

PENDLETON

Drunk driver passes ambulance on median, runs out of gas

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A driver in a hurry to get to Pendleton for a date ended up instead behind bars.

A Hermiston Fire & Emergency Services ambulance was eastbound on Interstate 84 and passing a semitrailer at about 9 p.m. Wednesday near milepost 190 when a white Dodge Charger passed the ambulance using the left shoulder and median. A medic in the ambulance reported the muscle car nearly crashed.

The driver of the Charger also flipped off the ambulance, the medic reported, and then sped away.

But the ambulance crew saw the Charger again — this time on the side of the road near milepost 209. An Oregon State Police trooper arrived



Dartwell

and talked to the driver, Timothy James Dartwell, 41, of Vancouver, Washington, who said the car ran out of gas. “He admitted to driving,” state police reported, “and stated he was trying to get to Pendleton to hopefully find some female companionship for the evening.”

Dartwell then failed a sobriety test, and the trooper arrested him for driving under the influence of intoxicants and reckless driving and booked him into the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton. State police reported Dartwell’s blood alcohol level was .15 percent, nearly twice the legal limit.

Deputy Mike Fox, transportation coordinator at the jail, confirmed Dartwell also goes by the name Byron James Smith, age 42.



Children participate in a baptism ceremony at last year’s Buckaroo Rodeo Bible Camp in Pendleton.

Children’s church activities firing up this summer

By TAMMY MALGESINI
East Oregonian

As local schools begin to pack up for the summer, area churches are making plans for youths who will have extra time on their hands.

Both vacation Bible schools and day camp experiences with a Christian focus are being offered in the region. Below is information about area events that have been provided to the *East Oregonian*.

HERMISTON:

- Hermiston Church of the Nazarene has a Mega Sports Camp and Vacation Bible School running from Sunday, June 14 through Friday, June 19 from 6-8:30 p.m. at 1520 W. Orchard Ave.
- The sports camp offers a choice of basketball, soccer or volleyball for kids currently in third through fifth grades. Kids also will sing songs, hear Bible stories and experience cool object lessons in Bible rallies, said Linda Baker, secretary at the church. Youths will join their Huddle Coaches to reinforce the day’s theme. Snacks will be served.
- With the theme of Journey of the Map, the vacation Bible school is open to kids age 4 through current second graders. Participants will “travel” to uncharted territory and learn that obedience to God can lead them beyond the expected. The journey will include singing songs, hearing Bible stories, participate in crafts, play games and enjoy snacks.

There’s no for fee to participate in either program. Register at www.hermiston-nazarene.org. For more information, call 541-567-3677.

- At New Hope Community Church, plans are underway for a vacation Bible school for kids who will be entering first through sixth grades.
- Everest: Conquering Challenges with God’s Mighty Power is June 15-18 from 9-11:45 a.m. at 1350 S. Highway 395, Hermiston. There’s no charge to participate.
- For more information or to register, visit www.newhopeon395.com or call 541-567-8441.

PENDLETON:

- The First Presbyterian Church is sponsoring an Everest-themed Bible school during a day camp at Westminster Woods Camp, located near Meacham.
- Open to children entering first through sixth grades, the cost is \$35 for each camper (or an additional \$18 for each child in the same household). The day camp, which includes bus transportation, is July 13-16.
- Limited to the first 100, pre-registration and payment is required by Thursday, July 2. Refunds can be give for cancellations prior to July 1.
- Also, donations are being accepted to assist with transportation costs. People may sponsor seats at \$5 each or make a donation of any amount.
- For more information, to make a donation or to register, call 541-276-7681.

REGION

Senator Hansell’s option to annexation heads to governor

By PHIL WRIGHT
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Milton-Freewater is a step closer to avoiding the heavy cost of a forced annexation, thanks to the passage of legislation from Sen. Bill Hansell.

The Athena Republican was the chief sponsor of Senate Bill 121, which allows cities options other annexation to deal with health hazards. The House on Thursday passed the bill 57-0, with three representatives excused. The bill passed the Senate 30-0 last month.

A small group of people living about a mile northeast of Milton-Freewater used state law to compel the city to provide them with sewer and water to abate problems from contaminated wells. Milton-Freewater city officials contended the annexation would have cost millions of dollars. The city supported Hansell’s proposal. Milton-Freewater City Manager Linda

Hall said in an email that Hansell called to let her know of the passage.

“We in Milton-Freewater are thrilled with the passage of this bill, which introduces a ‘reasonableness standard’ and common sense to a section of an otherwise sound piece of statute,” Hall stated. “All we have ever been asking to do is to be able to have more than one solution (forced annexation of our entire northern urban growth boundary) to consider when discussing options for solution to a potential problem in the county.”

The bill not only allows for alternatives to annexation, it also allows the Oregon Health Authority or

Environmental Quality Commission to consider cost-effectiveness when deciding on alternatives. Hansell has also said there could be situations in which annexation remains the best option.

The bill has been on the House floor for two weeks, and representatives were to vote on it Wednesday but then adjured. With the nail-biting over now, the bill goes to the governor’s office. Chris Pair, spokesman for the governor, said the bill could take a few days to make it from the House before hitting the governor’s desk.

Once Gov. Kate Brown signs it, though, Senate Bill 121 will go into effect due to an emergency clause. Hansell called that vital considering Milton-Freewater’s situation. He also said while the legislation put the spotlight on the Eastern Oregon city, other communities also will benefit from the law.



Hansell

Pilot Rock rejects former police chief’s high-priced offer

By PHIL WRIGHT
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Pilot Rock’s former police chief Darren Richman tried to make a deal with the city to work less, get paid more and have greater autonomy.

Pilot Rock Mayor Virginia Carnes said the city council declined to accept that offer. Richman refused to discuss why he made it.

Richman resigned as police chief at the end of 2014 but stayed on part-time for \$40 an hour and no benefits to handle administrative duties through the end of February. He also started a garage door installation company in late

2014.

The *East Oregonian* through a public records request obtained emails between Richman and city council members and city employees. Richman on May 15 sent an email to the city stating Steve Draper, Pilot Rock’s public works director, contacted him the previous week with an offer of working 24 hours a week for \$5,000 a month. That would have boosted Richman’s pay to about \$52 an hour.

Richman responded with a counteroffer. He wanted at least \$6,200 a month for 20 hours a week, plus the use of a city-owned Chevrolet Tahoe. He also would not work weekends or take

after-hours calls for service.

“If the city isn’t paying for PERS or medical they can afford it,” Richman said in the email.

He also stated anything more than 20 hours a week would be overtime, and he would “only answer once a month to the council with full control over the police department.”

Richman on Wednesday said the email “was no big deal” and refused to answer questions.

The council discussed Richman’s email during a closed-door meeting May 19. Carnes said she had no comment about Richman’s offer. She said the city is not interested in a part-time chief and is working hard to

find someone to fill the role.

The city is advertising the position with a monthly salary of \$4,800-\$5,375 plus benefits. Pilot Rock also asked the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police to help find an interim chief, according to a May 5 report to the council.

“There are not many retired chiefs in the line-backer program at this time,” the report stated. “They will put the word out and submit a list of those interested. If there is a chance that we will be given a list, there is a fee of \$250.”

For now, Pilot Rock is relying on its two officers, Glen Diehl and Gary Thompson.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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Grace Baptist Church 555 SW 11th, Hermiston 567-9497 <i>Nursery provided for all services</i> Sunday School - 9:30 AM Worship - 10:45 AM 6:00 pm Wed Prayer & Worship - 7:00 PM “Proclaiming God’s word, growing in God’s grace”	FIRST CHURCH OF GOD First Service @ 8:30am Second Service @ 10:30am 712 SW 27th Pendleton 541-276-1894 www.fcogpendleton.com	FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH -Presbyterian Church (USA)- 201 SW Dorion Ave. Pendleton Service of Worship - 10:00 am Children’s Sunday School - 10:20 am Fellowship - 11:00 am www.pendletonpresbyterian.com Open Hearted...Open Minded	Come meet Jesus at PENDLETON BAPTIST CHURCH 3202 S.W. Nye Avenue, Pendleton, OR 541-276-7590 Sunday Morning Worship 8:30 & 11:00 AM Sunday Bible Classes 9:45 AM Sunday Youth Group 6:00 PM Awana Kids Club Tuesdays 6:30 - 8:00 PM K - 6th Grade (Sept-May)
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH <i>in Mission for Christ LCMC</i> Bible Study.....9:00 AM Sunday Worship.....10:30 AM Red Lion Hotel (Oregon Trail Room) www.faithpendleton.org	Living Word Christian Center Sunday Worship Service 10:00 AM Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM Sharon Miller, Pastor 401 Northgate • Pendleton 278-8082 www.livingwordcc.com	The Salvation Army <i>Center for Worship & Service</i> Sunday Worship Service 9:30 - Sunday School 10:30 - Worship Service Wednesday Bible Study 5:30 Family Fellowship Meal 6:00 Bible Study COME AS YOU ARE 150 SE EMIGRANT (541)276-3369	Peace Lutheran Church ELCA 210 NW 9th, Pendleton Join us Sundays 9:30 am Sunday Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 11:00 am Sunday School & Adult Class ~Come and be at Peace~ on 1290 KUMA noon each Sunday
Community Presbyterian Church 14 Martin Drive, Umatilla, OR 922-3250 Worship: 10 AM Sunday School at 11:30	Faith Center Church Worshipping God • Loving People 108 S. Main • 276-9569 Sunday School 9:30 am Sunday Worship 10:30 am Sr. Pastor, Ray O’Grady pendletonfaithcenter.org	FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) 215 N Main • Pendleton Ph:541-276-5358 Web: www.fccpendleton.org Join us for 10:40am Sunday Worship with Sunday School at 9:30am. Wednesday Fellowship Meal & Study Groups-Open to All Ages-at 5:15pm Quality Nursery Care is Offered at No Charge.	New Hope Community Church <i>Ministries for the entire family</i> 1350 S Hwy 395, Hermiston Sunday Worship Services: 9 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Classes for kids during both! Call 567-8441 Servicios en Español
<i>a place to belong</i> Pendleton First INVITING ENRICHING INVOLVING EMPOWERING SUNDAY SERVICES AM Celebration-10:00am AM Kids Place -10:00am The Connection--6:00pm Groups for all ages: Adults, Children, Youth, & College Thursdays Celebrate Recovery-6:00pm Celebration Place-6:00pm Other Groups Available Weekly For more info visit WWW.PENDLETONFIRST.COM 1911 SE Court Ave 541-276-6417 Assembly of God Church	Seventh-Day Adventist Church Saturday Services Pendleton 1401 SW Goodwin Place 276-0882 Sabbath School 9:20 am Worship Service 10:45 am	First United Methodist Church 352 SE 2nd St., Pendleton, OR Office 276-2616 <i>New Pastor Dr. Jim Pierce</i> Worship Service 9:00 AM Fellowship 10:15 AM Broadcast KUMA 11:00 AM Childcare Available Choir practice Sundays 8:30 AM	PILOT ROCK BAPTIST CHURCH 585 SW Birch, Pilot Rock, OR 97868 (541) 443-2500 prbconline.blogspot.com Sunday School: 9:30 am Worship Service: 10:45 am Wednesday Services: Kids’ Club: 6:00 pm Youth Group: 7:00 pm
To share your worship times call Amanda Jacobs 541-278-2683			

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