



# SHOP LOCAL CHALLENGE

Show your support of local businesses  
Spend \$100 in \$2 bills

For years, The East Oregonian has encouraged everyone to “Shop Local” during the holidays. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic is still impacting our local businesses, so supporting them is more important than ever.

Local businesses, large and small, need our patronage to survive in the coming months. While it may seem easier and safer to shop online these days, money spent online leaves this community forever. Money spent locally tends to stay local, keeping businesses open, funding local charities and keeping local people employed.

There are nearly 78,000 residents in Umatilla County. If just 10,000 residents each committed to spending \$100 locally — instead of shopping online, that would mean \$1 million injected into the local economy, which would help local business owners weather the current economic storms.

Studies show that each dollar spent locally turns over 4 times the local economy.

## OUR CHALLENGE TO YOU

Spend an extra \$100 locally this holiday season, instead of spending it online.

### HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

1. Head to a Umatilla County branch of Columbia Bank or US Bank and ask them to convert your \$100 into \$2 bills.
2. Email us at [2dollarchallenge@eastoregonian.com](mailto:2dollarchallenge@eastoregonian.com) to let us know how you spent your \$100 worth of \$2 bills, and get entered into a drawing to win a \$100 gift certificate to the local business of your choice!
3. Use your \$2 bills to show local businesses you care.

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**Happy Holidays from East Oregonian**

*Supporting other local businesses in Umatilla County since 1875*