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Patrons eat their meals on the sidewalk in front of OMG! Burgers & Brew restaurant Monday on Main Street in Pendleton.

## Pendleton al fresco

Outdoor dining pushes at downtown seams

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East Oregonian

Pendleton's uptick in downtown has brought an equal increase in outdoor seating. Some establishments on Main Street have a hankering for more room than the sidewalks allow.

Kim and Rodney Burt own and operate OMG! Burgers & Brew, 241 S. Main St., which manages a few tables and chairs on Pendleton's faux wood sidewalks. With the weather turning better, they said, those seats fill up first.

"I love to sit outside," Kim Burt said. "On the nice days, you get to visit with the people. ... There's all kinds of benefits to it."

To gain more outdoor space, she said, they are fixing up the restaurant's back patio with shrubs and an awning. The Burts also said they would be interested in a parklet in front of their storefront.

The Pendleton Development Commission in 2015 tried to revive the idea of parklets, publicly accessible decks that replace on-street parking spots with space for seating and planters. Charles Denight, associate director of the commission, said parklets have proved popular in other small cities such as Astoria, La



The results of a 2017 survey conducted by the Pendleton Downtown Association and the Pendleton Development Commission was that there was plenty of parking in the downtown area.

Grande and The Dalles.

During public meetings, Denight recalled, some people were against the idea because they would reduce downtown parking, and the idea faded away.

Addison Schulberg would like to see more Main Street parklets. He helps operate the Great Pacific Wine And Coffee Co., 403 S. Main St., the restaurant his parents, Ken Schulberg and Carol Hanks, established a few decades ago. Curbside dining at the restaurant is common during

good weather.

"A lot of folks specifically ask to eat outside," Addison Schulberg said. "I don't blame them — I want to be outside."

The narrowness of the sidewalks, however, limit the GP's outdoor seating, he said, but a parklet or wider sidewalk would provide more room. Parklets also come with the benefit of allowing establishments to bring their style to the outdoors, he

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## Bounds bound for hearing on Ninth Circuit

After eight months, attorney will face Senate committee questions

By ANTONIO SIERRA  
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Ryan Bounds will go before the Senate Judiciary Committee on Wednesday, bringing him one step closer to the bench of the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals despite the objections of Oregon's two senators.

A Hermiston native and an assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Oregon, Bounds was twice nominated by President Donald Trump for the court, and was recommended for a hearing along with three other candidates by a bipartisan committee appointed by Sens. Ron Wyden and Jeff Merk-

ley as well as U.S. Rep. Greg Walden.

Wyden and Merkley, both Democrats, released a joint statement on Monday excoriating the Senate Judiciary Committee, which is controlled by Republicans, for holding the hearing in the wake of their objections because "inflammatory writings revealing his archaic and alarming views about sexual assault, the rights of workers, people of color, and the LGBTQ community."

"It's a shame the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee is further diminishing any sense of respect for comity and fairness in the Senate," the senators wrote. "For six years while Democrats controlled the Senate and President Obama was in office, no judicial nominee moved forward over the objec-



Bounds

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### BOARDMAN

## Lender pushes for auction to proceed despite bankruptcy

Lost Valley Farm put liquidation in limbo with filing

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A major farm lender is arguing bankruptcy protections shouldn't stop the liquidation sale of cattle owned by a Boardman dairy that's become financially unsustainable.

Since starting operations a year ago, Lost Valley Farm has encountered serious financial and regulatory problems that now threaten its survival.

The company's owner, Greg te Velde, recently filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy

protection to halt the foreclosure of property at his three dairies in Oregon and California while he restructures debt.

By filing a bankruptcy petition on April 26, te Velde was able to cancel an auction of Lost Valley Farm's 14,500 cattle scheduled for the next day.

Rabobank, one of his main creditors, had previously convinced an Oregon judge to order the auction because te Velde had defaulted on \$67 million worth of loans for which the cattle served as collateral.

Because te Velde isn't able to meet financial obligations to feed and water

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## Coba focusing on state technology, workforce development in first year

Pendleton native moved from ag to executive office

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SALEM — Katy Coba was the very public face of the department when she was director of the Oregon Department of Agriculture. But as the state's chief operating officer Coba works behind the scenes of state government

The Pendleton native

says it's a bit of a change from her prior post leading the ODA — the "customer" has changed from farmers, ranchers and consumers of agricultural products to the enterprise of state government itself.

"But the principles and the way that I operate are very much the same," Coba said in an interview with the EO/Pamplin Capital Bureau.

Since becoming COO and director of the Department of Administrative Services in October 2016, she's been working to foster

state agency leadership and upgrade state information technology.

Coba's role involves helping state agencies implement the policies of the governor, to communicate with each other, and finding ways to streamline state services.

Then Gov. John Kitzhaber created the position of COO in early 2011, part of his effort to make state government more efficient. It can partly be described as that of a "manager's manager"

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Claire Withycombe/Capital Bureau

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