



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Stylists Katie Jones, owner of the Speakeasy Salon and Boutique, and Melissa Braniff blow dry client Sara Reyburn's hair Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2017, at Jones' shop in Pendleton.

Speakeasy Salon adds space, staff and sauna

East Oregonian

The popular Speakeasy Salon and Boutique in Pendleton is expanding.

Owner Katie Jones said the larger iteration of the Speakeasy should be ready for business the first week of February.

Jones said in September she realized the salon and spa end of the business

was "truly busting out of the seams" and she saw two options: cut back or grow. For Jones, there really was only one choice.

That meant parting with the retail clothing end of the business. Carolyn Britt, who managed the clothing store, bought the business to pursue on her own. Now Jones and company are renovating the former retail

space for the expansion.

Jones said the salon will go from three hair stations to six while spa services is adding estheticians, a nurse practitioner for Botox and other treatments, and installing an infrared sauna.

Jones also said the business is bringing in a barber for the men folk. Not only will they be able to get a clean shave with a

straight razor, Jones said, the Speakeasy is acquiring a liquor license to sell beer.

The Speakeasy Salon and Boutique, 215 S.W. 10th St., remains open during the expansion, and Jones said the attitude toward customers will remain constant.

"We're definitely a fun loving group that appreciates our clients," she said.

Burglary suspects arrested in Weston

By JAYATI RAMAKRISHNAN
East Oregonian

Umatilla County Sheriff's Office deputies arrested two men on Sunday with outstanding felony warrants, and for theft of firearms from several people.

Officers contacted the two men, Jaime Flores Torres Jr. and Gregorio Uribe Diaz, while they

were parked on the shoulder of Highway 204 outside of Weston. Torres had a suspended license and no proof of insurance, and officers found that he had outstanding felony warrants for his arrest. Diaz had outstanding felony warrants as well, and the men had several firearms in the backseat and center console of their car, a silver 1999 Honda Civic.

While on the scene, a

homeowner from a residence off Highway 204 contacted deputies and said he had noticed buildings on his property had been broken into. Officers found rifles, shotguns, and pistols belonging to that homeowner inside the vehicle, as well as more firearms that were reported stolen out of Walla Walla, Washington.

Torres and Diaz were both lodged in the Umatilla County Jail, and each

was charged with 10 counts of unlawful possession of a firearm, nine counts of theft in the first degree, nine counts of theft in the first degree over \$1,000. Diaz was also charged with nine counts of first-degree theft for firearm recovery, and both had several other individual charges, including unlawful possession of meth, false information to law enforcement and felon in possession of a firearm.

Pendleton police find body near Red Lion

East Oregonian

The Pendleton Police Department suspect an overdose led to the death of a Kennewick man found near Red Lion on Dec. 19, Police Chief Stuart Roberts said.

According to Roberts,

police responded to a call of a possible death near the "old Bi-Mart building" at the intersection of Southeast Third Street and Nye Avenue.

Officers eventually found an SUV in the Red Lion parking lot with a man slumped over in the driv-

er's seat.

Police requested assistance from paramedics, but the man never showed signs of life despite emergency personnel performing life-saving measures, and he was pronounced dead.

Police found metham-

phetamine, Oxycodone, drug paraphernalia, and trace amounts of heroin in the vehicle. They also identified him as Rodney Price, 31, of Kennewick.

Roberts said police do not yet have a toxicology report, but they suspect he died of an overdose.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, DEC. 27
ARTS AND CRAFTS FROM THE DRY SIDE, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Hermiston Assembly of God Church, 730 E. Hurlburt Ave., Hermiston. Use Seventh Street entrance. Monthly business meeting at noon. (541-567-4446)
CONDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, 12 p.m., Gilliam County Courthouse, 221 S. Oregon St., Condon. (541-384-7777)
PENDLETON LIONS CLUB, 12 p.m., Roosters Restaurant, 1515 Southgate, Pendleton.
ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL

OF HERMISTON, 12 p.m., ARC Umatilla County, 215 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston.
MILTON-FREEWATER REPUBLICAN WOMEN, 12 p.m., Milton-Freewater Community Building, 109 N.E. Fifth Ave., Milton-Freewater. Bring a sack lunch; coffee will be provided. (Suni Danforth 541-215-9389)
"KNOWING WHAT YOU BELIEVE" WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, 1:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, 200 S.W. Willow Fork Drive, Boardman. Ladies are invited to learn more

about God's plan for their lives. (541-481-9437)
HERMISTON HORSESHOE CLUB, 5 p.m., Hermiston High School Weber Field, 600 S. First St., Hermiston. (Rick Rebman 541-720-6402)
ATHENA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, 6-7:30 p.m., DoubleTree Restaurant, 327 E. Main St., Athena. Current and interested members as well as the public are welcome. (April McKenna or Katie Zmuda 541-310-9557)
PENDLETON EAGLES BURGERS AND KARAOKE,

6 p.m., Pendleton Eagles Lodge, 428 S. Main St., Pendleton. Members and guests welcome. (541-278-2828)
A SHARP PLAYERS ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Pendleton High School band room, 1800 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton. Intermediate to advanced orchestra for string and wind musicians. Cost to participate is \$120 per year or \$60 for a half year. Registration forms available at the OES office or by emailing info@oregoneastsymphony.org. (JD Kindle 541-276-0320)

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Christmas day fire burns Helix home

Residents of home safe but displaced in Helix house fire

A fire on Christmas day displaced a family in Helix.

According to a GoFundMe page set up by a family member, the woman whose home burned down, Renae Swilling, was safe, as were her children and four dogs, and the family has a place to stay.

Family members set up a fundraiser to collect \$1,000 in donations for toiletries, warm clothing and coats, food, pet supplies and kitchen utensils.

The East Umatilla County Rural Fire Protection District, along with

Helix and Athena's Rural Fire Protection districts, responded to the fire. East Umatilla County RFPD public information officer Suzie Reitz said the fire happened around 3:45 p.m., and that it was not clear whether the family was home at the time of the fire. She said the fire mainly damaged the attic, but there was a lot of subsequent water damage as crews extinguished the flames.

Athena Fire Chief John Reitz (husband of Suzie Reitz) said the cause of the fire was not confirmed as of Monday, but it was initially thought to be a heat lamp that had been placed over some hay bales to warm some animals on the back porch.

HERMISTON

Greater Hermiston Community Foundation reaches \$200,000 goal

By JADE MCDOWELL
East Oregonian

The Greater Hermiston Community Foundation has reached its goal of raising \$200,000 less than a year after taking its first donation.

A group of community members began the charitable foundation in the spring with the goal of providing a sustainable fund from which to draw grants to support local community enhancement projects.

Because grants will be awarded using the money generated from interest earned on the account, and never from the donations themselves, the foundation board agreed to not begin awarding grants until it had

\$200,000 for a year. "Surpassing this first major milestone will allow the GHCF to award its first grants in early 2020," board president Greg Harris said in a statement.

The Greater Hermiston Community Foundation board is made up of Harris, Nate Rivera, Cindy Middleton, Dennis Barnett, Roe Gardner, Greg Juul and Jeff Snell. It is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) non-profit with a mission to "encourage, prudently manage and distribute charitable contributions to improve the quality of life for our community, now and in the future."

For more information, visit greaterhermiston.com.

Christmas tree recycling available in Hermiston

HERMISTON — The city of Hermiston is once again offering free Christmas tree recycling.

Hermiston residents can drop off their old (real wood) Christmas trees next to the south parking lot at Butte Park until Jan. 28. Trees should be free of tinsel, ornaments and other objects.

After the drop-off deadline the city, in partnership with RDO Equipment and Vermeer, will turn the trees into mulch to be used in city parks.

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Profits earned through the operation of the gift shop are used to fund scholarships for students pursuing an education in healthcare as well as to purchase much-needed equipment and supplies for St. Anthony Hospital. This year alone \$11,000 in scholarships were given out.

To volunteer please call 541.966.0528

HOURS:
Inspirations is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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