

HERMISTON

Another collision occurs at Highway 395 and Baggett Lane

No one transported to hospital

By SEAN HART
East Oregonian

Another wreck occurred at the intersection of Baggett Lane and Highway 395 Monday afternoon, one week after a similar accident in the same location sent three people to the hospital.

Although neither of the drivers of the vehicles were transported to the hospital by ambulance this time, Sonia Mota-Sotelo, 29, Umatilla, said she was sore after the crash that sent her white Ford Focus over the embankment on the west side of the highway at about 5:30 p.m.

Mota-Sotelo was traveling south on the highway in the left lane when her car struck a red Ford Focus that had been traveling north and attempted to turn left onto Baggett Lane, according to Oregon State Police trooper Jerrad Little. He said the two drivers were the only vehicle occupants.

Little said neither driver showed signs of impairment, and he did not believe speed



Staff photo by Sean Hart

An Oregon State Police trooper talks to a Hermiston Fire & Emergency Services employee at a wreck between a white Ford Focus and a red Ford Focus at the intersection of Baggett Lane and Highway 395 north of Hermiston Monday afternoon. No one was transported to the hospital.

was a contributing factor to the crash. He said, however, the investigation was ongoing.

The driver of the red Ford Focus said she was not from this area, but declined to provide further information

to the *East Oregonian*.

At about 3:50 p.m. Oct. 19 — almost exactly one week before this latest wreck — a car turning left onto Baggett Lane was also struck by a car traveling southbound on Highway 395. All three

vehicle occupants were transported to hospitals — one by Life Flight helicopter — after last week's wreck.

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Hermiston woman killed in wreck near Kennewick

Tri-City Herald

A 34-year-old Hermiston woman was killed and four others were hurt in a wreck late Friday about four miles south of Kennewick.

Fawn J. White died at the scene, the Washington State Patrol reported.

She was a passenger in a 1999 Buick Regal headed west on Bowles Road at Highway 397 about 11:20 p.m., the patrol said.

The Buick, driven by Ty A. Moore, 31, of Benton City, failed to stop at a stop sign and collided with a 2010 Toyota Camry headed south on the highway, the patrol said.

Moore was taken to

Kadlec Regional Medical Center in Richland, where he was treated and later released.

The Camry's driver, Rosa E. Lemos, 21, of Kennewick, was taken to Trios Southridge Hospital in Kennewick, along with two others — Buick passenger Beatriz Garcia Medina, 22, of West Richland, and a 3-year-old boy.

Lemos and Medina both were listed in good condition on Saturday.

An update on the boy's condition wasn't available because authorities didn't release his name.

Troopers said drugs or alcohol may have been involved. The wreck is under investigation.

PENDLETON

Man tries to elude police while driving with mother and baby

East Oregonian

A wanted Pendleton man tried to flee police Friday with a woman and 10-month-old baby as passengers.

An Oregon State Police trooper Friday at 3:03 p.m. saw people arguing in a red Honda Accord

near Interstate 84, according to a report from state police, and later spotted the same car on Trail Road where it made an illegal u-turn in front of the trooper. When the officer tried to stop the car, the driver

floored it. "The vehicle drove between 50 and 85 mph on gravel roads for about 20-25 miles," state police reported, passing other cars and rounding corners at high speeds.

The chase led to North Fork McKay Creek Road,

where the Honda turned off the road and crossed a creek.

Then it went up a mountain road and looped around to Sumac Road, state police reported, where other law enforcement saw it.

"The vehicle eventually ran out of road, and the suspect surrendered without further incident,"

according to the report.

Police arrested Jerome Myles Minthorn, 32,

on a warrant for violating his prison parole as well as on charges of attempt to flee in a vehicle,

reckless driving and two counts

of recklessly endangering others, one count for each passenger — a 30-year-old woman and her 10-month-old boy.

Umatilla tribal police took Minthorn to the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton, and booked him on the charges.



Minthorn

PENDLETON
Journey into the Owyhee River Canyon

By TAMMY MALGESINI
East Oregonian

The public is invited to take a vicarious journey deep into the Owyhee River Canyon during a presentation at the Pendleton Public Library.

Mike Quigley, who had been exploring the Owyhee River Canyon since mid-1970, introduced his wife to the area in 1993. Bonnie Olin, too, fell in love with the river canyon. That love resulted in researching the area.

When she couldn't find a book that satisfied her interest — including one bursting

with full color photos and showed even the most remote regions — Olin decided to publish her own book.

"I wanted to share the Owyhee that I knew, first with family and friends, but eventually with everyone," she said.

Olin will share about the region during a presentation Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Community Room at the Pendleton Public Library, 501 S.W. Emigrant Ave. The free event features an opening slideshow, a talk that includes a brief history of the region and what makes the region special. Also, Olin will read from her book, "The Owyhee

River Journals," show a video taken in Deep Creek and the Owyhee River. The presentation will wrap up with a question and answer time and a book signing.

The author has spent 22 years exploring the area, including kayaking the river and hiking the side canyons. Olin said the photos for the book, taken by Quigley, reveal what she couldn't describe in words.

"The desert is not a wasteland and the Owyhee is a unique jewel in all of these United States," Olin said.

In self-publishing the book, Olin's desire was to increase awareness of the

area, hoping that people will recognize the unique beauty of its canyons and determine it's a place worthy of preservation.

"The book project was entirely my own and it is my way of advocating for a place I know well and love with all my being," Olin said. "This is what I hope to show my audience, to share this passion for place, to be a voice for the Owyhee."

For more information about the book, contact 541-998-1291, owyheeriver@comcast.net or visit www.owyheemedia.com. For more about the library presentation, call 541-966-0380.

BRIEFLY

PSD collecting input for superintendent search

PENDLETON — Having recently hired Window to Leadership LLC to help with the superintendent search, the Pendleton School District is wasting no time putting the West Linn-based consulting firm to work.

Window to Leadership will host a focus group meeting at the Pendleton High School commons Nov. 2 at 7 p.m., where a representative will discuss the search process and what qualifications the public wants in the new superintendent.

The school district is also encouraging people to fill out a survey on the district website, which will cover many of the same questions and discussion points as the focus group.

The district wants surveys completed by Nov. 4.

"A report of the overall results will be submitted to the Pendleton School Board for its consideration in developing a profile for prospective candidates and use in search literature," a district press release states.

The new superintendent will replace Jon Peterson, who will retire at the end of the 2015-2016 school year.

City offering sidewalk grants

STANFIELD — The city of Stanfield is currently taking applications for sidewalk construction grants.

The cost of constructing and maintaining sidewalks is the responsibility of the owner of the neighboring property, but for a limited time the city is offering sidewalk improvement

grants for up to 50 percent of the cost of concrete sidewalks.

According to a letter to property owners the grant would reduce the cost of installing a sidewalk from about \$16 per linear foot to \$8 per foot. The grant would apply to new sidewalks or sidewalk repairs within the road right of way.

Applications will be accepted until Jan. 1, 2016. Forms are available at city hall and online at www.cityofstanfield.com.

Authors encourage people to give back

PENDLETON — Learn about a campaign that would make the Tuesday after Thanksgiving a statewide day of giving (#OregoniansGive).

"State of Giving," which includes a book launch and

panel discussion, is Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. at Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St.

Authors Greg Chaille and Kristin Anderson will lead a panel discussion about how attendees can get involved and give back in their local community.

"This is not about book sales," the authors said. "It's about spreading the message that anyone, no matter who you are, can make a difference, and that Oregon's future depends upon more people realizing that and getting involved."

For more information, contact stateofgiving@gmail.com or 971-271-1385.

HERITAGE LUNCHEON

Becky Fletcher Waggoner:
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Pendleton Convention Center
Saturday, November 14th
12:00 – 2:00 pm

Tickets: \$40 for members; \$50 for general public

Tickets available at Heritage Station Museum, Armchair Books, the Round-Up Store, and Hermiston Chamber of Commerce

BETTY FEVES MEMORIAL GALLERY

Feves Gallery 25th Anniversary: The Legacy Continues

November 5 ~ December 17, 2015

Opening Reception: Thursday, November 5 • 4:30~6:30 pm

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The Feves Gallery 25th Anniversary: The Legacy Continues celebrates the anniversary of the art gallery by honoring its namesake, late artist Betty Feves, whose pieces will be on display surrounded by the work of artists who apprenticed with her.

Gallery Hours:
Monday-Thursday 10:30am-2:30pm
Special Hours: Saturday, Nov. 7th 11am-4pm
By appointment: 541-278-5952

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