

BRIEFCASE

Group honors local pharmacists

Robert Mullay of Hermiston and Raymond Michael of Boardman were recently honored during the Oregon State Pharmacy Association annual convention.



Mullay



Michael

Held Oct. 9-11 in Portland, the two Eastern Oregon pharmacists were recognized as Oregon Veterans In Pharmacy.

Mullay is a 1980 graduate of the Oregon State University School of Pharmacy. He is owner of Hermiston Drug & Gift. Mullay was honored for 35 years in the practice of pharmacy.

Hermiston Drug is located at 114 E. Main St., Hermiston. It's open Monday through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Michael, a fellow OSU graduate, was licensed in 1965. In 1978, his family moved to Boardman where he established Boardman Pharmacy & Hardware. He previously worked in the Portland area for 14 years. Selling the pharmacy in 2012, Michael was honored for 50 years in pharmacy.

For more about the pharmacy association, visit www.oregonpharmacy.org.

Gas prices up statewide, local prices less than state

Average retail gasoline prices in Oregon have risen 1.2 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.40 per gallon on Sunday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 1,307 gas outlets in Oregon.

This compares with the national average that has fallen 5.0 cents per gallon in the last week to \$2.16 per gallon, according to gasoline price website GasBuddy.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Oregon during the past week, prices Sunday were 63.9 cents per gallon lower than the same day one year ago and are 4.8 cents per gallon higher than a month ago.

The national average has decreased 11.4 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 72.1 cents per gallon lower than this day one year ago.

In the Hermiston area, gas prices are lower than the statewide average. Regular unleaded could generally be found in the \$2.25 to \$2.30 per gallon range on Tuesday, according to prices reported via the GasBuddy.com mobile app. The lowest prices locally could be found at the Pilot and Space Age travel centers at 2.199 per gallon for regular unleaded.

Paint night features wine, instruction

A Girls Night Out event features wine or cocktails and painting.

No experience is required for Wine and Design Paint Nite, which is Monday, Nov. 23 at 7 p.m. at Mac's Bar & Grill, 1400 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. The cost is \$20, which includes all materials, including a 16x20 canvas, paints, brushes and step-by-step instruction. The lively event features music and guided instructions by a creative artist.

Reservations are required. For more information, call 541-276-5531.

Tax program seeks volunteers

The AARP Tax-aide program is seeing volunteers to assist with providing free tax preparation in Umatilla and Morrow counties.

All necessary training and equipment will be provided to volunteers. Not all positions require computer or tax knowledge.

The training is planned in January and assistance is provided February through April 14.

For more information or to register for training materials, call Vivian at 541-567-8054 or Joan at 541-567-8034.

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Delish Bistro offers food from around the globe

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Hermiston foodies looking to switch up their local dining experience are keeping Delish Bistro busy a week into opening.

The takeout bistro's menu includes a sophisticated range of foods, including a savory butternut squash soup, caldo verde with kale, sandwiches, burgers, pastries, homemade gelato, vegetarian dishes and a variety of fruit-based drinks. One favorite among customers so far has been the authentic Kahlua pig, seasoned with Hawaiian salt and banana leaves and smoked with mesquite.

The eatery is a recent extension of a catering business of the same name run by mother-daughter team Carol and LaNae Hull.

LaNae attended culinary school in Portland before going to work in Chicago. After her mother went through culinary school in Walla Walla, the pair went into the catering business together in Hermiston in 2013. They offer cuisine from all over the world,



STAFF PHOTO BY JADE McDOWELL

Delish Bistro employee Kimberly Macias, left, hands a customer a gelato cone while Paige Bither rings up the order.

but many of their favorite menu items are borne of Carol's native Hawaiian roots, including the teriyaki chicken.

"That's Chef Carol's prized recipe," LaNae said.

She said some menu items will stay year-round while others will change with the seasons. Right now the bistro, with only a handful of barstools indoors for seating, is mostly operating as a take-out business but will offer outdoor seating during warmer weather.

LaNae said she and Carol are always looking for ways to improve their craft. They traveled to Southern California to learn from "gelato master" Maria Coassin how to make from scratch the rich gelato they serve at Delish Bistro daily. At a recent restaurant convention they discovered Spindrift, a carbonated drink made from pureed fruit and flavored with natural sugar cane. They also found their preferred take-out dishes at

a convention. "We use all biodegradable containers, something that's important to us as a takeout place," LaNae said.

She said Delish Bistro's new staff and new equipment have taken some getting used to over the last week but they're working out the kinks and having fun.

"For Carol and I, it's our favorite foods from around the world ... It's just good food we love and we're trying to share it with other people to make them happy," she said.

Carol, stopping inside the bistro for a moment after spending the afternoon working the grill outdoors, agreed.

"We just love to cook and make people happy," she summed up.

Delish Bistro is located at the rear of Cottage Flowers at 1725 N 1st Street. Its hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, with the grill closing an hour before closing time.

For more information and a full menu visit www.delish-bistro.com.

Oregon unemployment down to 6 percent

Oregon's unemployment rate edged down to 6.0 percent in October, from 6.2 percent in September, according to figures released Tuesday by the Oregon Employment Department.

In October 2014, unemployment was 6.8 percent, according to state figures.

In October, payroll employment rose by 2,100 jobs with gains of 800 or more in four major industries. The industries that gaining the most jobs included professional and business services (up 2,200 jobs), leisure and hospitality (up 1,100), construction (up 1,000), and manufacturing (up 800).

Industries reporting declines in October included private educational services, which lost 1,400 jobs, and transportation, warehousing and utilities, which lost 1,000 jobs.

The September payroll estimates were revised substantially and now show a drop of only 900 for the month.

Additional revisions to the job counts indicate the Oregon economy was stronger this year than originally estimated.

Over the past 12 months, Oregon's economic expansion has been strong, according to the state Employment Department. Since October 2014, payrolls grew by 54,800 jobs, or 3.2 percent, which is faster than the U.S. growth of 2 percent.

Gains in Oregon were consistent across many industries, with seven of the 13 major industries expanding by between 3.2 percent and 4.4 percent. The two industries expanding the fastest were health care and social assistance at 4.4 percent followed by

construction at 3.8 percent.

The Oregon Employment Department plans to

release the October county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Nov. 24.

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