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To-go diners add seating for winter

Two Hermiston restaurants founded as carry-out enterprises are expanding to allow people to eat inside.

New salad restaurant **Veg Out** has expanded and added indoor seating just in time for winter weather. The shop at 319 W Locust Ave., owned by **Jaelyn Crowder** and **Ben Millard**, has also added wraps and soups to its menu since opening in August.

Delish Bistro, another local restaurant that started as take-out only and then added outdoor seating, will also be able to offer tables indoors starting in February after owners **LaNae** and **Carol Hull** started renting and renovating the former Stet's Steakhouse building at 1619 N First St. For now the restaurant remains behind Cottage Flowers.

Activity around the vacant former bank in the Safeway plaza parking lot has sparked rumors of a gas station, but the building is slated to become the new home of the **Hermiston Department of Motor Vehicles**. A DMV spokesman said it will still be a few months before the DMV moves in, but the move should happen in the spring or

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Beat the winter blues



STAFF PHOTO BY E.J. HARRIS

A whirlpool feature and a waterslide are two of the main attractions of the indoor pool at the new Boardman Pool and Recreation Center.

As winter weather hits and parks become less inviting, parents have other options for keeping children entertained

By JADE MCDOWELL
STAFF WRITER

A newly revitalized Sunset Park unveiled last week will not have long until winter sets in, but Hermiston children have other options for recreation on cold, snowy days.

A central piece of the park's new playground, which was paid for by a grant from Moda Health and the Portland Trail Blazers after Hermiston won an online voting contest last spring, has yet to arrive. But several pieces — including swings, climbing equipment, giant plastic drums and two large bears for sitting and climbing — have joined the new basketball court installed last year after the city doubled the neighborhood park's size.

City councilor Doug Primmer described an "epic battle" between western Oregon and eastern Oregon's



STAFF PHOTO BY TAMMY MALGESINI

Director Jenny Walker adjusts 13-year-old Jubilee Barron's hair while Emma Rodgers, 14, looks on. The Hermiston Parks & Recreation youth drama program will present "Dorothy in Wonderland" April 21-22 at Armand Larive Middle School.

largest cities during a ribbon cutting ceremony Wednesday.

"When the dust settled, the clear winner was the children of Hermiston," he said.

Rebecca, Natalia and Camille La-Belle voted in the online contest and

came out Wednesday to see the fruits of their labors. Natalia said she was glad to see Sunset Park expanded and improved with equipment that seemed safer than the old playground.

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Zabransky reflects on rivalry

By ERIC SINGER
STAFF WRITER

Former Hermiston quarterback Jared Zabransky had a memorable career with Boise State, capped by a 13-0 season in 2006 with a remarkable win against Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl.

But despite his success collegiately, he never saw a win against rival Pendleton while he was on the varsity high school team.

Zabransky and the Pendleton Linebacker's Club were honored at halftime of Friday's Hermiston/Pendleton game at the Round-Up Stadium as part of the Great American Rivalry Series.

Sports reporter Eric Singer caught up with Zabransky prior to the start of the second half, and here are a few of the highlights from that conversation.

ERIC SINGER: What do you remember from your high school days about the Pendleton-Hermiston rivalry?

Jared Zabransky: "Pendleton beat us all three years I was on varsity. We missed a field goal my sophomore year that would've won the game for us, but the other two years they (Pendleton) had some really good guys, some big-time Division I linemen in Roy Scheuning and Sean Perkins and their running backs Stephen Bisnett and J.D. Lambert.

I played defense in three games in high school and two of them were against Pendleton. I played safety and we'd line up and yell 'They're going to run the B gap, stuff the B gap!' and sure enough Scheuning would just downblock and lay out our tackle, the linebackers would get blown up and I'm trying to tackle Bisnett and Lambert and get dragged 10 yards in the defensive backfield. Those were always exciting though. You prep for those games, your focus was 100 percent for those games first and foremost, and if you didn't win that game it didn't really matter what the rest of the



STAFF PHOTO BY ERIC SINGER

Hermiston alum Jared Zabransky, right, poses with his parents and a United States Marine after being inducted into the Great American Rivalry Series Hall of Fame game.

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