

Hermiston toddler, Boardman man die in head-on Interstate 84 crash

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A crash Thursday night near Boardman claimed two lives — a 23-year-old man from Boardman and a young girl from Hermiston.

The call for emergency services went out at about 9:25 p.m. to respond to a head-on crash on Interstate 84 near milepost 165 between the downtown and Port of Morrow exits.

Oregon State Police reported Friday morning the initial investigation indicated a 2005 Subaru

Impreza was westbound on I-84 when it crossed the median for an unknown reason. The Subaru struck an eastbound 2015 Chrysler 200 head-on.

Fernando Javier Castaneda Jr. of Boardman was driving the Subaru and died at the scene. The 23-year-old was a 2010 graduate of Riverside High School in Boardman.

The driver of the Chrysler, Tami R. Graves, 44, of Burbank, Washington, suffered non-life threatening injuries. An ambulance

took her to Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston.

State police also reported her passenger and 3-year-old niece, Emmalee Kitchen of Hermiston, died at the scene.

The crash led to the closure of the eastbound lane of the interstate for approximately five hours for the investigation and removal of the wreckage. Morrow County Sheriff's Office, Boardman Police Department, Boardman Fire Department, Irrigon Fire Department responded and assisted, along with

the Oregon Department of Transportation.

State police also reported the cause of the crash is still under investigation, and the agency would release more information when it becomes available. No new details were available Friday evening.

A visitation for Castaneda will take place from 3-6 p.m. Sunday at Burns Mortuary chapel in Hermiston. Mass of Christian burial will take place at noon Monday at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Boardman.

Fishing limits lifted in area ponds

ODFW plans to poison unwanted species

By **GEORGE PLAVEN**
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It's open season on fishing in 10 northeast Oregon lakes and ponds, where state wildlife officials plan to kill off unwanted species that have invaded the waters.

Effective immediately, anglers can catch as many fish as they want, of any size, at Keyhole, Granite Meadows, Goldfish, Yellowjacket and Windy Springs ponds in Umatilla County; Peach, Lugar and Boundary ponds in Union County; and Kinney Lake in Wallowa County. Size and bag limits have already been lifted at Balm Creek Reservoir near Baker City since July.

The temporary regulations will remain in place until Saturday, Sept. 26, when the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife will begin using rotenone — a plant-based fish toxicant — to poison fish species such as largemouth bass, catfish and goldfish that were introduced years ago and compete with native trout.

Until then, ODFW wants people to catch as many of those fish as possible before they're all killed anyway. The ponds will be restocked with hatchery trout in the spring. Rotenone is a substance

derived from the roots and stems of certain plants and has been used to kill unwanted fish before in places like Diamond, Mann and South Twin lakes around Oregon. It is not harmful to humans, birds or other mammals at the concentrations used to kill fish, according to ODFW, and has been approved for use by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Kyle Bratcher, ODFW fish biologist in Enterprise, said the goal of the treatments is to remove fish species that were illegally introduced into the ponds and have since become overpopulated, damaging valuable trout fisheries.

Bratcher said these fish can also become a source of population for other illegal introductions.

"It's not just about improving the treated fishery; it's also about protecting nearby fisheries," he said.

The department plans to start treatments with Balm Creek Reservoir on Sept. 29 and end with the ponds on the Umatilla National Forest in mid-October. Further public announcements will be made leading up to each project.

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One hat, two cultures

Woman combines American Indian designs, cowboy hats

By **JONATHAN BACH**
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There's something different about Ellen Taylor's hats.

No, it's not the brims or materials from which they're made. Rather, it's the American Indian designs, like horses and huckleberries that dance across the straw, which Taylor, 50, has painted onto them.

Taylor will showcase and sell six of her hats for \$150 each at a booth in Roy Raley Park during the Pendleton Round-Up.

The Wildhorse Casino employee has painted American Indian designs of the Northwestern tribes like the Umatilla, Nez Perce, Cayuse and Walla Walla on hats for three years. She has been a painter for much longer, though, studying art in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and at Blue Mountain Community College. Born and raised in Pendleton, Taylor is of American Indian descent and sees her craft as a way to "bring the two heritages together, the Western and the Native," she said.

None of her hat paintings are planned out, she said. They come together as the events going on in her life unfold. She likes to put horses into her paintings, but will



Staff photo by Jonathan Bach

Ellen Taylor, 50, poses for a portrait at Pioneer Park on Friday. Taylor sells hats on which she has painted American Indian designs.

also change an artwork depending upon whom she is painting for.

Sometimes she'll barter with customers for the hats. She has bartered with a hunter to trade one of her hats for moose meat.

"It's not all about money," she said.

To order a hat, you can contact Taylor by email at ellen.taylor.333@gmail.com or call 541-379-1552.

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Staff photo by Jonathan Bach

Ellen Taylor displayed her hats Friday at Roy Raley Park. Taylor paints American Indian designs on straw cowboy hats.

Downtown seeing influx of new businesses

By **SEAN HART**
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Downtown Stanfield is getting a shot of energy through four new downtown businesses.

Bazaar Happenings and Old Stanfield Junk Store opened in August, Joe's Treasure House opened last week and a new coffeehouse and cafe called Lucky Jam Barn is set to open in about two weeks.

City Manager Blair Larsen said he hopes the new businesses will thrive in Stanfield. "I love to see people make the effort to create something," he said. "It certainly takes a lot more work than just living your life and shopping elsewhere, so it's nice to see."

Lucky Jam Barn in particular has involved the work of many Stanfield residents. Owner Jason Sperr, a city councilor and teacher at Stanfield Secondary School, has hired his Future Business Leaders of America students to help run the business.

The cafe and coffeehouse isn't affiliated with the school, but Sperr said he thought opening a business was a good opportunity to offer FBLA students some hands-on experience and a job with a manager who is willing to work around their busy extracurricular schedules.

The name Lucky Jam Barn is an acronym the involved students came up with using their first initials. They have helped with everything from installing flooring to designing a logo to accounting.

"They've learned what it takes to start a business," Sperr said. "They've learned about remodeling a building. They've delved into the different aspects."

Amanda Newton, who will be the cafe's manager, said she has been impressed with the teens' work ethic.

"The kids are really hands-on with what we're doing," she said. "They've been involved every step of the process. They're really learning about building a business from the ground up."

The cafe at 270 S Main St. will be open seven days a week, 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. and serve specialty coffees, pastries, pizza and sandwiches.

Down the street at 210 S Main St. is Joe's Treasure House, opened at the end of August by Joe Minazadeh and open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday through Friday plus some flexible hours on Sundays. The store sells antiques, china, crystal and other odds and ends.

Manager Kacie Robertson said there are "a lot of unique items here."

"If you have china and something breaks, I've got your extra piece," she said.

She said the store also buys vintage items from people.

"Joe's very fair about pricing," she said.

Dave Myers opened the

"We're slowly building up the town again. I think it's going to be a new opening for this town."

— **Kathy Baker**, owner of Fun Fashions Boutique

Old Stanfield Junk Store at 135 W. Coe Ave. in August. He said he hoped more stores in town would lead to more customers.

"It should have been done long ago," he said. "People draw people. That's always been my experience. Stanfield, as far as I'm concerned, is a prime location."

The new store features an eclectic mix of old and new items and is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Stanfield librarian Cecili Longhorn, who opened Bazaar Happenings in August, said the new stores will provide customers a better shopping experience.

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Free volunteer training focuses on domestic violence

PENDLETON — People interested in volunteering at Domestic Violence Services can participate in volunteer training for the crisis line and other direct care services.

The training is planned in October. The sessions include a comprehensive introduction to domestic/sexual/dating violence and stalking. Volunteers learn about the cycle of violence, tactics used by batterers and the myths surrounding domestic violence and sexual assault.

Topics include how to assist victims in crisis, information about restraining orders and providing safety planning and advocacy.

The training sessions are free of charge. Registration is required.

For more information, including the time and place, call Sharon at 541-276-3322.

Oregon Garden Resort offers dream wedding giveaway contest

SILVERTON — For those planning to exchange vows next summer, the Oregon Garden Resort has just the contest for you.

The Dream Wedding Giveaway package includes a ceremony in the Market Garden and a reception in the resort's Bosque, plus a room to get ready in, linens, and an overnight stay at the Birdwood Inn Bed & Breakfast in Silverton.

Couples are encouraged to share their stories and photos for a chance to win a complimentary venue for their special day. The Oregon Garden will host the wedding Saturday, July 30, 2016. The venue provides beautiful backdrops for ceremonies, receptions and wedding photography. The property features manicured gardens, whimsical forests, a refurbished barn, a white gazebo and a ballroom.

To be eligible to win the wedding venue package, couples must register by Wednesday, Sept. 30. For more information, visit www.oregongarden.org/weddings or to register, go to <http://woobox.com/nbymrh>.

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