



Staff photo by Jade McDowell.

Umatilla schools break ground on upgrades

Supporters of Umatilla School District pose with a golden shovel in front of Clara Brownell Middle School to mark the start of construction on Umatilla schools, paid for by a \$10 million bond the community passed in 2016, \$800,000 extra cash raised by selling the bonds at a premium and \$4 million in matching state funds. At Clara Brownell renovations will include new plumbing, electrical wiring, HVAC system, flooring, windows and roofing. At McNary Heights Elementary School construction will include a new office and new gym so that the old gym can be a dedicated cafeteria, giving more time for eating and physical education. All three Umatilla schools will also receive new front entrances with upgraded security. Everything but the new gym is expected to be done before school starts in the fall.

Witnesses called from out of state to testify in trial of rape suspect

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The Umatilla County District Attorney's Office is compelling three witnesses to travel to Pendleton for the sex crimes trial of Kenneth Eugene Christopher.

One witness lives in Walla Walla and another lives in Touchet, Washington, according to court documents, and the third lives in Fairbanks, Alaska. Two of the witnesses are the women the state accuses Christopher of sexually abusing when they were underage, starting in 2009 in Milton-Freewater and ending five years later in Wyoming.



Christopher

The district attorney's office in March filed motions requiring the "necessary and material" witnesses to testify for the state.

Circuit Judge Lon Lieuallen signed certificates to have out-of-state judges compel the witnesses to attend the trial July 9-11 at the county courthouse.

Lieuallen also will hear all remaining motions in the case Tuesday.

Christopher pleaded not guilty to 30 counts of sex crimes, including four of first-degree rape, five of first-degree sexual abuse and four of first-degree sodomy. He remains in the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton, in lieu of \$1 million bail.

He has been in the jail since May 3, 2017, making him the jail's current longest-serving inmate.

PENDLETON

Court St. Motors to shut down as owner undergoes surgery

By ANTONIO SIERRA

East Oregonian

A Pendleton used car lot is ready to turn off the ignition next week.

Only five cars remain on the lot at Court St. Motors as owner Richard Peterson prepares to close down shop next week. Most of his inventory was sold during a June 1 auction and he hopes the rest will be taken off his hands.

Stepping out of his small office, where a dealer plate reading "I got a better deal at Court St. Motors" hangs on the wall, Peterson is blunt about why he's leaving used car sales behind.

Peterson said he's approaching 75, has esophageal cancer, and has already received chemotherapy.

A surgery to treat the cancer is scheduled for next week in Portland, and a doctor told him he should expect to be waylaid for three months.

Combined with the everyday responsibilities that come with operating a small business, Peterson decided to hang it up.

"The joy of selling cars is gone," he said.

Peterson's retirement also ends an eclectic career that's seen him work at a seed washing plant, an alfalfa farm near the Boardman Bombing Range, and

a Pendleton timber mill on land that eventually became Walmart.

Peterson eventually found himself owning and operating his own dry cleaning service at a time when there was enough demand for the services that the town had seven stores.

But the demand lessened as time went on and Peterson didn't have any insurance for his young children, prompting him to switch career tracks again when he took a job installing and maintaining wind turbines.

Peterson said he climbed his last wind turbine when he was 67 and then decided to take over Court St. Motors in 2011, and has

run it ever since.

Although he may no longer have the same passion for selling cars as he once did, Peterson said he'll miss the customers the most.

Peterson said he didn't just sell people cars, but also helped them rehabilitate their credit, sometimes financing the deals himself.

He added that a man is interested in buying the lot and running a used car dealership of his own, but there's nothing in place yet.

Even if someone fills in the lot with another set of used cars, the Court St. Motors name will be retired with Peterson.



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Richard Peterson, owner of Court St. Motors, is in the process of closing his business to deal with health issues.

Eighth Street Bridge closed again Friday

Pendleton's Eighth Street Bridge will be closed to vehicles from 10 a.m. to the late afternoon on Friday as construction continues on the bridge replacement project, according to a city press release.

Construction vehicles and equipment will be on site throughout the day and the city is asking drivers to plan an alternate route.

Dean's Deli closed while it gets new owner

PENDLETON — Dean's Market & Deli, a 24-hour delicatessen and convenience store at 412 S.W. 20th St., has been closed for more than a month but is expected to reopen.

Dean's owner Harry Snyder said he's found a buyer who intends to reopen the store, although he didn't provide an exact date for its reopening.

Also the owner of Frontier Tavern near the Round-Up Grounds, Snyder said the responsibility of owning two businesses led him to seek out a new owner for Dean's.

Snyder said he laid off four workers from Dean's, but he hopes the new owner will rehire them back because of their experience running the store.

State seeks feedback on scenic bikeways

SALEM — The Oregon Parks And Recreation Department wants to hear what cyclists have to say about the state's 17 scenic bikeways.

People who have ridden any of the bikeways can share their experiences via a short online survey at www.surveymonkey.com/t/

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The state parks department will use the survey results to guide bikeway improvement plans. The department oversees the Oregon Scenic Bikeways Program, which began in 2009.

Information about the 17 scenic bikeways — printable maps, GPS and route descriptions — is online at www.oregonscenicbikeways.org.

Oregon Health Authority seeks input on plan

HERMISTON — The Oregon Health Authority will hold a series of community meetings across the state to discuss the future shape of the Oregon Health Plan.

Patrick Allen, OHA director, will make a stop in Hermiston as part of the information gathering tour. The public meeting is Tuesday from noon to 2 p.m. at Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center, 1705 E. Airport Road. He is seeking feedback on proposed policy options to improve the state's coordinated care system.

The Oregon Health Authority will continue to gather public input on the

policy options throughout the summer. The OHA policy board will adopt final recommendations this fall. For more information, visit www.oregon.gov/oha

For questions or to request visual or language accommodations for the meeting, contact Lisa Bui at 971-673-3397 or lisa.t.bui@state.or.us.

Columbia Grange serves Father's Day brunch

HERMISTON — Belgian waffles with strawberries and whipped cream are on the menu for a special Father's Day brunch at Columbia Grange.

The meal is Sunday from noon to 3 p.m. at the grange hall, 32339 Diagonal Blvd., Hermiston. The cost is \$6, or \$4 for waffles with just syrup and butter; children's prices are \$3 or \$2. The meal is served with coffee, tea, milk, hot chocolate and/or water.

For more information call, 541-567-5922.

Willow Creek Terrace to rock longest day

HEPPNER — Willow Creek Terrace is hosting an

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awareness event that also is designed to raise support for research on dementia and Alzheimer's disease.

"Rocking the Longest Day" is Thursday, June 21 from 5:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the assisted living facility, 400 Frank Gilliam Drive, Heppner. Promoted by the Alzheimer's Association, "The Longest Day" events are planned for the summer solstice, the longest day of the year based on the number of hours of sunlight.

A free continental breakfast will be available from 5:30-10 a.m. and a barbecue lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event also features snacks, door prizes, raffle items, children's activities, music and fun. In addition, dementia and Alzheimer's awareness and support education will be presented at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Also, people of all ages are invited to join the WCT

Rockers as they help raise money. Participants can register for time slots in rocking chairs. Money raised will benefit the Alzheimer's Association.

For more information, to make a donation or register to rock, call 541-676-0004.


Destiny Theatres	Fri - Wed, June 15 - June 20, 2018 Subject to change. Check times daily.
Hermiston Stadium 8 Hwy 395 & Theatre Ln - 567-1556 MoviesInHermiston.com	
INCREDIBLES 2 (PG)	
TAG (R-17)	
OCEAN'S 8 (PG-13)	
HEREDITARY (R-17)	
SOLO: A STAR WARS STORY (PG-13)	
DEADPOOL 2 (R-17)	
AVENGERS: INFINITY WAR (PG-13)	
\$5.50 Bargain Tuesdays** **ALL DAY TUESDAY, MOST MOVIES.	
WED&THUR: IRON GIANT (PG)	
Check ONLINE for more information!	

For more about the Alzheimer's Association, visit www.alz.org.

WILDHORSE RESORT & CASINO	
6/15-17	
Cineplex Show Times	
\$5 Classic Movie • 6:20 • 12:00 PM Jaws	
\$5 Children's Classic Movie 6:20 • 10 AM Caroline	
Free Small Popcorn & Small Soda	
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2D: 1:30* 6:50	
3D: 4:10 9:30	
TAG (R)	
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OCEANS 8 (PG13)	
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Emma McClure's 95th Birthday Party!	
Date: June 23, 2018	
Place: Roy Raley Room, 1205 SW Court Ave., Pendleton OR (west side of Round-Up grounds)	
Time: 1:00-5:00 PM	
Open House	
---no Gifts---	



MARY is turning 90	
	
1 Loving Husband 4 Amazing Children 8 Beautiful Grandchildren 12 Sweet Great Grandchildren 1 Blessed Life	
Happy Birthday!	
Mary Lois Newman June 19, 1928 We Love You, Your Loving Family	