

BRIEF CASE

Realtors board
installs leaders

Rocky Mikesell was installed recently as president of the Umatilla County Board of Realtors.

Held during an installation banquet, which is rotated with the Columbia Basin Board each year, at Wildhorse Resort & Casino, others installed included Marsha Morgan, president elect; Kerry Baird, three-year director; Shelly Zeckman, two-year director; and Matt Vogler, one-year director. Marsha Morgan is state director and Vicki Dick is alternate state director.

Morgan was chosen as Umatilla Board of Realtors Realtor of the Year, which is based on contribution to the local and state realtors organizations, community activities and volunteerism.

The Umatilla County Board of Realtors has created and participated in several local community projects, including a smoke alarm/carbon monoxide detector installation for elderly and needy households, adoption of a local park (clean-up) and donations to charitable organizations at Christmas.

For more information, contact Dick at vickid@coldwellbankerwhitney.com or 541-276-0021.

Technician completes
certification

Johnny Kayembe of O So Kleen Cleaning and Restoration in Hermiston recently completed his certified carpet technician certification through the Institute of Inspection Cleaning and Restoration Certification.



Kayembe

Dave Smith, co-owner of O So Kleen said the certification consists of hands-on training, classroom learning and assessment testing.

The training focus for the technician is to be a proficient specialist in carpet and upholstery cleaning, stain removal and general carpet care.

O So Kleen currently has four IICRC certified carpet technicians on staff.

O So Kleen has been in business since 1991 serving Umatilla and Morrow counties with carpet cleaning, duct cleaning, water, sewer and fire damage.

Burn off the bird at
local gym

The public is invited for a free boot camp-style workout at Higher Power Fitness Studio.

The After Turkey Worky Workout is Friday at 9 a.m. at 1055 S. Highway 395, Suite 202, Hermiston. The exercise is suitable for all fitness levels.

For more information, contact 541-289-5483 or info@higherpowerfitnessllc.com.

Irrigon restaurant
gives back

Low income residents are invited to enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner celebration at Sub Zero Restaurant & Lounge in Irrigon.

Sub Zero Gives Back is Tuesday from 5-7 p.m. at 100 W. Highway 730, Irrigon. A traditional Thanksgiving meal with all the fixings will be served, while supplies last. There is no charge for the food and evening of fellowship.

In addition, sign-ups for the Christmas gift program begin at the dinner.

For more information, call 541-922-4374.

Big River tees off
Black Friday event

Complimentary drinks and appetizers are offered during a Black Friday event at Big River Golf Course.

The public is invited to stop by Friday from 4-7 p.m. at 709 Willamette St., Umatilla. The golf course will be collecting clothes and toys to donate to the police and fire departments for the Christmas basket program for local families in need.

In addition, people can enjoy discounts in the pro shop, place special orders in time for Christmas and enter to win four rounds of golf, including carts.

For more information, contact Megan Olsen at 541-922-3006 or megan@golfbirgiver.com.

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Workers at Marlette Oregon Homebuilding's Hermiston facility build cabinets.

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Marlette Oregon Homebuilding
improving environmental impact

Company will mark half a century in Hermiston in December

By JADE McDOWELL
Staff Writer

As Marlette Oregon Homebuilding celebrates 50 years in Hermiston next month, the manufactured home production facility will also be celebrating a new environmentally friendly certification.

The Hermiston facility became the fifth in the Clayton Homebuilding group to achieve the ISO 14001 certification, an international standard to reduce waste and lower energy consumption during the home manufacturing process.

Production manager Tom Shimp said the some changes had already been made in order to meet the certification standards, while others will be phased in over time.

"Our goals go out about a year and a half," he said. "At every stage we'll evaluate if we hit more or less and figure out why."

Many of the measures revolve around reducing the amount of dust and debris created by cutting all of



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This bullet tool was designed to reduce dust while cutting siding.

the various materials used in building a home. A new "bullet tool," for example, now allows workers to cut 12 pieces of siding at a time without creating any dust.

The company will also install a sophisticated vacuum system, using hoses attached to saws and other power tools to instantly suck up the dust created by cutting into the different materials used to build a home. The facility has always met OSHA standards, Shimp said, but the new measures brought on by the certification process are

making the work environment safer and healthier than ever for workers.

He said there will also be a recycling center onsite. Cut stock left over from cabinet making and other activities will be sent to the center, where the materials will be sized, marked and sent back to be used to make smaller items.

"The goal is to use less, to put less in the dumpster," Shimp said.

Homes are built from start to finish in two buildings at the Hermiston facility.

Employees make everything from cabinets to doors onsite.

Shimp said when he started in the industry more than 20 years ago about five percent of homes that Marlette built were customized; now about 95 percent are.

The facility currently employs 180 people and produces 10 homes a week that are shipped all over the western United States. The average employee tenure is eight years.

Cal Davis, spokesman for Clayton Homes, said the company plans to get all of its facilities across the country certified in the next year.

"Our goal as a home builder is not only to build a great product, but also to take care of the environment we're working in and to take care of the worker," he said.

Facility general manager Glen Alessandri said in a statement that the new designation was making environmental awareness a "way of life" at Marlette Homebuilding.

"From my perspective, the team is excited about what we have learned and been able to accomplish," he said.

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