

HERMISTON

Longtime volunteer named fair grand marshal

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The owner of several antique and classic cars, Jim Voss has been called upon to chauffeur a couple of past Umatilla County Fair grand marshals during parades.

Now, the Hermiston man will need to hand over the keys and find someone to drive him during official appearances — the fair board named Voss as the 2015 grand marshal Saturday night during the annual fair appreciation dinner held in Thompson Hall at the fairgrounds in Hermiston.

“It’s a distinct honor to me and a privilege,” Voss said as he was swarmed by well-wishers after the announcement was made.

Recognized as the 2007 volunteer of the year, Voss also received a manager’s award in 2012. For nearly three weeks each summer, Voss parks his recreational vehicle at the fairgrounds and pitches in to help any way he can.

“He’s awake and doing things before 5 a.m. and after midnight,” said Don Miller of the fair board. “That’s a lot of hours.”

Voss and his wife, Claudia, moved to Hermiston in 1987. A handful of years later, Voss was hanging out at the fairgrounds looking for tasks to undertake.

“If there’s something that needs to be done, he volunteers,” Miller said.

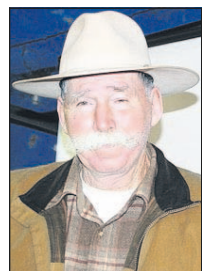
Over the years Voss has helped in many areas, but he’s most proud of organizing the parking area. As the fair’s



Staff photo by Tammy Malgesini
Jim Voss, left, receives congratulations from Don Miller of the Umatilla County Fair Board after being named as the 2015 grand marshal.



Loiland



Lunders



Ware

self-proclaimed parking guru, Voss has streamlined the process since 1997.

Others recognized during the event included Linda Ware as the female volunteer of the year, Jim Lunders as the male volunteer of the year and Jamie Loiland received the fair manager’s award.

Nominated by past board member Jill Perrine, Ware quietly goes about giving of her time and expertise. She possesses a lifelong love for horses and shares that through the 4-H horse show.

Ware does everything from setting up dressage and trail courses to tallying scores

and finding good, safe horses for beginning riders.

“She is a top notch riding instructor,” Perrine said. “She has really impacted a lot of kids.”

Lunders, who lives in Irrigon, is superintendent of the Jackpot Lamb Contest.

“He doesn’t even live in our county, but he comes and helps every year,” said Gay Newman of the fair board.

When his granddaughter started showing animals in the fair, Lunders came to help. Many of the things he does, Newman said, are behind the scenes that people don’t even know about.

Fair Main Stage Entertainment

Tuesday: Dustin Lynch
Wednesday: John Michael Montgomery
Thursday: Latino Night
Friday: Hinder
Saturday: Warrant
Note: Reserved seats go on sale March 18.

As superintendent in the horticulture building, Loiland is continuing a family tradition of volunteering at the fair.

But, Anderson said, not only has Loiland given of her time, she has done a tremendous job with an area that can be a challenge when it comes to maintaining fresh displays.

“It’s just been so fun to work with her,” Anderson said. “She’s so conscientious about her department.”

Also during the event, the 2015 fair court received their sashes. The princesses are Elizabeth Olsen of Pendleton, Catie Krumbah-Kuhar of Milton-Freewater, Sevana Patrick of Hermiston and Kaleigh Waggoner of Pilot Rock.

Rather than choosing a queen, the fair board decided to have four princesses. The royalty court are directed by the chaperone team of Alice Newman of Hermiston and Machelie Watts of Paterson, Wash.

The 2015 Umatilla County Fair opens Tuesday, Aug. 11 and runs through Saturday, Aug. 15.

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PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

FRIDAY

• A reportedly drunk man fell near the Round-Up Grounds, Pendleton, at 2:18 a.m. He was unconscious but breathing and transported by medics.

• A woman in the 100 block of Southwest Sixth Street, Milton-Freewater, reported at 11:43 a.m. she had a FedEx package stolen off her front porch.

• A Pendleton man called from the Pendleton Wal-Mart to tell police about a possible fraud. His credit card had been taken out of his truck two weeks before and his bank said someone had used it at the casino on Jan. 21. He wanted a call for options and to get security footage from the casino if possible.

• A resident of North Ott Road, Hermiston, reported at 12:05 p.m. a man was in her house when she returned home and forced her to lie on the couch while he ransacked another room and then told her to hide in a closet as he left. The resident gave a description of the man to the Umatilla County Sheriff’s Office but said she was unable to see his face and she did not see a vehicle in her driveway when she came home.

• Two vehicles collided in the D&B Supply parking lot at 5:37 p.m. and a minor was hit but not injured.

• A resident of Highway 207, Echo, reported at 7:18 p.m. a guest house was burglarized. He requested contact from a Umatilla County sheriff’s deputy.

• A 60-year-old man who appeared to be intoxicated fell and injured his face on Southwest Hailey Ave., Pendleton, at 9:44 p.m. He was disoriented but able to answer questions and transported by medics.

• A man and woman were arrested at 10:05 p.m. at the South Hill Apartments on Southwest 28th Drive, Pendleton, after the 29-year-old man told police his 27-year-old girlfriend attacked him. Both were booked into the Umatilla County Jail on misdemeanor assault charges.

SATURDAY

• Two car batteries were reported stolen at 11:02 a.m. from Terry’s OK Tire in the 200 block of North Main Street, Milton-Freewater.

• A man reported his bicycle was stolen at 1:48 p.m. from the 100 block of South Elizabeth Street, Milton-Freewater.

• Three males in the parking lot of B&M Manufactured Home Estates on Northeast Riverside Ave., Pendleton, were reportedly taking pictures all afternoon, and one had a .38 pistol he was threatening to shoot people with, a caller reported at 5:50 p.m.

• Guns and a TV were reported stolen from a home on South Juniper Canyon Road, Helix, at 3:23 p.m. A Umatilla County sheriff’s deputy took a theft report.

• At 6:30 p.m. a woman reported a slender man in his late 20s with a green-striped backpack carrying a rifle and ammunition in the deep grass on Southwest 28th Drive, Pendleton. Police were unable to locate him, and the reporter requested extra patrols.

SUNDAY

• A woman in Irrigon reported at 7:35 a.m. her gold 2002 Mazda Protege was missing along with her purse. The vehicle was locked and had no damage the last time she saw it, she said, and her purse was inside her home on Northeast Oregon Ave.

• The Morrow County Sheriff’s Office dealt with five animal complaints Sunday.

The first came at 8:23 a.m. when a woman on Northwest Gale Street, Heppner, caught a cat in a trap. The sheriff’s office picked the animal up.

Then at 10:09 a.m. a woman in Echo reported that she picked up two puppies — a black Chihuahua and a white and brown terrier — that had seemingly been left near Highway 207 and Alpine Lane. The caller said she would keep the dogs for now in case someone is looking for them, and would call back if she wanted the sheriff’s office to take them.

At 2:31 p.m. a woman reported her purebred brindle male boxer went missing at the South County Transfer Station on Highway 74, where her husband works. She said the dog has a microchip. Someone later reported a dog barking for hours at 8:21 p.m. near the intersection of Southeast California and Southeast Division streets, Irrigon. Officers couldn’t find the animal.

And a woman on Columbia Lane, Irrigon, said she lost her dog sometime between 8 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. The dog is a white male border collie with a leather collar and a tag.

• A couple had an argument at 5:26 p.m. at Maple Crest Apartments on Southwest Wilson Road, Boardman, and the woman said the man was attempting to take her son. Boardman police and the Morrow County Sheriff’s office responded and reported a custody issue between the parents.

• Someone at Tim’s Toys on Southgate said they just found a Toyota pickup that had been stolen, and then a man took a sledgehammer to the Honda he was driving. An officer responded but no arrests were made.

ARRESTS

• TJ Anthony Joadam Kestler, 19, no address provided, was arrested by Oregon State Police on Highway 730 for driving under the influence of intoxicants

• Isaac Joseph Ciriano, 38, was arrested for possession of methamphetamine and probation violation.

Pursuit ends in crash, arrest

HERMISTON — A Hermiston man was arrested at the scene of a crash early Monday morning after leading police on a chase.

Brian H. Moore, 21, was lodged at the Umatilla County Jail on charges of felony eluding a police officer, misdemeanor eluding a police officer, unlawful possession of a firearm, carrying a concealed weapon, driving while intoxicated, driving while suspended and failure to perform the duties of a driver.



Moore

According to police logs he crashed at 78570 S. Hwy 207 at about 2:40 a.m. Monday morning after leading police on a pursuit that started at the intersection of North First Place and Elm Avenue. When taken into custody after the crash he refused to submit to a breath test or a urine test.

Police got a warrant for his blood and urine and served the warrant at Good Shepherd Medical Center. Moore was then transported to the Umatilla County Jail.

Hermiston police chief Jason Edmiston said HPD is involved in an average of eight pursuits a year.

Drunk driver knocks house off its foundation

PENDLETON — A Saturday collision between a vehicle and a Pendleton mobile home resulted in a drunk driving arrest and the foundation of the house literally being rocked.

Pendleton police Chief Stuart Roberts said authorities were alerted of the crash 5:25 p.m. When they arrived at the

scene, police found a car had skidded off Highway 11 and into a unit at Riverview Mobile Home Estates.

Roberts said the driver, 42-year-old Eva Enright, was transported to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries. After she was treated, she was arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants, cited and released.

Elliott Haskett and his family were the occupants of Space 70 at Riverview, the mobile home Enright hit. Besides providing a traumatic experience for his two daughters, Haskett said he and his family weren’t injured during the collision.

But his mobile home suffered a worse fate, as the car dislodged the home from its foundation and caused Haskett’s family to seek temporary residence while his insurance assesses the damage.

Haskett said the crash and future collisions could be prevented if the Oregon Department of Transportation installed a guard rail in front of the part of the mobile home park exposed to Highway 11.

All three PHS robotics teams advance toward state finals

PENDLETON — The Pendleton High School robotics team has avoided the dreaded sophomore slump, with all three teams advancing toward competing in the state championship.

According to a press release from Pendleton School District special education coordinator Julie Smith, the teams placed well at the First Tech Challenge Robotics League Championships Saturday and will now advance to Super Quarterlies, which takes place Feb. 21 and 22. Continued success could lead the high school team to the state finals.

Matthew Campbell, a science, technology,

engineering and math teacher at the high school, helped launch the program last year.

Helix students share history

PENDLETON — Documentary films produced for National History Day by Griswold High School students will be shown during the upcoming meeting of the American Association of University Women.

The presenters are Alexis Keene and Morgan Warner, whose film focuses on the hardships faced by soldiers returning from Vietnam, and Braden Spenger and Jason Bushman presenting a documentary about the discrimination faced by Japanese Americans when they returned to Hood River after being interned or serving in the military.

The no-host luncheon meeting is open to the public Saturday at 11 a.m. at The Prodigal Son Brewery & Pub, 230 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton.

For more information, contact Marlene at 541-276-7596 or mokaykrout@yahoo.com.

Gordon Smith to speak at church meeting

PENDLETON — Gordon Smith, a former United States senator from Oregon, will speak at a fireside gathering of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Smith, who is an Area Authority Seventy for the Mormon church, will speak Sunday, Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. at the church building, 601 N.W. 12th St., Pendleton. The public is welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact Elaine Richards, public affairs committee person, at headsopone@hotmail.com.

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