

PENDLETON

Passport to Japan opens at Children’s Museum

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Visitors to the Children’s Museum of Eastern Oregon can get their passports to Japan stamped.

A new exhibit for the month of August features a glimpse of contemporary Japanese life through a Japanese child’s bedroom. A group effort with the city of Pendleton brings to life how a typical child in Minamisoma, Japan — Pendleton’s sister city — would sleep, dress and eat.

Intended to entertain and educate, Passport to Japan highlights similarities and differences between Japanese and American cultures. Visitors can dress in traditional Japanese attire, role play with Japanese cuisine and discover shared interests, such as baseball and Hello Kitty.

In addition to learning about Japanese culture, kids and their families can meet the six exchange students from Minamisoma Monday at 10 a.m. at the museum, 400 S. Main St., Pendleton. Those in attendance also can experiment with Japanese writing called Kanji using traditional calligraphy brushes, as well as learn to say a few Japanese words and phrases.

By presenting Japanese culture that is relevant to the daily lives of children in the United States, the museum



Photo contributed by Heidi Anderson
A young visitor explores the Passport to Japan exhibit at the Children’s Museum of Eastern Oregon. The exhibit runs through the month of August.

hopes visitors will gain appreciation of another culture, said Heidi Anderson, Children’s Museum executive director.

The Children’s Museum provides opportunities for educational exploration and development through interactive exhibits and play. It’s open Monday through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5

p.m. Regular admission is \$4 per person. In addition, there are group rates, memberships and Terrifically Free Tuesday offers free admittance on the first and third Tuesday of each month.

For more information, contact 541-276-1066, director@cmeo.org or visit www.cmeo.org.

HERMISTON

City to consider bringing helicopter hangar to airport

By JADE MCDOWELL
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The Hermiston City Council will consider a lease agreement Monday that would result in a 6,000-square-foot helicopter hangar being built at Hermiston Municipal Airport.

The lease would be between the city and Lohman Helicopter LLC, which uses helicopters to do contract jobs such as firefighting and precision aerial spraying. The company intends to locate a helicopter in Hermiston.

According to information in the council’s agenda packet, the addition to the airport would create “several new full-time jobs” and generate an extra \$3,000 a year in revenue for the airport.

On Monday the council will also consider a resolution authorizing the city manager to accept up to \$3.3 million in grant money from the Federal Aviation Administration for a maintenance project.

The city has been planning for some time to bring the airport up to regulation by moving its parallel taxiway, but according to a memo from assistant city manager Mark Morgan, planning for the project revealed the airport’s fueling station would also have to be moved.

“This has turned out to be a lucky break for the city

because the current fuel tank at the airport is 20 years old, and undersized,” Morgan wrote. “Our engineers were also able to prove that the current tank is out of compliance with current FAA standard, and therefore, FAA will (pay) for 90 percent of the cost of installing brand new tanks.”

The overall result is that the airport project will increase to a total of \$3.42 million, with the city only spending about \$42,000 out of its reserves.

The council will also take up the issue of background checks for taxi drivers for a third time Monday.

The ordinance in question would change the city’s

currently policy of banning all drivers with any convictions for crimes of “moral turpitude” in their past, amending it to say that convictions for minor crimes that were more than 10 years ago won’t be considered.

The council couldn’t proceed with a vote on the amendment in July meeting because councilors must unanimously agree to have a required second reading of an ordinance in the same meeting as the first, and councilor Doug Primmer voted against reading the ordinance a second time.

The council has a second reading and a vote on Monday’s agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT
Smiley RV Sales
proudly announces that two longtime service techs are taking over the RV repair and parts/ accessory store. The new business name is
K and K RV Center
Kirk McDonald and Keith Jenkins bring a combined 35 years of experience with them. This change-over will be in August 2015.
Come in and say hi to Kirk, Keith and Roxane, who will be running the parts store. They will gladly help you with any of your RV needs. Same location, same faces, same great service-just a new name!
541-938-6562, voice mail 509-586-4140
Smiley RV Sales will still be open, doing late-model RV sales & consignments.
1-800-338-6562, smileyrv@gmail.com

BRIEFLY

Chute Eight kickoff party planned after parade

A kickoff party for the new Chute Eight whiskey and vodka will take place at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Chute 8 venue at the Farm-City Pro Rodeo grounds in Hermiston. The new brand launched earlier this year, and the rodeo will receive royalties from the sales.

The 80-proof American whiskey is a blend of two whiskeys: a rye grain and a malt blend of rye grain, corn and barley. The 80-proof vodka is made from corn distillate. Portland-based Indio Spirits created the drinks.

Billing change will not cause residents to pay double

STANFIELD — The city of Stanfield has changed the way it bills for monthly services, but the change will not cause residents to pay more.

City Manager Blair Larsen said, instead of charging base fees at the beginning of the month, the city is now charging those fees at the beginning of the following month for services that have been used.

The change resulted in a small August bill because residents were only charged for water usage during July. Residents will pay the base fees for water, sewer and garbage and the public safety fee for the month of August on the bill issued at the beginning of September.

New student registration begins Monday in Stanfield

STANFIELD — Registration for students new to the Stanfield School District begins Monday.

School offices will be open from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1-3 p.m. New students should register before the first day of school, Aug. 24.

The high school fee for a student body card and a yearbook is \$45. The middle school fee for a student body card is \$30.

Supply lists for kindergarten through sixth-grade students will be available at the elementary school office. Students in grades seven through 12 should bring a pencil and a notebook to the first day of school and supply lists will be available during the first week.

Stanfield Elementary School will host an open house at 4 p.m. Aug. 20. Stanfield Secondary School will host an open house at 6 p.m. Aug. 20.

The district will also be offering free preschool to 4-year-old children who live within the district boundaries. Preschool registration also begins Monday at the elementary school office. Parents should bring their children’s birth certificates, immunization records and proof of address to the registration.

Umatilla School District registration set Aug. 18-20

UMATILLA — Registration for all three schools in the Umatilla School District will take place Aug. 18-20.

Umatilla High School and Clara Brownell Middle School will be open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. while McNary Heights Elementary School will be open from 8 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m.

The first day of school for the district is Aug. 31.

Boardman chamber to hear about construction projects

BOARDMAN — Updates on construction and remodeling projects in the Boardman area will be shared during the upcoming Boardman Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Information discussed will include a report from city staff about the recreation center and from Umatilla Electric Co-op about their new building.

The no-host luncheon is Wednesday, Aug. 19 at noon at the Port of Morrow, 2 Marine Drive, Boardman. The meal is \$12 per person.

Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by Friday, Aug. 14 by calling 481-3014.

Hermiston chamber plans two events Aug. 25

HERMISTON — The Hermiston Chamber of Commerce will host two events Aug. 25.

A supply chain opportunities conference will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hermiston Conference Center, 415 S. Highway 395. The event is designed to help manufacturers generate new opportunities, partnerships and awareness about suppliers and customers in the Northwest. The conference will feature presentations from large manufacturers and round-table discussions.

The conference is a collaboration between the chamber, Business Oregon, the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce and the Pacific Northwest Defense Coalition. PNDC and chamber members can register for \$20 by Aug. 12 or \$35 after. Nonmembers can register for \$40 by Aug. 12 or \$55 after. The cost includes breakfast and lunch at the Business to Business luncheon that follows. For more information or to register, visit www.pndc.us or call 888-701-PNDC.

People who do not wish to attend the entire conference can attend only the Business to Business luncheon, which begins at 11:45 a.m. The luncheon costs \$10 for chamber members or \$13 for non-members. For more information or to register, call 541-567-6151.

LEGAL NOTICE

You Could Get \$164 or More If You Bought Gas in Oregon at an ARCO or ARCO *ampm* Station and Paid a Debit Card Fee

Case Update

You may have seen a previous notice in this case. The Oregon state rule on unclaimed money in class actions has recently changed, and your rights may be affected.

People who did not previously receive a letter about this case, file a claim, or opt out of this lawsuit may need to take action. If this applies to you, you must file a claim or opt-out of this lawsuit to preserve your rights. Any money that is not claimed will be paid to Oregon Legal Services and an entity (or entities) chosen by the Court.

What is this case about?

An Oregon jury found that BP West Coast Products LLC (“BPWCP”) charged more for gas than the amount registered at the pump and failed to properly disclose its prices when it charged a 35-cent fee to consumers who used debit cards to pay for gas at Oregon ARCO stations and *ampm* locations. BPWCP has denied the claims in this case and plans to appeal the jury verdict.

Am I eligible to file a claim?

You can file a claim now if:

- You purchased gas at Oregon ARCO or ARCO *ampm* locations between January 1, 2011 and August 30, 2013 and paid a 35-cent debit card transaction fee,
- You did not receive a letter about the lawsuit,
- You did not already file a claim, and
- You did not opt-out.

If you already received a letter about this case, do not file a claim because you will receive an automatic payment.

How can I file a claim?

File a claim online or by mail by **September 21, 2015**. If you file a valid claim, you will be eligible to receive \$164.85 or more, and you will give up your right to individually sue BPWCP for the claims in this case. The previous notice talked about a \$200 payment, but the fees required to pay Class Counsel will reduce payments by \$35.15.

What are my other rights?

If eligible, you may also:

- Exclude yourself (or opt-out) online or by mail from the lawsuit by **September 21, 2015**. You will keep your right to sue BPWCP yourself.
- Object to the notice or claims process (or the fees if you file a claim now) by **September 18, 2015**.
- Do nothing. If you did not previously take action and now do not file a claim or exclude yourself, you will give up your right to get any money from this lawsuit and your right to sue BPWCP yourself.

NIXYAAWII CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

Thursday, August 13

11:45am-1pm

Tamástslikt Cultural Institute

“Marijuana Legalization: How does Oregon's latest initiative affect your business?”

Tickets are \$15 members; \$17 non-members

Advance reservations required by email to nixyaawiichamber@live.com.

For More Information

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