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Having fun at **Prairie Pub** are, from left, manager **Andy Round**, bartender and cook **Jody Harms**, **Marcia Round** and bartender **Quintin King**. The pub, which opened in September, is located at 226 Front St. in Prairie City.

## Madden brothers build hometown pride with Prairie Pub

Family-friendly atmosphere a draw for locals

By **Angel Carpenter**  
Blue Mountain Eagle

Business owners Jesse and Joe Madden said working on their latest renovation project, Prairie Pub, was like returning home.

The pub, located at 226 Front St., opened Sept. 14 in Prairie City. The town is where the brothers grew up and graduated from school.

Jesse said the idea behind the project was to create a nice spot for people to gather — a tribute to their hometown.

“I like that it’s a family-friendly atmosphere, with good food, and we have 12 tap beers,” Joe said.

Jesse said they offer unique specials, including Taco Tuesdays and an all-you-can-eat nacho bar on Thursdays.

On Fridays, a rotating barbecue selection includes tri-tip, prime rib, pork loin and smoked stuffed meatloaf, served with two homemade sides.

Manager Andy Round, who cooks for Prairie Pub, said Fridays get pretty busy.

Another favorite on the menu is the PC Burger — a half-pound bacon cheeseburger, he said.

“They’re really digging our house-cut fries,” said bartender and cook Jody Harms. Other items on the regular menu include a crispy chicken sandwich, steak fingers and buffalo wings.

“People love our selection of beers,” said bartender Quentin King. Andy said they have the widest selection of craft beers on tap in Grant County from regional breweries such as Barley Brown’s in Baker City; Iron Horse in Ellensburg, Washington, and Boneyard and Deschutes in Bend.

They also have a selection of spirits to serve.

Harms said customers enjoy the warm and inviting

atmosphere, which has an upscale-rustic style.

King took one of three guitars off the wall in the main dining area to play a tune. He said customers are encouraged to give it a try.

Jim Anderson cut the thick slabs of pine for the larger dining tables with Jesse and Joe doing the finishing work.

Fred Swearingen cut blue pine for the board-and-batten siding on the exterior.

The pub can accommodate larger gatherings with a main dining area that seats up to 26 and two tables for eight people on the front porch — both areas feature a TV.

Customers who are 21 and over can also sit at the bar counter or behind swinging doors where there is a poker table. Three video lottery machines have been added to the back room.

There is also seating for 18-20 people at the back patio.

Round’s wife, Marcia, has known the Madden brothers since they were young and has known King since he was a baby.

“We’re kind of a big family,” Marcia said.

Andy and Marcia moved to Prairie City from Bend nine months ago.

Managing the pub is a new adventure for Andy, who was a truck driver for 20 years.

“I’ve always enjoyed cooking and entertaining people,” Andy said.

Andy said he and his wife had wanted to move to Prairie City for a long time.

“We love the community,” he said. “People have been very friendly and welcoming to us.”

Looking around the pub, Andy said, “Personally, I’m very proud of this place. The Maddens put a lot of work into this.”

“Their heart and soul,” Harms added.

Prairie Pub is open 3-10 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and 3-8 p.m. Sundays and Mondays.

For more information, call 541-820-3355 or visit the Prairie Pub Facebook page.



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From left, Doris Harper and Jessie Saul have opened Cinnabar Foster Care Home in the hills overlooking Mt. Vernon.

## New senior home has spectacular views

Business aims to fill demand in Grant County

By **Richard Hanners**  
Blue Mountain Eagle

The need for more senior homes in Grant County was one reason for Doris Harper and her daughter Jessie Saul to open the Cinnabar Adult Foster Care Home south of Mt. Vernon.

Several foster homes in Grant County closed, leaving only the one in Bear Valley open, Saul said.

“We saw a need,” she said. “There were limited options for elderly in Grant County who were living alone.”

The new senior home is located off Harper Creek Road on a hillside providing a spectacular 180-degree panorama, from Cinnabar Mountain to Mt. Vernon and beyond. Deer, turkeys and all kinds of birds frequent the site, Harper said.

Harper has been a registered nurse at Blue Mountain Hospital for eight years. She grew up in Minnesota and has lived in Grant County since 1981. She attended nursing school at Mt. Hood Community College.

Saul said she was encouraged to become a nurse by her mother. She grew up in Mt. Vernon and attended nursing school at Blue Mountain Community College. She has been a registered nurse for 13 years and has worked for Blue Mountain Home Health and Hospice for 12 years.

With assistance from family members, they fixed up the home overlooking the Harper Creek valley, adding handicap access features and making



From left, Doris Harper and Jessie Saul recently opened Cinnabar Foster Care Home, a senior home on Harper Creek Road south of Mt. Vernon.

the place “homey and comfortable,” Harper said.

The home has five bedrooms for five residents and two shared bathrooms. A caregiver will be present 24 hours per day, providing personal assistance, medication administration, housekeeping and three meals a day plus snacks. Cinnabar is a family-run business, with family members occasionally showing up as guest bakers and cooks, Harper said. Residents who want to prepare meals have free run of the kitchen. A grill will be set up on one of the two spacious outdoor decks.

Daily activities to be provided by the caregivers include reading, arts and crafts, walks, gardening, games, movies and music. Transportation will be available for shopping, hair appointments, doctor visits and other needs. Cellphone service is good, and private landlines can be arranged, Harper said.

Harper and Saul are experienced nurses with an interest in elderly care, but they recently attended a workshop in Portland to learn the business side of the profession. They also held an open house Oct. 27 with a large turnout. Saul said they’ve seen a strong interest in the new business.

For more information, visit Cinnabar Adult Foster Care Home on Facebook or online at <https://cinnabar-adult-care-home.weebly.com>.

The home is located at 26886 Harper Creek Road, south of Mt. Vernon. For more information, call Doris Harper at 541-620-2833 or Jessie Saul at 541-620-2283.

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