



Staff photo by Jade McDowell

Seniors enjoy lunch at the Harkenrider Senior Activity Center in Hermiston on Friday.

Senior center meals increased to five a week

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The Harkenrider Senior Activity Center is now serving five meals per week.

The senior center in Hermiston had previously served lunch Tuesdays and Thursdays, but expanded to all weekdays starting May 1.

On Friday, about 15 seniors were enjoying a meal together. Tuesdays and Thursdays usually see anywhere from 40 to 100 meals served, but senior center members said they expect the numbers to start picking up on other days of the week as word spreads and people adjust their schedules.

"It's been hit and miss," cook Karen Blair said.

Beve Dahlin said she was

enjoying the chance to get out and socialize over lunch more days of the week. She said she thought it was a particularly good opportunity for widowers who had trouble cooking for themselves, and hoped to see more men there in the future.

She was eating with senior center board president Irene Miller, who said she knows not everyone can come five days a week but the senior center board wanted people to have that option.

"I hope that it will grow," she said. "That's our dream."

In the kitchen, Blair was serving up a meal of soup or salad with a sandwich and slice of cake, with the help of her "right arm" Mariza Sharpe. While Tuesdays,

Wednesdays and Thursdays feature a rotating menu of items like meatloaf and plenty of sides, they plan to stick to a salad bar every Monday and sandwiches on Friday with a choice of two soups.

The social aspect of senior center meals is important, but Blair said it also helps seniors save money.

"You can't go anywhere for \$4 for lunch," she said.

Meals at the Harkenrider Center are now served noon to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday to seniors age 60 or older and their guests. Meals on Wheels also delivers food on Tuesdays and Thursdays to seniors who call 541-567-3582 before 10 a.m. to request it. Meals are \$4.

Construction to cause temporary closures on Theater Lane

By HERMISTON HERALD

Drivers will experience disruptions along East Theater Lane during the month of May as the city lays down a new water main as part of its \$4.1 million water tower project.

The work will begin May 6 and is expected to continue through May 24. It will be broken up into four phases.

During Phase 1, East Theater Lane will be fully closed between North-

east Second and Northeast Fourth streets, although the intersection at Northeast Fourth will remain open. The closure is expected to be in place during the week of May 6.

During Phase 2, East Theater will be closed between Northeast Fourth and Northeast Alora Drive during the week of May 13, with the intersection at Northeast Fourth closed long enough to complete work across it.

During Phase 3, East Theater will be closed between

Northeast Alora and Northeast Eighth Street, with a brief closure of the Alora intersection, for about a week following the completion of the first two phases.

During Phase 4, East Theater will be closed between Northeast Eighth and Northeast 10th streets, with a brief closure of the Eighth Street intersection. The closure is expected to last until May 24.

For a map of the closures and traffic control plan visit hermiston.or.us.

Java Junkies to open Stanfield location

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A popular Umatilla coffee shop is adding a Stanfield location.

Java Junkies plans to open sometime in early June at 270 S. Main St. in Stanfield.

The building formerly housed the Lucky Jam Barn.

Vickie Borden, who owns Java Junkies with her daughter Donna Griggs, said Stanfield residents have been very supportive of the news so far.

"We're totally excited," she said. "The outpouring we're getting from the com-



Staff photo by Jade McDowell
Java Junkies is opening at the former Lucky Jam Barn building.

munity has been amazing."

Their announcement on Facebook was greeted by more than 230 likes and comments from people who promised to become regulars.

The new location will feature a drive-through

and sit-down service. The menu will include the same drinks, breakfast burritos, sandwiches and other items as the Umatilla location. Java Junkies also has a drive-through-only coffee location in Irrigon.

Borden said the Stanfield shop will likely have the same hours as the Umatilla location. Those are Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

She said they are still hiring for the Stanfield location and have openings in Umatilla.

To apply visit Java Junkies at 1510 Sixth Street in Umatilla.

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