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HERMISTON Firefighter dies in motorcycle crash

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Hermiston firefighter Jason Anteau died Friday night in a motorcycle crash in Pendleton. Hermiston Fire & Emergency Services Chief Scott Stanton said the loss is significant to the department and the many who knew and loved the 43-year-old husband and father of two.

Anteau worked for the Oregon Department of Transportation and was a volunteer firefighter and emergency medical technician for Hermiston since 2007, Stanton said. He was also a specialist on the city's regional hazardous materials team.

"He did a lot," Stanton said. "Whoever



Anteau

needed help, he was there to help. A super, super guy."

Pendleton police at 8:12 p.m. arrived at the crash scene at the intersection of Westgate and the Interstate 84 westbound off ramp. Police Sgt. Charles Byram in a report stated a Pendleton 17-year-old drove a 1996 Ford F150 pickup across Westgate from the off ramp in front of three motorcycles traveling east on Westgate.

The first and third motorcycles avoided the

pickup. Anteau was on the second motorcycle, a white 2005 Harley Davidson, and witnesses told police he tried to lay down the vehicle, but collided with the Ford. Pendleton officers and paramedics attended to Anteau, as did medics from the ambulance service Life Flight, who were on scene shortly after the collision. An ambulance took Anteau to St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton, where he died at 9:11 p.m.

Preliminary investigation revealed speed and distraction were not factors, according to the report, nor were any of the drivers impaired. Police did not cite or arrest anyone, and the teen's parents were with him at the department during questioning. The teen also gave blood

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Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Nancy Golden, Oregon's Chief Education Officer, spoke to school administrators Monday to kick off the 7th annual Eastern Oregon Executive Summit at the InterMountain Education Service District.

Ed chief plots path from cradle to career

By KATHY ANEY
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Oregon's first education czar, Rudy Crew, abandoned the job a year into his three-year contract amid criticism about unnecessary travel and job hopping.

In contrast, his replacement has been something of a golden girl.

In the past couple of years, Chief Education Officer Nancy Golden has shepherded educators through some shifting landscapes as the states focuses on creating a seamless pathway from cradle to career. By the wayside is the once-powerful Oregon Education Investment Board, while early childhood education, Eastern Promise and other programs flourish. As the flash-in-the-pan Crew is all but forgotten except as a cautionary tale, Golden has inspired respect.

"Universally, Nancy is beloved," said InterMountain Education Service District Superintendent Mark Mulvihill. "She is an incredible people person and one of the most effective collaborators I've ever worked with. She's the epitome of a good listener who makes people feel heard whether they're a parent, a board member or the governor."

Golden addressed a roomful of school administrators from around the region Monday at the Eastern Oregon Executive Summit. She highlighted some of the 55 education bills passed by Oregon Legislature

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Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Hermiston firefighters in hazmat suits carry a suspicious letter from a car at the Umatilla County Sheriff's Office on Monday in Pendleton.

Mail scare false alarm — mostly



Glenn Palmer

Grant County sheriff sent to hospital after contact with white powder

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One sheriff was taken to the hospital and others were on high alert Monday after government agencies around the state received suspicious envelopes that in at least one case contained hazardous materials.

After investigation of the envelope that arrived in Pendleton, the Hermiston hazmat crew determined there was no dangerous substance inside.

Grant County Sheriff Glenn Palmer was taken to the hospital

a little after noon after opening an envelope addressed to him at the Canyon City sheriff's office. The envelope contained a white substance and seconds later Palmer developed a physical reaction, including a rash on his arms, according to a county official at the scene.

Umatilla, Jackson, Sherman, Wasco and Baker also reported suspicious envelopes arriving at their offices, but no other reactions have been reported.

Palmer and two other people were taken to Blue Mountain

Hospital in John Day for treatment and/or observation, according to a report from the Oregon Emergency Response System.

In the meantime, the correctional facility next door to the Grant County Courthouse was cordoned off while hazardous material personnel worked to decontaminate the area and any others that may have come into contact with the substance.

The jail shares a centralized air conditioning system and the OERS report states as many as 12 inmates

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State seeks container shipping solutions

By GEORGE PLAVERN
East Oregonian

The recent withdrawal of nearly all container shipping at the Port of Portland has forced businesses throughout Oregon to choose between paying more for exports or risk losing customers overseas.

State officials are now asking what they can do to help.

Business Oregon, the official state agency for economic development, is leading a series of local workshops to brainstorm solutions while the Port of

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A container handler moves a shipping container to the loading area at the Port of Umatilla in April 2004.

HERMISTON City opts to bear cost of DEQ permit

By JADE MCDOWELL
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A permit requirement unique to Oregon will cost the city of Hermiston upwards of \$15,000 a year for stormwater testing starting later this year.

The Department of Environmental Quality is implementing a permit for municipalities and private entities that have more than 50 underground injection control systems to handle storm water draining from roads and parking lots. Hermiston has 252.

The department has already rolled out the permit in 21 cities and expects to do 39 more, including Hermiston, by the end of the year.

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