

IN BRIEF

**Dayton theater hosts global film festival**

Film-goers have an opportunity to become movie critics during the 20th annual Manhattan Short Film Festival.

People are invited to join theatergoers from 250 cities across six continents to view and vote on 10 short films, including a range of genres with comedy, drama, horror, sci-fi, animation and martial arts. The Liberty Theater, 344 E. Main St., in Dayton, Washington, is the only site in the region that is participating in the festival. Screenings are Thursday, Sunday and Tuesday, Oct. 3 at 6:30 p.m., and Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$7 to \$9.

For more information, contact Kirsten Schober at [kirsten@libertytheater.org](mailto:kirsten@libertytheater.org)

org, 509-382-1380 or visit [www.libertytheater.org](http://www.libertytheater.org). For more about the festival, go to [www.manhattan-short.com](http://www.manhattan-short.com).

**Monthly breakfast includes flea market**

The monthly pancake breakfast at the Stanfield Community Center will also feature a flea market.

The event is Saturday, Oct. 7 beginning at 7 a.m. at 225 W. Roosevelt Ave. The breakfast will be held from 7-10 a.m. and costs \$5 per person, or \$3 for a light meal. All items are offered ala carte. The flea market runs from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tables are available for \$10 each.

For more information, or to reserve a table for the flea market, call 541-449-1332 or 541-449-3255.

**McLeod's Bargain Bin opens on Main St.**

HERMISTON HERALD

One of Hermiston Main Street's empty storefronts has been filled by McLeod's Bargain Bin.

The store at 256 E. Main Street sells new and used clothing, toys, purses and other items. It opened Sept. 16.

Store owners Corey and Alyssa McLeod said they have been thinking about opening a bargain store for years, and felt the time was right now that three of their children have moved away from home.

"I have six kids, so I have always had to be thrifter and know how

to make every dollar stretch," Alyssa said.

She is putting her bargain-hunting skills to use with McLeod's Bargain Bin to find good deals on merchandise that can be re-sold in the store. She said the store doesn't do consignment on miscellaneous items but does buy in bulk. Beyond what is already featured in the store, customers are encouraged to request specific items for the McLeods to hunt down good deals for.

Store hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturdays and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays.



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Alyssa and Corey McLeod have opened McLeod's Bargain Bin at 256 E Main St. in Hermiston.

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STAFF PHOTO BY GARY L. WEST  
The remodeling work is completed on La Palma Mexican Restaurant in Hermiston. The doors opened to resume service for diners on Monday, Sept. 25, at 11 a.m.

**La Palma reopens**

HERMISTON HERALD

La Palma Restaurant in Hermiston re-opened Monday after a month-long closure for renovations.

Manager George Avila said "everything" is new, from the equipment in the kitchen to the building's façade.

"It's still the same great food though," he said.

He said during the renovations La Palma also

added a bar, which it did not previously have. Its hours remain 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and it is located at 231 E. Hurlburt Ave.

Although the restaurant opened its doors Monday, Avila said they will also have an official grand opening celebration at a later date.

"We look forward to seeing our customers," he said.

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**Military eyes improvements to former Army Depot site**

By JADE McDOWELL  
STAFF WRITER

As local leaders anxiously await transfer of the former Umatilla Chemical Depot to local control, the Oregon Military Department is looking forward to receiving their portion of the land as well.

Lt. Col. Noel Hoback, who became the newest commander of Oregon Training Command earlier this month, said the transfer of approximately 7,400 acres of the land from the U.S. Army to the Oregon Military Department will allow them to upgrade Camp Umatilla, making it a safer, more effective place for soldiers to train.

The depot was constructed in 1941 in preparation for World War II, and Hoback said it seems that many of the buildings being used by the National Guard now were part of the original construction.

"They're old buildings," he said. "There's just a lot of improvement needed."

The department has been putting together a list of planned capital improvements to buildings, ranges and infrastructure and is working on completing all of the necessary environmental impact studies. But until the Army transfers the land, the National Guard is a tenant and not the property's owner. Camp Umatilla is one of

four training centers in the state, all overseen by Oregon Training Command. According to the U.S. Army's website, it is the "Oregon National Guard's 1st Infantry Training Battalion of the 249th Regional Training Institute and the only certified Army infantry training academy west of the Mississippi River in the continental United States."

Hoback said the land transfer will likely lead to a moderate increase in staffing and other activity out at the camp, including some units doing their annual training there during the summer.

"I think it's going to be good for the community," he said.

He said the people using the base will be Oregonians' "neighbors and friends" instead of people coming in from out of state.

After years of delays, the latest plan is for the transfer of the depot land to happen on Dec. 1. About 7,400 acres will go to the Oregon Military Department, while about 5,600 acres will become a wildlife refuge and approximately 4,000 acres will be used for industrial, agricultural and right of way development. The transportation package passed by the state legislature this year sets aside money for the Columbia Development Authority to improve access to the depot from Interstate 82.

**EOT to break ground on site south of Hermiston**

HERMISTON HERALD

Eastern Oregon Telecom will break ground at its new building site on Wednesday at 7:30 am.

The new property is off South Highway 395 and SE Kelli Boulevard, across

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