

Saturday schedule

At the Convention Center
9 a.m.-11:30 AM 45 Caliber
Poker Run
10 a.m. Vendor Village Opens
10 a.m. Deadman Pass Ride
Orientation
10 a.m. Rattlesnake Mountain
/RideNow Showroom Opens
10:30 a.m. KSU Deadman
Pass Ride
11 a.m. Underground Tour –
Historic Pendleton
11 a.m. Dual Sport Adventure
Center Tech Talk
Noon PBW Bike Show Begins
Noon Hardtail Saloon Opens
12:30 p.m. Dyno Shootout
Begins
1 p.m. Bikini Bike Wash
2 p.m. Underground Tour –
Historic Pendleton
2 p.m. Dual Sport Adventure
Center Tech Talk
3 p.m. PBW Bike Show Judging
5 p.m. Ladies Line Dance –
Hardtail Saloon
6:45 p.m. Tattoo Contest Awards
7 p.m. Trophies Awarded
PBW Bike Show
7:30 p.m. Poker Run Winner
gets new 45 Cal. Long Colt
8 p.m. Too Slim and the Tail-
dragger – Hardtail Saloon
10 p.m. Miss PBW Crowned
10 p.m. Line Dance Part II
• Xtreme Fury Stunts,
11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m.,
4 p.m. 6 p.m.



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Revving up for the weekend

Steve and Audrey Boatright, of Tri-Cities, prepare to roar off on their Harley motorcycles after taking the Pendleton Underground Tour. The couple came to town for Pendleton Bike Week, based at the Pendleton Convention Center. The bike rally runs through noon on Sunday.

HERMISTON

Council considers granting taxi licenses to ex-felons

By JADE MCDOWELL
East Oregonian

Hermiston city council will revisit its policy on background checks for taxi drivers on Monday after councilors disagreed over whether the city should grant licenses to drivers with criminal convictions that are more than 10 years old.

The council created a new taxi licensing system, effective July 1, that barred drivers with any prior convictions for crimes of “moral turpitude.” During their July 13 meeting employees of Hermiston Transit Services testified that the rule was keeping experienced drivers from work.

The council was split over whether the ordinance should be amended to allow for drivers who had been convicted of crimes more

than 10 years prior but had a clean record since. In the end the amendment was tabled after there were questions about whether convictions that had been expunged would count.

The new amendment being considered by the council Monday specifies that the city would not consider expunged convictions or convictions for minor crimes older than 10 years. It would, however, still take into account “person felonies” regardless of how long ago they happened. The category includes about 80 crimes in Oregon, including sexual crimes, assault, domestic violence, stalking, robbery and arson.

On Monday the city council will also consider an ordinance that would collect Transient Room Tax money from online booking sites.

According to a memo from city staff to the council the city loses an estimated \$11,000 a year in Transient Room Tax Revenue from people booking hotels in Hermiston through travel websites like Orbitz and Expedia.

In those scenarios, the site might charge a customer \$100 for a room and pass \$80 onto the local hotel, which would then pay the 8 percent tax on the \$80, leaving the booking website’s \$20 commission untaxed.

Under the new ordinance the website would be responsible for collecting the tax and passing it on to the city instead of the hotel, meaning the entire \$100 would be taxed.

In other business, the council will consider a series of resolutions required

to receive the \$2 million Community Development Block Grant for a new senior center. The resolutions establish an Americans with Disabilities Act compliant procedure, a plan for serving people with limited English proficiency, an equal opportunity employment policy for city hiring decisions and a fair housing resolution banning discrimination of race, color, religion, sex, disability, family status or national origin in the sale or lease of housing in Hermiston.

The council’s regular meeting at 7 p.m. will be preceded by a 6 p.m. work session to discuss updates on the city’s efforts to improve its stormwater handling.

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BRIEFLY

Trade workshop to address shipping issues

HERMISTON — Registration is still open for a trade workshop sponsored by Business Oregon headed to Hermiston next week.

The workshop will run July 29 from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Hermiston Conference Center. It will be geared toward helping businesses find cost-effective ways to continue to reach international customers after container service companies Hanjin and Hapag-Lloyd pulled out Port of Portland Terminal 6.

As part of the workshop, participants will also have the opportunity to give input on putting together a list of recommendations for the 2016 Legislature to address freight transportation problems in the state.

The Hermiston workshop is one of six planned around

the state as part of an initiative announced in April by Governor Kate Brown to invest \$300,000 in helping small businesses export goods to other countries.

It is co-sponsored by Business Oregon, Port of Portland, Oregon Department of Transportation and Oregon Department of Agriculture.

For more information, or to register, visit www.oregontradesolutions.com.

Hearing on landscaping ordinance Aug. 12

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commercial development in Hermiston will have its first official public hearing on Aug. 12.

The city council voted in June to begin the public hearing process on the proposed code change, but opinions on the issue were split and Mayor David Drotzmann ended up casting a rare tie-breaking vote to move forward with gathering public input.

The ordinance requires 15 percent of multi-family

residential property, 6 percent in the C-1 Commercial Zone, 3 percent in the C-2 Commercial Zone and 3 percent or 10,000 square feet of industrial land to be landscaped. It also lists specifications for the type of landscaping that can be used.

The hearing will be in front of the Hermiston Planning Commission at 7 p.m. Aug. 12 at city hall, 180 N.E. Second St. in Hermiston.

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Jared Pennington
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Tyler Brooks
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Is this woman you?
You were at Hilgard Jct. State park, exit 252 off I-84 in Oregon, April 24, 2015. You are slender and was wearing light colored blue jeans with matching shirt, short blond hair, and with a young child. Your vehicle is a light brown? (yellow/orange trim?) SUV. I drive a Dodge Stealth turbo, grayish pearl white color, with chrome wheels. The left picture is where you visited and the right is my car from where you were parked. Hopefully you will remember me. I started my car when you were preparing to leave and passed behind your SUV. I believe you expected me to stop and so did I. I wanted to meet you. I was so impressed with you. You were beside your SUV facing me and looking into my eyes. I can't believe I didn't jump at the opportunity you had given me, I must have been spell bound. I want to tell you how sorry I am for not showing how much I wanted to meet you. I can only hope I see you again because I will never make that mistake twice. From admiring you from a distance, suddenly you were giving me your attention. What more could I have asked? My number is 303-888-8616. I live in Richland, WA, vaughnx9@gmail.com. I look forward for the day you will give me a second chance to meet you. I have been trying to find you ever since.

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