



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Sun blinds drivers, causes two wrecks

Rescue vehicles gather at the scene of a wreck in the westbound lanes of Interstate 84 on Monday, west of Pendleton. Sgt. Mark Banks of Oregon State Police said the wreck was one of two caused when sun glare momentarily blinded drivers. The wrecks closed the westbound lanes for 45 minutes Monday evening. Two passengers were hospitalized with minor injuries.

HERMISTON

Three hurt in Highway 395 crash

By SEAN HART
East Oregonian

Three people were transported to the hospital, including one by Life-flight helicopter, following a two-vehicle wreck in Hermiston on Monday afternoon.

Oregon State Police trooper Jerrad Little said first responders were dispatched to the scene of a wreck at Highway 395 and Baggett Lane north of Hermiston at about 3:50 p.m.

He said witnesses reported a silver Honda car was waiting in the turn lane northbound on Highway 395 and then turned left and was struck by a maroon Scion traveling southbound on the highway. Both vehicles came to rest near Baggett Lane.

Hermiston Fire & Emergency Services personnel responded and removed the doors of the Honda to extricate the driver and one passenger. Little said the driver was transported via air ambulance to an unknown hospital. The passenger was transported by ambulance to Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston,



Staff photo by Sean Hart

Hermiston Fire & Emergency Services personnel attend to the driver of a silver Honda involved in a wreck at the intersection of Highway 395 and Baggett Lane north of Hermiston Monday afternoon.

he said, as was the driver of the Scion.

Little did not identify the names or ages of the vehicle occupants before they were transported from the scene, but all three occupants were women.

There was no indication that intoxication contributed to the crash, he said, and no charges were filed at the scene. He said, however, the investigation is ongoing.

BOARDMAN

Asst. football coach on leave after altercation with student athlete

By PHIL WRIGHT
East Oregonian

A Boardman high school football assistant coach is on leave and under investigation following an incident with a student athlete.

Morrow County School District superintendent Dirk Dirksen said Neil Livingston had an "altercation" with a player at a recent practice at Riverside High School, Boardman. Dirksen said this is a personnel issue and would not specify the nature of the incident but confirmed it sparked a police investigation.

Boardman Police Chief Rick Stokoe said his department received a call to respond to an incident Oct. 12 at 5:41 p.m. at the high school. He said no one was injured and the investigation is ongoing. He said police want to interview "anybody and everybody" who may have witnessed something to determine if there was any wrongdoing.

"We haven't found there

has been a criminal violation," Stokoe said. "But that doesn't mean we're going to stop looking."

Dirksen didn't identify the student involved and said the school district is conducting its own investigation after learning about the incident from students and staff. He said the district placed Livingston on leave the day after the incident.

Riverside High football coach David Boor was out of the office Monday afternoon and did not return a message by a press time.

The *East Oregonian* left phone messages for Livingston and sent him an email seeking comment. Livingston did not immediately respond.

Livingston is a former member of the Boardman City Council and serves on the city's budget committee. That term expires at the end of the year. He also is one of the co-founders of the Columbia River Tournament in Boardman and owner of Deadrock Sporting Goods.

MILTON-FREEWATER

Teacher honored for culturally inclusive teaching practices

East Oregonian

Heidi Thorstad, a Spanish teacher at McLoughlin High School in Milton-Freewater, was named the 2015 Culturally Responsive Teacher Leader at a ceremony at Eastern Oregon University on Monday.

According to a press release, the EOU Center for Culturally Responsive Practices gave Thorstad the award for her work at the center and the Oregon Teacher Pathways program, an EOU program that is working with Eastern Oregon high schools to turn more local students into teachers, especially among minority populations.

In addition to lending a hand in its creation, Thorstad was credited with training educators at other Pathway schools the curriculum for an "Introduction to Education" class.

Thorstad was also a frequent attendee of center events, encouraging colleagues and bringing students with her.

"She also modeled every



Thorstad

aspect of culturally responsive teaching and learning in her classroom, and many of her students shared testimonials about the impact of her teaching through forming positive relationships and maintaining high expectations for all students who enter her classroom," the release states.

Thorstad said in a statement that she was honored to receive the award.

The Center for Culturally Responsive Practices is a resource and research center for public school teachers and administrators that provides culturally inclusive teaching practices.

BRIEFLY

Light to shine on domestic violence

HERMISTON — In recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the public is invited to an event to honor victims and survivors of domestic violence.

Sponsored by Domestic Violence Services, the Walk of Remembrance includes a short walk from the organization's Hermiston office to McKenzie Park. People are invited to meet with the group Thursday at 6 p.m. at 240 S. E. Second St., Hermiston. Participants will light candles and, after a moment of silence and a brief time of reflection, the group will return to the office for refreshments and conversation with others.

In addition, Domestic Violence Services is hosting upcoming volunteer training in Hermiston for people interested in helping the

organization in Umatilla or Morrow counties.

The volunteer training covers all aspects of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. When completed, volunteers will be able to answer calls on the organization's 24-hour crisis line.

Anyone interested in taking an active role against domestic violence and advocating for victims of domestic/sexual violence is invited to learn more about opportunities with Domestic Violence Services.

For more information or to reserve a space in the volunteer training, call 541-276-3322.

Relay for Life sets planning meeting

PENDLETON — Organizers for Pendleton Relay for Life are gearing up for its 2016 fundraising event.

The planning meeting for the June 17 event is Thursday from 6-7 p.m. in Meeting Room 4 at St. Anthony Hospital, 2801 St. Anthony Way, Pendleton.

Volunteers are needed to help organize the event, which raises money for the American Cancer Society. The public is invited to attend and learn how to join or start a team.

For more information, call Heather Ficken at 541-377-0350, Carol Preston at 541-379-6294, relaypendleton@yahoo.com or visit www.relayforlife.org/pendletonor.

Book sale benefits Weston library


WESTON — The Friends of Weston Library is hosting its annual used book sale, which is held in conjunction with the Weston Potato Show.

Books and other media

are for sale Friday from 4-7 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. downstairs in Memorial Hall, 210 E. Main St., Weston.

Prices are \$1 for hardcover books and 50 cents for paperbacks. From 3-4 p.m. Saturday, the cost is \$1 per bag of books. Proceeds from the sale will help provide materials and programs at the Weston Public Library.

To donate gently used books, call the library at 541-566-2378 or Kathleen McCullough at 541-566-3916.



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