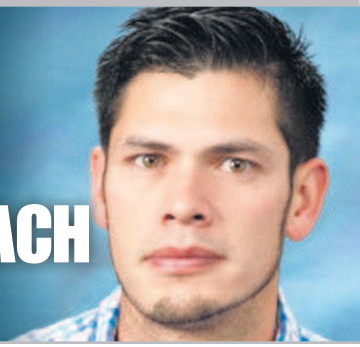


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Lessons learned from 22 years in the Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

EOCI inmate Adam Anderson sits in his cell playing the guitar while waiting for an inmate count. Anderson is serving a 25-year sentence for assault, robbery and kidnapping and will not be released until 2021.

Life inside the RAZOR WIRES

New inmates are strangers in a strange land

Reporter Kathy Aney got the rare opportunity for two days of nearly unrestricted access inside the Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution in Pendleton. On the first day, she shadowed inmate Adam Anderson, attempting to glean what it's like to be one of the 1,700 inmates living at EOCI. On the second day, she interviewed correctional officers and observed their interactions with inmates. Part two will appear in next Saturday's edition of the East Oregonian.



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Inmate Adam Anderson makes his way through the lunch line in the cafeteria at the Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution.

By KATHY ANEY
East Oregonian

Adam Anderson doesn't like to think about his first days at the Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution.

He arrived in shackles in 1996 to serve a 25-year sentence for robbery, kidnap and assault. The 21-year-old was strip-searched and furnished with items he

would need for prison life.

"They gave me a little brown cup, an AM-FM radio with a set of batteries, a bar of soap, a toothbrush, jeans and a T-shirt," Anderson said.

His new home was Cell 14 in Unit A2. The tiny space had two bunks, a stainless steel sink and a toilet. His cellmate had the top bunk and Anderson got the bottom. In those first months, Ander-

son was a stranger in a strange land.

The first night he got reprimanded for talking during "the count." Seven times daily, inmates must be on their bunks hunkering down until a census is taken by correctional officers. Cell doors are locked. Inmates must stay silent until a CO looks through the tiny plexiglass window and notes their presence.

Anderson learned the rules. Some were obvious. No drugs, assault, weapons or sexual solicitation allowed. Others were more mundane. Store dirty socks out of sight. Wear do-rags in your cell only. Don't wear oversized clothing. Shower each day.

Each of the 1,700 men incarcerated at EOCI is different. Yet inmates share many commonalities in their everyday prison existence and how they got there. Each must make a way forward from the ashes of his life.

Daily life

Anderson is now 43. With three years to go in his sentence, he dares to think about life on the

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Old song and dance



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

A young dancer participates in the grand entry Friday evening at the 24th annual Wildhorse Pow Wow. The event continues through Sunday at the Wildhorse Resort & Casino.

MILTON-FREEWATER

Vines with a view

Force Majeure turns old school into winery

By ANTONIO SIERRA
East Oregonian

When someone signs a contract with a force majeure clause in it, an unforeseen circumstance can free them from fulfilling it.

Unforeseen circumstances led Force Majeure vineyards to an old schoolhouse just west of Milton-Freewater, but they're committing to the area instead of seeking a way out.

On the edge of The Rocks American Viticulture Area, the Washington-based Force Majeure is in the

process of building a winery at the old Pleasant View School with the intention of adding a tasting room amongst the vineyards and orchards of Milton-Freewater.

On a warm Thursday afternoon, winemaker Todd Alexander squeezes through the chain-link fence that surrounds the property, which still resembles an abandoned school from afar.

Past the boarded-up windows of the small schoolhouse, Alexander shows off the foundation of where Force Majeure plans to locate the 12,000-square-foot winery.

Force Majeure demolished the Pleasant View gym to make way for

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