.net) or 541-676-9718.

**IRRIGON**

# Jury slams burglary suspect with 26 charges

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The Arlington man arrested after break-ins and thefts in Irrigon now faces 26 criminal counts.

Ty Cody Davies, 23, pleaded not guilty to all charges at an arraignment Wednesday in Morrow County Circuit Court, Heppner. The district attorney’s office charged Davies with the following:

- one count of first-degree burglary, a class A felony;
- two counts of second-de-

gree burglary, a class C felony;

•six counts of second-degree theft, a class A misdemeanor;

•12 counts of unlawful entry into a motor vehicle, a class A misdemeanor;

•two counts of third-degree theft, a class A misdemeanor;

•and one count of second-degree trespass, a class C misdemeanor.



Davies

Davis pleaded not guilty to all counts, which stem from an indictment a grand jury handed up Tuesday, Nov. 22. The state accuses Davies of committing the crimes against eight people on Nov. 14

and 15.

The Morrow County Sheriff’s Office in a written statement reported witnesses said the suspect wore all

black and entered yards and prowled behind houses. Deputy Nathen Braun spotted someone wearing all black while riding a pink bicycle on Wednesday, Nov. 16. When Braun contacted the rider, he dropped the bike and took off on foot.

The chase went through yards and over fences, and ended when Braun shot Davies with a stun gun. Davies remains in the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton. His next court date is Dec. 15.

# Veteran’s daughter grateful for support

## Community helps replace flag

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A local family is feeling thankful after an inquiry on social media resulted in a deluge of offers for help.

Kimberly Harting of Hermiston said hundreds of people wrote her with kind words and offers of free flags or other help after she asked who she could call to help her father, Larry Hatle of Umatilla, replace the weathered American flag he flies in his yard along with a Marine Corps flag.

Harting said she had noticed the American flag was getting very tattered and asked her dad — a proud veteran after 20 years of Marine Corps service — why he hadn’t replaced it as usual. He told her the pulley mechanism was broken and someone would have to access the top of the tall flagpole to untangle the rope and bring the flag down.

“Dad’s going to be 80 this month and mom’s not far behind,” Harting said. “They just can’t do some stuff.”

Harting, who didn’t have a tall enough ladder and is afraid of heights anyway, posted about the predicament on the What’s Happening Hermiston Facebook page, where Hermiston residents pose questions to the community.

“I had looked in the yellow pages and found nothing, so I asked if there’s

anybody I can call,” she said. “I said ‘I’d be happy to pay for the service, I just need to know who to call.’”

Within 20 minutes Chad Weems from WildCat Electric commented on the post, offering to bring the company’s bucket truck over for free to get the flag down and put up a new one, which he did. Harting said it was one of several hundred comments and private messages she got over the last couple of weeks.

She said her mother Donna is dealing with cancer for the third time and as a

result her parents haven’t been able to travel to Arizona for the winter like they usually do. They’ve been missing their friends down there, she said, and so when she read them the messages of support and thanks for her father’s service that had come in it really helped cheer them up.

“My mom cried when I showed her everyone’s posts,” Harting wrote in a follow-up Facebook post on Nov. 10. “My dad was choked up but Marines don’t cry. Lol He was especially appreciative of the other Marines that posted, what with it being The Marine

Corps birthday and pretty much all of his buddies have passed on. This is why I love Hermiston, because of people like all of you.”

She said an organization called Veterans helping Veterans is planning to come replace the pulley system so that the same problem doesn’t happen again.

“It was nice to see so many people being so supportive of total strangers,” she said.

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