

Rae’s Dayz Bakery opens

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Rae’s Dayz Donuts & Etc. brought Umatilla residents together on Saturday, Sept. 19, for celebration of the bakery’s grand opening — and doughnuts.

“Doughnuts are amazing,” Umatilla City Manager David Stockdale said. “They can be breakfast, they can be dessert, they can be whatever you want them to be. They’re affordable. ... You can take them anywhere.”

Mayor Mary Dedrick told the crowd gathered in front of the shop prior to the ribbon cutting on Sept. 19 that owner Raelynn Gallegos has shown her support for the community in numerous ways since first opening Rae’s Dayz Diner in Umatilla in 2017.

“If you haven’t tried her doughnuts out, you are missing out on something awesome,” Dedrick said.

Gallegos originally



Customers order doughnuts during the grand opening celebration of Rae’s Dayz Donuts & Etc. in Umatilla on Saturday, Sept. 19, 2020.

Staff photo by Jade McDowell

opened her diner at 1290 Sixth St. in Umatilla, but moved the diner next door to a larger space next door at 1226 Sixth St. The new bak-

ery is now located at the original diner location.

At Saturday’s event, she thanked those who have supported the diner and now the

bakery.

“Thank you for welcoming me into your community, again,” she said. “I just love this community.”

Drive-thru job fair planned

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WorkSource Oregon’s Hermiston office is hosting a drive-thru job fair on Wednesday, Sept. 23, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The fair will be in the Blue Mountain Community College parking lot at 975 Southeast Columbia Drive in Hermiston, and options are available for people who show up without a vehicle.

A flier advertising the event states people should bring, “your face covering, your resume and your best pitch.” Employers present include Two Rivers Correc-

tional Institution, Walmart Distribution Center, Marlette Homes and more.

WorkSource Oregon is also offering a variety of other services to assist people experiencing job loss. People can schedule a one-on-one virtual meeting with an employment specialist to help them make a plan to meet their financial needs via the agency’s STEP program, or check the WorkSource Hermiston Facebook page for posts about job opportunities, virtual workshops and more.

For more information, call 1-800-846-9110.

PPE available for small businesses

HERMISTON HERALD

Free personal protective equipment is available to small businesses in Oregon.

Gov. Kate Brown and the Oregon Legislature’s Emergency Board have allocated \$10 million toward PPE for small businesses. Gloves and masks are available for as long as supplies last.

Businesses with fewer than 50 employees that are headquartered in Oregon with principal operations in Oregon are eligible. Businesses with fewer than 10 employees will receive a box of 200 gloves and 100 masks, with larger businesses receiving up to 500 masks and 800 gloves.

“We want our businesses to be able to operate in the safest manner possible right now so that we can get out of this health crisis, and get them back to full operations,” Brown said in a statement. “Our small businesses are the hardest hit, so we want to help them get the tools they need at no cost to them.”

The Early Learning Division is also providing \$1.3 million worth of PPE and cleaning supplies to child care providers in the state that are currently approved to operate.

Businesses and child care providers can access the form to order supplies online at supplyconnector.org/states/oregon/free-ppe.



Photo contributed by Sarajane Gutierrez
Sarajane Gutierrez started the Rebellious Rose online boutique in Hermiston in 2019.

Rebellious Rose wins statewide boutique award

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A Hermiston-based business was named Oregon Boutique of the Year by The Boutique Hub, an online community of boutiques around the world.

Rebellious Rose, started by Sarajane Gutierrez of Hermiston in August 2019, is an online boutique that occasionally offers pop-up locations at area events. The boutique won Oregon Boutique of the Year based on online voting by shoppers, according to a news release from The Boutique Hub.

Gutierrez said she spent five years with the direct sales company LuLaRoe before deciding a year ago to break out on her own with an online boutique that has its own app. She said she sources her clothing from vendors “all over.”

“I just do a lot of things I think are cute,” she said. “I do a lot of graphic tees.”

While she does ship clothing all over the United

States, she estimated about two-thirds of her customers are located in the Hermiston area. She offers pick-up service from her home if people prefer that over getting the item in the mail.

She said she felt “beyond honored” by the support from customers who voted for her as their favorite Oregon boutique.

Ashley Anderson, CEO of The Boutique Hub, said in a news release that while big box retail stores are struggling right now, boutiques are seeing more success.

“In a time when consumers are choosing experiences over things, and having quality service over finding another piece of fast fashion off the shelf, boutique retailers have found a niche market serving people in a way that goes far beyond trend or price,” she said. “It’s a lifestyle.”

For more information about Rebellious Rose, visit www.rebelliousroseshopping.com.

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