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Affordable housing development coming to Stanfield

Contractors are set to break ground on Patriot Heights next spring

By JESSICA POLLARD
East Oregonian

STANFIELD — A new housing development, Patriot Heights, recently received federal funding for 40 new homes.

The money, awarded by Oregon Housing and Community Services, totals just over \$8 million in construction costs, and is part of \$45.5 million awarded to 11 different developments in Oregon. Of those, Patriot Heights on Locust Street and Highway 395 is the only one in Northeast Oregon.

“The Housing Authority had been looking at Stanfield as a local town that didn’t have affordable housing,” said Ryan Stradley, executive director at Umatilla County Housing Authority.

Stradley said Hayden Homes — which builds in Oregon, Washington and Idaho — will break ground on the 12-month construction project next spring, at a predicted cost of \$253,000 per unit.

The funding comes from a number of sources, including low income housing tax credits, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s HOME program and the National Housing Trust Fund.

The project’s target population is families, and the developments will feature 32 two- to four-bedroom single family homes as well as eight one-bedroom duplexes.

Two of the duplexes will be available to those who make 30% of the area median income, like, for example, a senior on Social Security.

Other housing options will be available for renters who earn less than the area median income in Umatilla County, which is currently \$60,700.

A family of four making as much as \$36,420 a year — 60% of the AMI — could be eligible for a spot at Patriot Heights, Stradley said.

Funding for Patriot Heights was secured after five years of proposals, according to Stradley.

So what made this year different?

Umatilla Morrow Head Start will be opening an early learning center for Stanfield residents on the site of the development.

Patriot Heights will also feature a community center with a com-

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EO Media Group submits bid for Bend Bulletin

\$2.5 million offer also includes Redmond Spokesman, Bend printing press

By KATHLEEN MCLAUGHLIN
Bend Bulletin

BEND — With financial backing from unnamed Bend resi-

dents, an Oregon newspaper company hopes to outbid two others for the *Bend Bulletin* and *Redmond Spokesman*.

EO Media Group, publisher of 11 newspapers from the Willows to the coast, is offering \$2.5 million for Bend’s daily newspaper and its weekly sister publication in Redmond, according to a notice filed Monday in U.S. District Court of Oregon.

The *Bulletin*’s parent company,

Western Communications, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in January and is in the process of selling all of its assets.

“There’s strong support from the community for us to acquire the *Bulletin*,” said Heidi Wright, chief operating officer of EO Media Group, or East Oregonian Publishing Co.

“Key community leaders” offered to back a bid by EO Media Group after Rhode Island

Suburban Newspapers Inc. came forward in June with an offer of \$2.25 million, Wright said. “They are supportive of our efforts to be the successful bidder coming out of the auction.”

An auction will be held July 29 in the Portland office of Tonkon Torp LLP, which represents Western Communications. A hearing is scheduled later that day in U.S.

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PENDLETON BIKE WEEK

STEALING THE SHOW



Chad and Tamber Dillinger pose with their gangster-themed Harley bike, which was displayed during last week’s Pendleton Bike Week at the Pendleton Convention Center.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Gangster-themed bike a big hit as 2019 Bike Week comes to a close

By ALEX CASTLE
East Oregonian

PENDLETON — Some of the most unique and dazzling bikes from Pendleton Bike Week were positioned around the Pendleton Convention Center on Saturday for the 2019 Moto Show.

The crowds of bike week attendees grew larger and larger with the event’s culmination on Saturday, so much so that Chad Dillinger struggled just to get his rare bike through the convention center doors for the show’s morning staging.

“I had about 15 people crowding around me in the parking lot trying to ask me ques-

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Columbian drug lord Pablo Escobar stares out on this gangster-themed Harley bike belonging to Chad and Tamber Dillinger. The bike was displayed during last week’s Pendleton Bike Week at the Pendleton Convention Center.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Bike Week revenue up, security problems down

By PHIL WRIGHT
East Oregonian

PENDLETON — Pendleton Bike Week rode off Sunday, wrapping up its fourth year with no major security incidents. Bike Week co-founder Eric Folkestad and Pendleton Chief of Police Stu-

art Roberts said that was a boon.

“There was a lot more discussion centered around security,” Roberts said, “and it was pretty uneventful. I think they made appropriate adjustments.”

Bike Week last year ended with a bit of a black eye when

members of the Badgers Motorcycle Club from the Salem area assaulted a local man during the Saturday night concert. Pendleton police investigated, but few people involved talked to officers and no one has faced arrest or charges.

Roberts said about the only hint of trouble came Thurs-

day when word spread members of the Hombre Motorcycle Club were riding to the event to challenge dress code rules — namely, prohibiting outlaw biker clubs from displaying their logos and such. Any confrontation, however,

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