

BRIEFLY

Umatilla County imposes emergency burn ban

PENDLETON — A burn ban will go into effect at noon Friday in Umatilla County. The board of county commissioners Thursday morning approved the ban due to the dry conditions and the spike in hot weather that will send temperatures north of 100. The temporary ban applies on all open, non-agricultural burning under the county’s jurisdiction. Commissioner Larry Givens said there has already been a number of fires in the area, and the county will crack down on those who violate the ban.

Stanfield library offers Friday flicks

The Stanfield Public Library Movies in the Park program provides free movies each Friday at dusk at Bard Park. For more information, including the movie line-up, search Facebook for “Stanfield Public Library” or contact 541-449-1254 or librarydirector@cityofstanfield.com.

Pendleton bird club plans picnic

PENDLETON — A field trip and annual Pendleton Bird Club Picnic is set for this weekend at the Indian Lake Campground. For those planning to participate in the field trip, meet Saturday at 6:30 a.m. in the northeast corner of the parking lot at Pendleton Safeway to carpool. For those only attending the picnic, meet at noon at site No. 1 at the campground, which is located about 20 miles southeast of Pilot Rock.

Participants are reminded to bring sunscreen, a hat, cold drinks, food to barbecue and a potluck dessert or side dish to share with others. For more information, contact Jack Simons at 541-276-8566 or pendletonbirdclub@gmail.com.

Movies in the Park start Saturday

PENDLETON — Family-friendly films will be shown during Pendleton Parks & Recreation’s Movies in the Park series. The free movies are each Saturday at dusk at Community Park Eastside, 1000 S.W. 37th St. A complete schedule can be viewed at www.pendletonparksandrec.com or by searching “Pendleton Parks & Recreation” on Facebook. Concessions will be available for purchase. For more information, call 541-276-8100 or stop by the parks office, 865 Tutuilla Road.

Advisory council to discuss B2H transmission line

MISSION — A continuing discussion on the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line and how it may impact exiting historic trails is planned in Mission. A meeting of the Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council is Sunday at 9 a.m. at Tamastlikt Cultural Institute, located near Wildhorse Resort & Casino. Boise-based Idaho Power has proposed a 300-mile transmission line that will cross both farms and forest land between Boardman and Hemingway, Idaho. The council also will discuss potential damage to historic trails by a local natural gas power plant. For more information, call Jim Ford at 541-659-3818.

Wading pool offers cool reprieve

PENDLETON — With the mercury rising, the Til Taylor Wading Pool offers a respite from the heat for children 8 and younger. The pool is now open for the season Monday through Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at t Til Taylor Park, 700 S.E. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Children must be supervised by a parent or guardian. For more information, call 541-276-8100 or visit www.pendletonparksandrec.com or Pendleton Parks & Recreation, 865 Tutuilla Road.

Make your own wearable art

PENDLETON — Youths ages 8-12 are invited to participate in a jewelry-making class. Beads and Beyond provides an opportunity for participants to design and assemble their own wearable art, including knotted necklaces, friendship bracelets, or upcycled odds and ends. The class will get youths started on a couple of projects, teaching each process clearly so you’ll able to make more at home. Led by Erica Edwards, the session is Saturday, July 11 from 2-4 p.m. at Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St. The cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. There’s also a \$5 materials fee. To register or for more information, call 541-278-9201.

Clay studio open to families

PENDLETON — A family art class is designed to assist families and people of all ages to explore art-making together. The Family Clay Studio will feature two hours of open-ended art exploration in clay. The event is offered Saturdays from noon to 2 p.m. July 11 through Aug. 1 at Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St. The cost is \$15 for adults or \$20 for an adult/child pair. It’s free for teens ages 13-18. The cost includes three pounds of clay, glaze and firings. Additional clay may be purchased. The facilitator will answer questions, as well as offer advice and ideas when needed. People are encouraged to bring a friend, a kid, a parent and have fun making something in clay. For more information or to register, call 541-278-9201.

HHS class of 1980 sets reunion

HERMISTON — The Hermiston High School Class of 1980 is hosting its 35-year class reunion. The event is July 18-19 in Hermiston. Friday, July 18 features a 1980s theme night for socializing and bowling at Desert Lanes in Hermiston. Festivities begin at 7 p.m. Saturday, July 19 includes a golf tournament at 8 a.m. at Big River Golf Course, Umatilla. The golf tournament costs \$40 for 18 holes and a cart. For the non-duffers, a fun walk starts at 9 a.m. at Riverfront Park in Hermiston. The reunion finale is dinner and dancing at Stetson’s Steakhouse in Hermiston. The social hour begins at 6 p.m., a class photo is set for 6:30 p.m. and dinner begins at 7 p.m. with a choice of prime rib or chicken buffet. The registration deadline is Tuesday, July 7. The cost, excluding golf, is \$40 per person or \$20 without dinner. People can register at www.debbibaioa.com or checks can be mailed to Di Fordice, 29723 Minnehaha Road, Hermiston, OR 97838.

BOARDMAN

Multiple dogs found abandoned

By JONATHAN BACH
East Oregonian

Kristina Blake, Boardman’s animal control officer, needed to get to the River Lodge and Grill. A woman there said she had found a litter of puppies and a mother Chihuahua who had been abandoned. But about half a mile from the lodge, she spotted a stray Shih Tzu. She couldn’t just ignore it. But as Blake’s pickup pulled up, the Shih Tzu got spooked and bolted. After a brief chase, it made for the river, according to Blake. By the time she got hip-deep in the river, it had swum too far away to pursue without a boat. The dog paddled north through the Columbia River “like she was trying to swim to Washington,” said Blake. Blake presumes it drowned. The Columbia yawns wide between shores near Sailboard Beach. “There was nothing I could do to save that dog,” she said. For Blake, 47, who has only worked with animal control in Boardman since April, being unable to save the small dog was “traumatizing.” But she still had to get



Staff photo by Jonathan Bach
Abandoned puppies Dixie and Pebbles sit at a house that is part of the Fuzz Ball Animal Rescue network in Hermiston. The two puppies were reportedly abandoned on June 17 in Boardman.

to the deserted pups at the lodge, which she found with sunburned bellies and paws, covered with ticks, fleas and worms. The next day, June 18, she heard a report of another stray and on Monday it was successfully trapped near the beach. It was a toy poodle, with one eye swollen shut from a prickly weed. Because of their proximity, Blake believes all six dogs — the three puppies, the poodle, the Shih Tzu and the Chihuahua — were abandoned by the same owner. Animal abandonment is a Class B

misdemeanor, according to Oregon law. “I don’t want (Sailboard Beach) to become a dumping ground” for unwanted animals, she said. There are options for those who do not want their pets anymore. “All of these dogs could have been placed very quickly if they had called a rescue or called me,” said Blake. Two of the puppies are now with Fuzz Ball Animal Rescue, a volunteer-run rescue network in Hermiston. Fuzz Ball has no official location; rather, it’s made up of people willing

to take in animals in need. Robin Barker, 50, of Fuzz Ball said the two puppies in her care were named Dixie and Pebbles. They scampered Thursday around the floor of her house, which is home to other abandoned animals as well. Barker said Fuzz Ball is always looking for foster parents for deserted animals. Blake urges community members who may know the dogs’ former owners to contact Boardman Animal Control at 541-571-0268. Contact Jonathan Bach at jbach@eastoregonian.com or 541-966-0809.

MILTON-FREEWATER

United Methodist Church sets up cooling center

Union-Bulletin

With outdoor temperatures predicted to climb into triple digits this weekend, Oregon health officials have issued a public health warning. And a Milton-Freewater church has issued an invitation to residents in need of heat relief to its impromptu cooling center.

Wesley United Methodist Church will open its air-conditioned fellowship hall doors at 816 S. Main St. from 1-7 p.m. on Sunday, the day temperatures in an expected heat wave are to be at their highest. Activities for children and beverages will be on hand; food will be served 4-6 p.m. The cooling center idea began growing as

organizers of the church’s monthly free dinner began reconsidering a plan to have June’s “Open Table” event at Yantis Park on Sunday, forecast to reach 106 degrees. “I simply started thinking realistically Wednesday morning. And then I started thinking of the elderly folks without air conditioning, and the folks living in tin

mobile homes here,” said the Rev. Tillie MakePeace. Current weather data forecasts a spell of blistering heat over 100 degrees by 1 p.m. every day. “And if you have high blood pressure, those temperatures can disable you,” MakePeace said. The cooling center is open to all, but no animals will be permitted.

TIKI: Spends winters searching for gold in Mexico

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Jacobs, 12, interactions with Santos are part of the appeal of the stand. “The guy there is awesome,” Kaden said. “He jokes with everyone.” Santos said he enjoys the interactions with the kids. “The little ones tell me, ‘This is the best shaved ice in Hermiston!’” he said. Santos and his wife Inez Hernandez Santos run the Tiki Hut as part of an agreement with the city — they get to run their business on city property and in return they act as custodians of the spray park. They unlock the fence around the park every morning and then pick up all the garbage and lock the gate again before they head home. Santos also keeps a watchful eye on the park from the small hut, looking out for vandals or maintenance problems. “Little things I can fix, but if not I have to call the city,” Santos said. He and his wife also have a portable shaved ice operation that can be hired out for parties during the summer.

Santos said working in the shaved ice business for about six months out of the year allows him to pursue one of his passions during the winter. When he closes up shop he heads to Mexico to search for gold. He hasn’t struck it rich yet but that hasn’t dampened his optimism. “If next year you don’t see me here, it’s because I already found it,” he said. In the meantime he contents himself with passing his summer days inside the Tiki Hut, relaxing in the air conditioned space during slow times and feeding shoe box-sized ice blocks into the ice shaving machine when business picks up on hot afternoons. The Tiki Hut is open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday. It also sells snack food, water, soda and packaged ice cream treats.



Staff photo by E.J. Harris
Felipe Santos helps a customer with a shaved ice on Thursday at the Tiki Hut at Butte Park in Hermiston. This is the third year Santos has owned and operated the Tiki Hut.

Shaved ice can help people stay hydrated, but with temperatures expected to hit up to 110 degrees this weekend it will take more than a cool treat to stay safe in the heat. The following tips can help: 1) Don’t make your air conditioner work any harder than it has to. Replace the filter, move furniture away from vents, clear leaves and debris from around the outdoor unit and close your blinds during the afternoon. 2) Take care of your pets. Keep their water bowls full, make sure they have shade if they have to spend time outside and do not leave them in the car under any circumstances. 3) Take plenty of water wherever you go and remind children to take

drinks frequently. Proper hydration, as well as sunscreen, hats, loose-fitting clothing, taking frequent breaks and avoiding alcohol and caffeine can help prevent heat stroke. 4) Know the signs of heat stroke and heat exhaustion, the risk of which climb dramatically when the weather is above 90 degrees. Signs include high body temperatures, nausea, headaches, disorientation, vomiting and seizures. Use cool baths and ice packs placed on the neck, back and armpits to cool the person down immediately and seek medical attention. 5) Check on friends and neighbors who may be vulnerable to the extreme heat, especially those without air conditioning.

Music
on the
Lawn
6:00-9:00 PM

FRIDAY, JUNE 26
Retro Ed
SATURDAY, JUNE 27
Elwood

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Spaghetti Feed & Raffle
Fundraiser for
Doug Marquardt

Sunday, June 28th
4:00 - 7:00 pm
Eagles Lodge

\$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children 12 & under
Family \$25.00
Need volunteers to help with dinner and donations for the Raffle or food items.

Contact Stacey Beaver
541-969-7110

Check out all the FREE and low-cost art classes for all ages this summer.

Pendleton Center for the Arts / 214 North Main, just over the Main Street Bridge
Online at pendletonarts.org