

Food: Food drive in Weston soars above expectations

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As students worked toward meeting that goal, Olson said attendance improved during the food drive.

Although the district has held food drives in the past, Olson thought kids were especially motivated by the idea of assisting Dobos, a well-known community figure.

For his part, Dobos didn't have a clue the school was even doing a food drive.

Although the teachers were in contact with Dobos' wife, the school wanted the presentation to be a complete surprise.

Dobos suspected it was something pantry related when he was invited to the school, and his suspicions were further aroused when he saw that there was a "please knock" sign posted on the cafeteria door.

But after he hugged and fist bumped his way through the crowd of students that assembled for the presentation, he said he was still surprised and "blown away" by the kids' generosity.

Once the presentation



Left: Weston Middle School student Jillian Helfrecht laughs on Wednesday after putting a pie in the face of her teacher Jackie Culham. Right: Weston Middle School students yell "surprise" on Wednesday to food pantry manager Bill Dobos as he enters a cafeteria loaded with food items they collected for the pantry.



Staff photos by Kathy Aney

was complete, the students started gathering for the raffle drawing that would determine which kid would have the privilege of throwing a

pie on their teacher's face. Each teacher donned hairnets, goggles, and plastic ponchos as they awaited the concoction of whipped

cream and dessert topping that was about to envelop their faces.

After each teacher was thoroughly pied, the kids

repeatedly chanted "Eat it!" and cheered if their instructor obliged.

But beyond a few laughs and a fun afternoon, the kids

will help the area's neediest families meet their needs.

Dobos said there's both the need and room at the pantry for all 1,537 donations.

CDA: Historical preservation the final barrier to depot transfer

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and places of significance to the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation — is the last piece of the puzzle before the land transfers from the U.S. Army back to local control. The CDA had hoped to have

the land transferred in 2018 (and several of the preceding years) but the process will roll over into 2019.

Smith told the *East Oregonian* that he has been meeting twice a month with the tribes and they should have a joint letter of agreement to hand over to the

Army very soon. Everything else, including a draft of the deeds of trust for the transfer, is done.

"We are so, so close ... We want to do this correctly, and part of doing it correctly is getting a lot of public feedback," he said.

The Columbia Devel-

opment Authority is a partnership between Umatilla County, Morrow County, the Port of Morrow, Port of Umatilla and CTUIR. Once the depot land is transferred to the CDA (minus the portion that has been given to the Oregon Military Depart-

ment for a National Guard training center) the organization can begin recruiting companies to develop the industrially-zoned acres.

During the meeting Wednesday Smith told board members he had extended a job offer to someone to replace Joleen Horning, executive assistant

for the CDA, who recently left for another job. He said he couldn't announce the name yet, but the person was someone with a good knowledge of economic development and the region who will help move things forward as the CDA begins marketing the depot.

Drinks: Budweiser maker teams up with Tilray to explore pot drinks

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in the project through its subsidiary Labatt Breweries of Canada.

"Labatt is committed to staying ahead of emerging consumer trends," said Labatt Breweries President Kyle Norrington.

British Columbia-based Tilray has products avail-

able in 12 countries and operations in Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Germany, Latin America and Portugal.

Tilray's shares jumped 15 percent to after-hours training following news of the deal with AB InBev. The company had announced a day earlier that a subsidiary struck a deal with phar-

maceutical company San-doz AG to jointly operate in jurisdictions where cannabis is, or will be, approved for medical purposes.

Shares of AB InBev were little changed.

Canada has emerged as a world leader in the cannabis industry, which is surging as legalization also expands in the United States.

North American consumer spending on legal cannabis is expected to grow from \$9.2 billion in 2017 to \$47.3 billion in 2027, according to Arcview Market Research, a cannabis-focused investment firm.

Earlier this month, Marlboro maker Altria Group Inc. invested \$1.8 billion for a 45 percent stake in Cronos Group, a Canadian medical and recreational marijuana provider.

In August, wine, liquor and beer company Constel-

lation Brands announced a \$4 billion investment in Canadian pot producer Canopy Growth Corp.

Coca-Cola, Pepsi and Guinness brewer Diageo have said they are closely watching the market for cannabis as it evolves.

Audit: Spent \$1.6B extra over two years

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Oregon could benefit from analyzing information about what it spends money on, auditors found.

Such an analysis can result in big savings. Auditors said that officials in Georgia reported saving \$61

million after doing an analysis of 38 contracts.

Auditors recommended that the Department of Administrative Services buy a procurement system that would provide more details about specific purchases so the state can spot ways to save money.

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