

**HERMISTON**

# Brewers converge for first Beerex Fest

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Maegan Murray photo

**Hermiston Brewing Company has a wide variety of beers on tap, some of which will be featured at the Beerex Fest Saturday outside of Nookies Restaurant, along with craft beers from at least eight other brewers.**

of the beers to be sampled are only available from those brewers, such as those from the Hermiston Brewing Company inside Nookies.

“It will be an opportunity for (people) to try some beers that they otherwise would not

be able to get their hands on,” he said. “Obviously, nothing of this magnitude has been done right here in this area, and that’s something we really wanted to do was to try to help give that extra kick to craft beer. We just want to use this

as a platform for craft beer.” Different beer-based foods will also be available to pair with the drinks, and the Walla Walla-based blues band Big Font will provide music for the event, which will take place outside.

The festival is from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday outside of Nookies, 125 N. First St., Hermiston.

For \$10, attendees will receive 10 tickets to sample the craft beers. For \$15, attendees will receive the 10 tickets and a souvenir event glass, but supplies are limited. For \$5, designated drivers and others who do not want sample tickets can attend. People who have paid the \$270 fee for a lifetime membership as a Nookies “founder” can attend for \$8.

For more information, call 541-289-7414 or visit [hermistonbrewingcompany.com](http://hermistonbrewingcompany.com).

**PENDLETON**

# Police arrest two in second weekend stabbing

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Pendleton police Tuesday arrested two men suspected of stabbing a third.

Pendleton police Chief Stuart Roberts said in a written statement Joe Bonner, 46, of Pendleton, and Christopher Lyons, 42, of Hermiston, each face the charge of first-degree assault.

Roberts said the case began Monday at 2:16 a.m. when St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton, reported a male came to the emergency department and said he was assaulted. A Pendleton officer responded and found John Hall, 46, of Pendleton, suffered a stab wound to his mid/lower left back and a cut approximately 12 inches across to his right pectoral region.

The investigating officer was not able to spend much time soliciting information from Hall due to his medical condition, according to Roberts. But the officer determined the area of the alleged assault and patrol officers found what they believed to be the scene of the assault in the 500 block of Northwest Bailey Avenue, Pendleton.

Over the course of the next 36 hours, according to Roberts, Pendleton police detectives re-interviewed Hall, seized and viewed video from the hospital and identified and

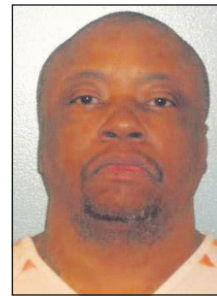
questioned witnesses to come up with Bonner and Lyons as the suspects. Information from Pendleton police and the county jail website shows officers arrived at about noon Tuesday at Homestead Apartments, 516 N.W. Bailey Ave., to serve an arrest warrant. Police took the men into custody for questioning, Roberts stated, and later booked them into the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton. Roberts also stated the Umatilla County District Attorney’s Office expects to arraign Bonner and Lyons this week.

“Bonner and Lyons are convicted felons with extensive criminal histories,” Roberts reported.

Larry Blanc, spokesman with St. Anthony, said Hall received treatment in the emergency department, then the hospital placed him in the intensive care unit. Now Hall is in a regular hospital room, Blanc said, and is in fair condition.

This was the second assault involving a knife inside a week in Pendleton. Jason Leis, 31, is in jail on numerous charges on suspicion he attacked his father and another man Friday night in Pendleton and then slit the throat of a Chihuahua.

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Bonner



Lyons

**BOARDMAN**

# Navy opens new \$1M housing at bombing range

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**U.S. Navy Capt. Michael Nortier, left, and Chief Machinist’s Mate Donald Veach cut the ribbon on a new \$1 million operational support and medical treatment building at the Naval Weapons Systems Training Facility near Boardman.**

inating the enemy’s radar and communication defenses — known as tactical electronic warfare.

“Basically, we attempt to blind and deafen the enemy before we attack,” Mathes said.

The 47,400-acre Boardman range is also used for drone testing and training pilots on low-altitude maneuvering. Eastern Oregon’s relatively flat, isolated terrain and

dry climate make it an ideal location for these exercises, Mathes said.

The Navy uses the Boardman range almost year-round, though its support buildings had simply become substandard. One office building, which Mathes said was more like a double-wide trailer, was condemned due to water damage and another building was converted into offices and

“We wanted to replace both of those with something new and more functional,” Mathes said.

The nine-month building project was completed in January. Capt. Michael Nortier, commanding officer from NAS Whidbey Island, attended the ceremony along with Chief Machinist’s Mate Donald Veach, the leading chief petty officer on the range.

Morrow County Judge Terry Tallman, Commissioner Don Russell, Planning Director Carla McLane and others were also invited to attend and toured the new building. McLane said the community is proud of its ongoing and historical support of the U.S. military.

“The Navy’s involvement in Morrow County has done nothing but improve,” McLane said.

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# Computer expert warns locals to avoid scam

By PHIL WRIGHT  
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An 8-year-old computer scam continues to nab fresh victims, and a new version of an old phone scam tried to lure a Pendleton woman.

Pat Struthers, owner of computer repair and consulting businesses in Heppner and Pendleton, warned locals on how to avoid the pitfalls of computer cheats.

Struthers said scammers pose as working for Microsoft. They call you, or perhaps lure you through a fake message alert or an email, he said, and give a spiel that Microsoft has detected something wrong with your computer. They claim they can fix it, he said, for a price, of course.

But, Struthers said, the software giant would never call, email or send a message to you.

“They would never con-

tact you,” he said. “They would never have you call them.”

In “99 percent” of all computers, he said, the manufacturer of the machine provides support, not Microsoft. And once someone gives the swindler access, they will bilk the person for money in a ruse to get the computer working right again. Struthers said he has yet to see that actually happen.

“No one thinks their computers run fast enough,” he said, “so it’s easy for someone to get their hooks in.”

In recent weeks, Struthers said, he repaired computers for two customers who fell for the trap. He also said similar calls or emails claiming to be from Internet service providers are just as bunk.

In an unrelated case, Robert Jones of Pendleton said a caller last week tried to pass himself off as her grandson,

claiming he had been in a car crash and suffered a broken nose, and that was why he sounded odd.

“I have a grandson that was in an automobile accident — a mishap — a couple of weeks ago,” she said.

Jones said panic started to set in, and she blurted out the name of the grandson the caller sounded most like. She also was concerned because she and her husband, Leland B. Jones, carry his auto insurance.

Instead of saying much more, she handed the phone to her husband, who she said is rock steady in a crisis. He took the phone and the line went dead. She also said he verified with her grandson that he was not in a crash.

Roberta Jones said grandparents’ weakness is their grandchildren, but even so, folks should be cautious about these kinds of calls.

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