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Plans for downtown space coming into focus

Travel Oregon, Old West Federal Credit Union interested in downtown mural project

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PENDLETON — Old West Federal Credit Union is paving an empty space to put up a parking lot, but bank officials are hoping it will be more than that.

After a 2019 fire burned down a thrift store at 342 S.W. First St., Old West bought the newly vacated lot from Pendleton attorney Henry Lorenzen with the idea that the bank would expand its parking lot, which is at the corner of First Street and Dorion Avenue.

But, as Old West commercial lending officer Kevin Jordan told the Pendleton Development Commission at a Sept. 22 meeting, the project got more ambitious once Travel Oregon indicated interest in using a wall near the lot for its Oregon Mural Trail, a tourism campaign that has helped install murals in small towns across Oregon, including Ontario, The Dalles and Prineville.

Allison Keeney, Travel Oregon's manager of global communications, confirmed that the Oregon Mural Trail was in the process of coming to Pendleton.

"The murals are intended to generate a sense of community pride, enhance local economic impact, and contribute to local arts and culture initiatives," she wrote in an email. "It provides arts and culture experiences to enhance the visitor experience while also enriching Oregonians' quality of life."

Jordan told the commission that Travel Oregon wants the project to include a viewing area for the art. So Old West has expanded its idea to include the lot and nearby alley way as a part of the attraction. Jordan said Old West envisioned the area as a community space complete with gates and benches for visitors who might have just completed a walk through the Pendleton Underground Tours.

Jordan was introducing the

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Staff photo by Ben Lonergan

Darwin Hodges, the cowboss for CRC Cattle, unloads his horse at the Dixie Ranch just outside Ukiah on Friday, Sept. 25, 2020. Hodges was among those who identified a mutilated cow at the Dixie Ranch on Saturday, Sept. 12, 2020.

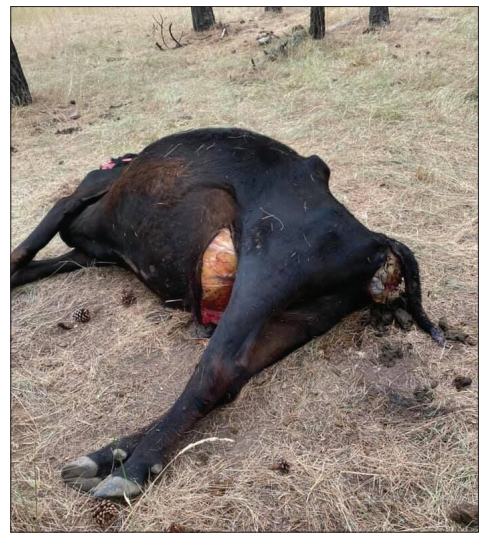
'It's got to stop'

Umatilla County rancher reports finding one of his cows mutilated with mysteriously little evidence near Ukiah on Sept. 12

By ALEX CASTLE
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UKIAH — Fee Stubblefield was just doing the rounds on Saturday, Sept. 12, checking in on his cattle near Dixie Ranch Road outside of Ukiah when he saw something sitting in the thicket. He approached, peering closer as his

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Photos contributed by Fee Stubblefield

Photos posted to Fee Stubblefield's Facebook page on Saturday, Sept. 12, 2020, show the mutilated cow he found near Dixie Ranch Road outside of Ukiah earlier that day.

Oregon has record-breaking day

Record COVID-19 cases in state part of nationwide spike in infections

By GARY A. WARNER
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SALEM — Oregon reported a record-breaking 457 new COVID-19 cases on Friday, Sept. 25, sparking concern of a new spike in infections and deaths.

"We find ourselves at another crossroads — those are discouraging numbers," said Pat Allen, director of the Oregon Health Authority, during a Sept. 25 press conference.



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A mask adorns a statue of Aura Goodwin Raley on Main Street in Pendleton on Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2020.

The Labor Day holiday, the return of students to college campuses in Eugene and Corvallis, a workplace outbreak and a barbecue in Clatsop County, a prayer meeting, a sewing circle and workplace clusters were among the reasons for the rising numbers, health officials said.

Allen said there were no imminent widespread actions that the state will take to combat the uptick. Unlike the last major spike that began in June, medical care for COVID-19 has advanced and officials have a better understanding of how the virus spreads.

"I wouldn't say there is an automatic next thing or a one-size-fits-all," he said.

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COVID-19 NUMBERS IN UMATILLA COUNTY

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