

UMATILLA

Rae’s Dayz offers new dining option

Offers home-cooked meals, custom cakes

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Umatilla residents have a new dining option with the opening of Rae’s Dayz. The diner and “cakery” opened last week at 1290 Sixth Street in Umatilla. Customers can get sandwiches, burgers, salads and breakfast food from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week and can also order custom-made cakes for special occasions. Owner Raelynn Gallegos called the diner a place to get a “good home-cooked meal.” “Anything we can do homemade, we do homemade,” she said. Gallegos said she has been involved in the restaurant industry most of her life. She lives in Kennewick, but she and fiancé Rosendo Campos decided to set up shop in Umatilla because they felt that the city could use another



Staff photo by Jade McDowell

Rae’s Dayz diner and cakery opened last week in Umatilla.

sit-down restaurant option in town. On Tuesday the diner was already busy with lunch customers, including two

city councilors. For more information about the diner or ordering custom cakes, call 541-626-

2220 or email raesdayzdiner-cakery@gmail.com. A copy of the menu can be found on the diner’s Facebook page.

BRIEFLY

Joseph McIver gets no additional prison time in federal case

PORTLAND — Joseph Aaron McIver received no additional prison time in the federal weapons case against him stemming from the investigation of the 2016 shooting death of Thadd Nelson of Meacham.

McIver, 24, pleaded guilty in August in U.S. District Court, Portland, to felon in possession of a firearm. According to court documents, McIver has a 2014 conviction in Umatilla County for felony attempt to elude, and in January 2016 he possessed a Ruger .45 caliber firearm.

His defense attorney and Jennifer J. Martin, assistant United States attorney, recommended federal Judge Anna Brown hand down a sentence of time served, three years of post-prison supervision and a \$100 fee.

McIver’s federal case is all but done. The court set a restitution hearing for the morning of Feb. 7.

McIver remains in Oregon State Penitentiary, Salem, serving more than eight years after pleading guilty in August in Umatilla County Circuit Court to conspiracy to commit burglary of Nelson’s home and to second-degree manslaughter for Nelson’s death.



McIver

Firewood season ends on Umatilla, Wallowa-Whitman forests

Personal use firewood cutting on the Umatilla and Wallowa-Whitman national forests will end for the season Thursday, Nov. 30, after which firewood permits will not be available again on the forests until May 2018.

Firewood permits can be purchased at any forest office or at participating local businesses for \$5 per cord, with a minimum purchase of four cords for \$20. The Umatilla National Forest allows a maximum purchase of 12 cords per household during the calendar year, while the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest allows 10 cords per household per year.

The public should take extra care when cutting firewood this late in the fall, as road and soil conditions have become slick and soggy. Mountain travel will require extreme precaution to avoid getting stuck in the mud or snow, and causing damage to the land and vegetation.

Firewood cutters should also be aware of misidentifying live versus dead western larch. Larch needles turn yellow and fall off at the end of the growing season, which can make the tree appear dead when it is actually only dormant. Tips on identifying live larch are included in the firewood guide that accompanies each permit.

For more information, contact the Umatilla National Forest at 541-278-3716 or the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest at 541-523-6391.

Milton-Freewater advertises open seats on city committees

MILTON-FREEWATER — Milton-Freewater is seeking volunteers to fill 11 vacancies it has on its committees, boards and commissions.

According to a city press release, with a few exceptions, all potential committee members must be Milton-Freewater residents.

Applications can be downloaded at www.mfcity.com and must be turned in to City Recorder Leanne Steadman by noon on Dec. 19.

There are two positions for four-year terms on the planning commission. The commission makes decisions involving zoning codes and meets the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. One member of the commission can reside outside city limits, but must live inside the Milton-Freewater urban growth boundary.

The library board has one opening for a four-year term, one opening for a one-year term and one opening for a two-year term. The board advises the city council, city manager and library director on the policy and management of the Milton-Freewater Public Library and meets the last Thursday of every month at 4 p.m.

The budget committee has three openings for a three-year term, one opening for a one-year term and one opening for a two-year term. The up to seven citizen-members of the committee will work with the city council to recommend a preliminary budget for the upcoming fiscal year and meet mostly in the evenings during the spring.

The recreation committee has a vacancy for one-year term. Members advise the city council on the city’s parks, aquatic center, golf course and other recreational facilities and programs and meet the first Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m.

All terms for the committee seats will start in February and require an appointment from the mayor and approval from the city council.

Briefs are compiled from staff and wire reports, and press releases. Email press releases to news@eastoregonian.com

HERMISTON

City adds Westland Road area to enterprise zone

Increases amount of industrial land

By JADE MCDOWELL  
East Oregonian

Companies thinking about locating or expanding in the Westland Road area will have more incentive to do so after the Hermiston City Council voted to add the area to the city’s enterprise zone. The addition — about .86 square miles along the intersection of Interstate 84 and Interstate 82 — increases the amount of industrial land in and around Hermiston where companies can apply for a three- to five-year exemption on property taxes on capital improvements that directly create jobs. The exemption would only apply to any new construction, not what a company already has there. Because the land is outside Hermiston city limits and companies would pay

their property tax to Umatilla County, the county commission must also sign off on the expansion. Mark Morgan, assistant city manager, said the county was in favor of the incentive, but it made more sense administratively to expand Hermiston’s zone than have the county apply with the state for its own enterprise zone. Morgan said Hermiston’s enterprise zone has been directly responsible for about \$85 million in new investments in the area and 362 new jobs, mostly through Pioneer Seed and Shearer’s Foods, from 2008 to 2016. About \$63 million of that construction has since come onto the tax rolls. The new area covers property where Amazon is building new data centers, but Morgan said the “large company” building in the zone had decided to apply for state incentives instead of the city’s enterprise zone. It may help incentivize other

investments, however. Fire chief Scott Stanton said UCFD1 had concerns about expanding the enterprise zone any further because even though the new area was outside of Hermiston it was inside the fire district. “We love the growth, we see it creates jobs, we want our kids to have opportunities, here, but we also need enough taxes to provide services,” he said. Mayor David Drotzmann said he thought the city had “more to gain than to lose,” however, because the zone could bring in development that would come onto the tax rolls after three years but might not exist at all without the incentive. On Monday the council also approved a \$1,529,235 contract with Stettler Supply Company for de-watering equipment for the recycled water treatment plant. The equipment will allow the city to pull biosolids out of the

wastewater on an ongoing basis, instead of storing the sewage in ponds and paying \$1 million every two to three years to empty them. City Manager Byron Smith said the upfront cost would save the city considerable money in the long run. Smith said truckloads of biosolid waste from the dewatering equipment could be sent to growers, who have expressed an interest in using it as fertilizer in circumstances allowed by the DEQ. He said the city doesn’t have the money for a waste delivery truck now but the growers would likely be willing to come pick it up. “This is valuable material from their standpoint,” he said. “Well, there’s no accounting for taste,” councilor Jackie Myers said amid chuckles from the council. Contact Jade McDowell at jmcowell@eastoregonian.com or 541-564-4536.

COMING EVENTS

For a complete listing of regional events, visit [eastoregonian.com](http://eastoregonian.com)

**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 29**  
**STANFIELD SENIOR MEAL SERVICE**, 12 p.m., Stanfield Community Center, 225 W. Roosevelt, Stanfield. Cost is \$3.50 for seniors, \$6 for others. (541-449-1332)  
**PENDLETON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE**, 12-1 p.m., Pendleton Senior Center, 510 S.W. 10th St., Pendleton. Costs \$3.50 or \$6 for those under 60. Pool, puzzles, crafts, snacks, Second Time Around thrift store 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For Meals On Wheels, call 541-276-1926. (541-276-7101)  
**ADULT BEGINNERS’ COMPUTERS**, 3-4 p.m., Pendleton Public Library meeting room, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Registration is required. Classes tailored to the needs of the attendees. (541-966-0380)  
**ALTRUSA OF PENDLETON INFORMATIONAL DINNER**, 5:30 p.m., Pendleton Center for the Arts Bamboo Room, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Meet local Altrusans and learn about how the group gives back to the community over dinner. Free. (Pat 541-276-9189)  
**KIDS CLUB**, 6:30-8 p.m., Hermiston Christian Center, 1825 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston. For ages 5-12. Includes open gym, games, prizes, snacks music, puppets and more. Transportation available. (Jonna Hayden 541-561-5573)  
**VEGAN/SUSTAINABLE LIVING POTLUCK SUPPER**, 7 p.m., location varies, location varies, Pendleton. Bring a vegan dish and recipe. Gluten-free friendly group. Call to RSVP and for driving directions. (541-969-3057)  
**NO REGRETS NUTRITION CLASS**, 7 p.m., Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Learn calorie saving ideas for the holidays with nutritionist Christine Guenther. Free. (541-966-0380)  
**THURSDAY, NOV. 30**  
**HERMISTON FARM FAIR AND AG SHOW**, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Eastern Oregon Trade & Event Center, 1705 E. Airport Road, Hermiston. Vendors, agriculture-related classes and seminars, pesticide core classes for recertification and more. Free admission; core classes require fee and registration. (Debbie Pedro 541-567-6151)  
**PRESCHOOL STORY TIME**, 10:15-11 a.m., Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Stories and activities for young children. (541-966-0380)  
**PRESCHOOL STORY AND CRAFT TIME**, 10:30 a.m., Milton-Freewater Public Library, 8 S.W. Eighth Ave., Milton-Freewater. (Lili Schmidt 541-938-8247)  
**BOARDMAN SENIOR MEAL SERVICE**, 12 p.m., Boardman



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Jonathan Macias talks with Bruce and Dixie Hollomon of Hermiston about potato pyllids, a small insect that can damage potato crops, at last year’s Hermiston Farm Fair. This year’s event kicks off Thursday at EOTEC.

Senior Center, 100 Tatone St., Boardman. Cost is \$4 for seniors 55 and over or \$5 for adults. (541-481-3257)  
**HERMISTON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE**, 12 p.m., Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church parish hall, 565 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston. Cost is \$4 for adults, free for children 10 and under, \$4 for Meals on Wheels. Extra 50 cents for utensils/dishes. Bus service to parish hall by donation. (541-567-3582)  
**PENDLETON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE**, 12-1 p.m., Pendleton Senior Center, 510 S.W. 10th St., Pendleton. Costs \$3.50 or

\$6 for those under 60. Pool, puzzles, crafts, snacks, Second Time Around thrift store 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For Meals On Wheels, call 541-276-1926. (541-276-7101)  
**SENSORY STORY TIME**, 12:30 p.m., Boardman Public Library, 200 S. Main St., Boardman. For children from birth to age 4. (541-481-2665)  
**SKILLS FOR LIFE**, 3-5 p.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Gym activities and life skills for middle and high school students. Registration requested. (Danny Bane 541-379-4250)

**WINE AND FOOD EVENT**, 5-8 p.m., Arts Portal Gallery, 508 N. Main St., Milton-Freewater. (Laura Rose 541-938-5516)  
**YARN CLUB**, 5:30 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-2882)  
**THE ARC UMATILLA COUNTY BINGO**, 6-10 p.m., The Arc Building, 215 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. Doors open at 6 p.m., seats may be held until 6:30 p.m., then all seats first come, first served; games begin at 7 p.m. Proceeds benefit Umatilla County citizens with developmental disabilities. 18 years or older, must have proof of age and photo I.D. Basic pot \$20, prizes range from \$20-\$750. (541-567-7615)  
**COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE**, 6-8 p.m., Memorial Hall, 210 E. Main St., Weston. Meet with school staff and city councilors to get answers about traffic changes for walking, biking and driving to Weston Middle School. Everyone welcome. (Paula Warner 541-566-3551)  
**FIDDLERS NIGHT**, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Brookdale Assisted Living, 980 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston. Enjoy light refreshments, listen to some favorite oldies or join in the jam session. All ages welcome. (541-567-3141)  
**“STEEL MAGNOLIAS”**, 6:30 p.m., Pendleton High School auditorium, 1800 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton. An all-female cast (except for the voice of the radio DJ) will present the familiar story of mother-daughter relationships. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students with ID. All ages welcome.

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**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

**Marti Huff**  
Senior – Echo High School

Marti Huff is a senior at Echo High School who excels in her academics, extra-curricular activities, and athletics. Marti has an infectious, positive attitude that motivates her classmates and promotes excellence within the school. Marti has high expectations for herself and pushes herself to do her very best in everything. She has a genuine interest in her academics and eagerly learns challenging new content. Marti is a natural leader within Echo High School who goes above and beyond to finish strong.

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