

Thrift Store not thrifty in generosity, plans

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PRIEST RIVER – The exterior belies the interior of the Priest River Community Church Thrift Shop. Despite the store's small appearance, the downstairs brims with donations that employees and volunteers comb through on a daily basis, with the exception of Sundays when the store is closed.

"While we are grateful for the community support and donations, we have outgrown our facilities and are struggling to meet the need," store manager Dee Deeney says.

The church has plans to expand the thrift store, which is currently about 2,040 square feet, and is located on the south side of Highway 2 in Priest River. The expansion would double that,

providing more room on the sale floor upstairs and more storage for donations downstairs. There will also be a small lobby area where people can rest while shopping.

"You know, in case there's a husband who has been dragged out to go shopping with his wife," Deeney says jokingly.

Bids had already come in from two contractors as of Saturday, Aug. 8. Deeney said the church had hoped to start the expansion this spring, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic construction has been delayed until spring 2021. Since the church already owns the land and does not have to lease or pay rent, costs are considerably lower, Deeney added. She said the operations budget, including salaries for the shop's seven employees, is only 1/3 of the profit the thrift store generates. The

rest of the money goes either to local charitable causes such as Life Choices Pregnancy Center, which provides abortion alternatives and support to those with unwanted pregnancies, Priest River Food Bank, Awana, the Neighbors In Need fund, the Deacon's Fund and overseas missions in Swaziland and India. None of the profits go to the church's budget, Deeney said.

"Bonner County has a high poverty rate and little opportunity for assistance or low priced shopping," Deeney said. "We provide clean shirts and pants for \$2 to \$3 for example, and children's clothing is low priced as are necessities and household items. We try to keep prices low and items as affordable as possible."

There are also about 20 volunteers that help sort, clean and check donations. One of the most surpris-



Mother and daughter Barbara Arnold (right) and Brandi Rauen ring up items at the Priest River Community Church Thrift Shop Saturday, Aug. 8. The store plans to expand next year.

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ing items she has ever found in a bag of donations is a hand grenade, Deeney said. Fortunately, it was inactive.

"We're also a good option for high school seniors

looking to do community service or anyone who wants to be a part of helping their community," Deeney said.

For more information about the Priest River

Community Church Thrift Shop, call 208-448-2115.

Club Rio follows health procedures after possible COVID-19 exposure

OLDTOWN – The Club Rio in Oldtown temporarily closed its doors Friday, Aug. 7 due to a possible Covid-19 exposure on Saturday, Aug. 1 between the hours of 7 p.m. and 2 a.m.

"If you feel you have been exposed during that time, The Club Rio recommends you get yourself tested at Bonner General or Newport Hospital hours being 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. or 3-5 p.m.," a status on Club Rio's Facebook page read.

According to owner Sean Maesner, all staff has been tested according to recommendations from the Panhandle Health District. As of Tuesday, Aug. 11, there were still a couple of employees' test results that had not come in, but the majority of staff, including Maesner tested negative.

"We will make an announcement about our reopening as soon as everyone's tests come back," Maesner said. "Thank you for your support and understanding during this difficult time."

Maesner adds he hopes The Club Rio will be open by this weekend.

"We've been diligent about wearing our masks and disinfecting surfaces," Maesner says. "We've been working closely with Panhandle to keep our customers and community safe."

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