

Olive Branch Pharmacy remains independent



By Bill Bradshaw



Tracy Hamilton, a pharmacy technician at Olive Branch Pharmacy in Enterprise, counts out pills for a customer Friday, April 16, 2021. While the adjacent clinic has been taken over by the Wallowa County Health Care District, no change is happening at the pharmacy.

macy to Olive Branch.

The 10-year-old pharmacy is owned by Bob and Sue Coulter, of Cove.

In January, the health care district announced it would be taking over the clinic effective this month. But the pharmacy remains a separately-owned business divided from the clinic by just a doorway.

Wallowa Memorial Hospital "now owns the clinic part," Blackwood said.

"We wanted to get the word out because the pharmacy owners and staff are continuing to provide the same compassionate care so that all of our patients can live a healthier life," Blackwood said.

She said the pharmacy does its utmost for patients.

"We go out of our way to help patients," she said. "If there's something we don't

have, we can certainly order it."

Blackwood said that she and the other two staff members at the pharmacy enjoy working for the Coulters, who come to Enterprise on occasion.

"They provide such a family atmosphere," she said. "They are all about family. They care about their co-workers. They care about their patients. You just don't get that so much with the corporate pharmacies."

In order to make sure they are aware of what their customers want, Olive Branch regularly polls them. Blackwood shared some of the responses.

One said she comes to Olive Branch, "because of the friendly staff and the atmosphere that's created due to that, and the timely service they provide."

Another said she "loves the drive-thru window and the friendly staff. It makes picking up prescriptions very convenient and our friendly staff."

Yet another stated, "This place is fabulous and accommodating and she loves coming here because she doesn't have to wait in a line," Blackwood said.

The Olive Branch Pharmacy, located at 306 W North St., is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. To phone in a prescription or for more information, call 541-426-7455.

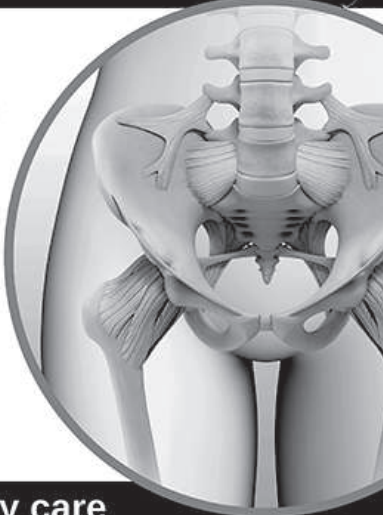
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CLUES ACROSS

1. "___ on earth?"
5. "Confound it!"
9. Big ___ (7-Eleven drink)
13. Sharpen
14. Landlocked African nation
15. Chimpanzees and bonobos
16. Nobelist Tokarczuk or Olympic medalist Korbut
17. On-screen parent such as Lorelai Gilmore
18. Transcript figs.
19. Cookbook author Curry
21. Most gauzy
23. Queen's domain
25. Declare
26. Sphynxes might sit on them
29. Agenda component
30. Soccer ball filler
31. Not just think
32. Have the final turn
35. Nutrition fig.
36. 11-year-old, say
38. Med. research agency
39. Thing an anxious writer may chew
42. Dull and dreary
44. Letters before a pseudonym
45. Middling
46. Have plenty of vegetables, say
48. Ones deserving of respect
50. Honey-mooners' hotel booking
51. "Who wouldn't want to date me?!"
53. Hole-enlarging tool
56. Org. fighting to end bullfighting
57. Wishful words
59. Thompson who qualified for the U.S. Women's Open at age 12
60. "All right already!"
61. Birds with big eyes
62. Not eliminated
63. "I double-dog ___ you!"
64. Zilch
65. "Boy" or "girl" lead-in

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CLUES DOWN

1. "Amazing!"
2. Word before "Grail" or "Ghost"
3. Title for Obama's satirical assistant Luther
4. Buckingham Palace service?
5. Driver's license org.
6. Bashes into
7. Hawaiian greeting
8. 3/4, e.g., in music
9. Source of laughs at the end of a comedy?
10. Top of an organizational chart, and a hint to the first words of 3-, 8- and 17-Down
11. ___ common denominator
12. Cheater's sound during a test
17. Competition within Miss America but not Miss Universe
20. "___! The Herald Angels Sing"
22. This, in Spanish
24. Sound from a tabby
26. Complain
27. Helper on the hill
28. Greta Thunberg, nationality-wise
33. Believer in a turban
34. This' partner
37. Noted stretches
40. Savory fish appetizer
41. Offshore
43. Sometimes-baked cheese
47. Roma's home
48. 2004-'05 NBA Rookie of the Year Okafor
49. Unstressed vowel
51. Device with a phased-out Shuffle variety
52. Embrace
54. Leave
55. EGOT winner Moreno
58. Charitable ad, briefly



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