

# THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES

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# SHOP LOCAL CHALLENGE

**By trading in \$100 at Columbia Bank for \$2 bills and spending those bills locally, you showed your support!**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO RIAN M!** Rian is the winner of a \$100 gift certificate to a local business of his choice! Rian M. used \$100 in \$2 bills from Hermiston's Columbia Bank in stores around the area in December, including:

- Bi-Mart
- Donation made to Columbia Bank's warming the homeless campaign
- Dough Cookie (twice)
- Gave a few as a present to a friend for him to spend
- Sassafras Flowers
- Pendleton Round-Up retail store
- And maybe a couple others!

**Thank you for the fun idea - cashiers were excited to see crisp \$2 bills.**

## Here are a few of the other ways those \$2 bills were spent in our community:

**Becky D. wrote:**

Spent \$100 in \$2 bills, buying gifts for eight people from:

- Barhyte Speciality Foods
- Alexanders Artisan Chocolates & Vino Bistro

Both businesses were pleased and surprised with the \$2 bill payments.

**Ann B. wrote:**

Howdy East Oregonian!

I went Christmas shopping for gift certificates from:

- Zimmerman's
- Pendleton Woolen Mills
- Sister's Cafe

I let them know I wanted to support them by shopping locally and will continue to shop with them and other local businesses.

**Tricia P. wrote:**

Pendleton really has so much to offer! I bought gift certificates at:

- Hines Meat
- Big John's
- Sorbenots
- D&B Supply

I also bought additional gifts at Barhyte's and plan to run by Dean's Athletic, Pendleton Music and the Art Center.

Happy holidays!

**Robert N. wrote:**

Thank you for supporting our local business community in such a fun way!

When I first went to the bank they had not received their order of \$2 bills which I thought was funny, but when they arrived the fun began.

• Walmart: I was approached by a little girl who asked if I wanted to participate in a goal to provide gifts for kids in the hospital, so I bought the following: 2 card games, 3 little people play sets, 3 teenage coloring books, 3 children color books, 6 colored pencil sets, 3 color pen sets and 4 children's books.

• Grocery Outlet: two 2021 calendars, two sets of earbuds and a phone charger

• People Helping People: wine glasses

• Salvation Army: decorations

• Subway: gift cards

• \$2 tips to the man pumping my gas and the bell ringers!

What a fun activity connecting my spending to local merchants!

**Thanks for your support of the \$2 Challenge! We're proud of our community.**

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