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Running Y upgrades



John Doherty is hoping those interested in expanding or opening their business will think of spaces available along Pine Tree Plaza on Running Y Road. Filling the spaces with physicians, licensed nurse practitioners, or physician's assistants could help fill a need for the services in the Running Y area, according to Doherty.
 H&N photos by Holly Dillemuth

Pine Tree Plaza aims to fill medical services gap

Residents hope for satellite clinic

By HOLLY DILLEMUTH
 H&N Staff Reporter

Pine Tree Plaza owner John Doherty is looking for a few good tenants to fill retail spaces just outside Klamath Falls.

There's about 2,500 square feet of space available at Pine Street Plaza on Running Y Road, located near Running Y Ranch. Doherty, one of several owners of the plaza, believes the spaces would make prime real estate for physicians, physicians' assistants, or licensed nurse practitioners to offer their services.

"It would probably be very nice for the citizenry here," Doherty said.

Doherty said neighbors in the area have requested more physician services closer to the resort and to nearby neighborhoods. He believes such services would help fill a niche for those who otherwise would need to travel into town.

Doherty also emphasized having such services closer to the Running Y area could help alleviate traffic at Sky Lakes Medical Center's emergency room.

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There's about 2,500 square feet of retail space available at Pine Street Plaza.

Local ghost hunters plan investigation

Commissioners grant group access to county building

By SAMANTHA TIPLER
 H&N Staff Reporter

A local team looking for the ghosts and what lies beyond plans to investigate a Klamath County building.

"We are a paranormal research team. We're ghost hunting," said Michael Gravitt, with the Paranormal Sightings Team. "Research the other side and what's there."

Gravitt requested permission from the county commissioners Wednesday to investigate the old mental health access building on Washburn Way. Commissioners said they had no problem with the team investigating and intended to write up a contract allowing the team to do so.

"We want to do a little research and see if we can't find anything," Gravitt said, noting he would be able to provide a report to the commissioners after the investigation.

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State House votes to outlaw hunting with drones

Bill passed in a 59-0 vote

SALEM (AP) — Lawmakers in the state House voted unanimously Wednesday to outlaw the use of drones for hunting or fishing in Oregon.

While there's no evidence that Oregon hunters or anglers have been using drones, the bill's proponents said it's happened elsewhere.

"Drones have no place in sport hunting, fishing or trapping," said Rep. Brad Witt, a Democrat from Clatskanie who sponsored the bill. "They are simply antithetical to the principle of fair chase and fair catch."

The bill orders the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to adopt a rule banning the use of unmanned vehicles to track, harass or scout fish and wildlife. It passed in a 59-0 vote, sending it to the Senate.

The Humane Society of the United States says Oregon would join Colorado, Montana and Alaska in prohibiting drones for hunting. Similar prohibitions have also been proposed in Vermont, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York and Illinois, according to the organization.

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DAILY BRIEFING

Courthouse elevator solves access problems

Installation of an elevator at the Modoc County Courthouse should be completed by this month's end. The elevator will make the courthouse ADA (American Disabilities Act) compliant. See page A2.

Attack in Tunisian capital kills 19; 2 gunmen slain

Militants stormed a museum in Tunisia's capital Wednesday and killed 19 people. Two gunmen were slain by security forces following the deadliest attack on civilians in the country in 13 years. See page A7.

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