

HERMISTON

Armed man gives real scare on Halloween

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A Umatilla man armed with a gun stolen 21 years ago scared people on Halloween in Hermiston and may have been suffering drug-induced hallucinations. Joseph David Gorman, 28, of Umatilla, now faces charges of felon in possession of a firearm, first-degree theft and reckless driving.

The Umatilla County dispatch center in Pendleton received three complaints at about 1:30 p.m. Friday of a silver car doing 90 mph on Highway 395 heading south from Highway 730, according to reports from Hermiston police Chief Jason Edmiston.

The vehicle was a silver 2000 Lincoln four-door and turned west on West Harper Road, the reports stated, and hit the curb hard enough to blow out both tires on the driver's side. Gorman drove on and turned into Home Depot, at 300 W. Harper Road, where he parked right in front of the doors, blocking them.

Gorman ran inside the store to the paint department, and once there he asked employees if he could speak to a parole officer and said he had a handgun in his waistband.

Hermiston police arrived moments later and found scared Home Depot employees and customers, as

well as Gorman.

An officer ordered Gorman to place his hands on his head and cuffed him, then asked where he had the gun.

"He said the gun was tucked into the left side of his waist band," according to the report, and the officer "reached into his waistband and retrieved a Colt Government .45 Caliber handgun. The handgun had a magazine inserted into the magazine as well and the hammer was in the cocked position."

The magazine contained five rounds including the one in the chamber, according to police. Officers found the police department in Clovis, California, listed the gun as stolen back in 1994. Gorman also told officers he was a convicted felon.

Gorman's statements to police "were scattered and not in a logical order," the reports said. "He continued to state he was running from some 'big players' in the area. He said he believed multiple people were following him in multiple vehicles. He also said someone had placed a camera in his eye and he could hear his family."

Gorman admitted he was under influence of narcotics and hallucinating, the reports stated, and Hermiston police booked him into the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton.

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PENDLETON

McKay Creek Estates opens doors for treats and games

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Despite intermittent rainfall Halloween evening, there was plenty of safe (and dry) trick-or-treat activities in Pendleton.

For the 14th year, McKay Creek Estates offered kids a place to have fun. Carnival-type games provided prizes to those who participated.

The family of Tricia Bateman dressed up as Ninja Turtles, including Bryce, 3, and Aydin, 8. This was the second year the Pendleton family has attended the festivities at McKay Creek.

"It's inside and it's well lit up," Tricia Bateman said. "Also, we know the residents like to see the kids and have visitors."

Kaylee Kromka, who used to work at the facility, was there with Robert Stroder, as well as Madison Mabry, 6, and Christopher Stroder, 2.

Madison, who wore a festive black and purple dress, said she wasn't afraid of the decorated entrance.

"It wasn't that scary," she said. "I rolled the pumpkin and I won a prize," she said, pointing to the gourd bowling game.

Manning the games were Pendleton High School students in the ASTRA Club. The group, which stands for Ability Service Training Responsibility Achievement, is a volunteer youth organization spon-



Staff photo by Tammy Malgesini
Pendleton High School ASTRA volunteer Kyana Tolwi exhibits enthusiasm while Zakariya Karhout, 3, prepares to toss a bean bag in the baseball game at the McKay Creek Estates Halloween Party Saturday in Pendleton. The youngster's mother, Stephanie Karhout, looks on.

sored by Altrusa International of Pendleton.

Kyana Tolwi, a PHS senior, was in her second year assisting at the event. She said handing out prizes and seeing the kids having a good time made it worth giving of her time.

"I've lived here for a really long time," she said. "And I've gone to things like this, so I just think it's my job to do this to help out."

Stephanie Karhout was leading her 3-year-old son, Zakariya, to the different

stations to play games. Later, they caught up with his sister, Stephanie Cisneros, 17, who was painting faces as an ASTRA volunteer.

"It's really cool she gets to see her brother out having fun while she's helping out," Karhout said.

In addition, some of the residents of the senior and assisted living facility offered treats at their doors, while others mingled with guests at the facility.

Barbara Davis, a 71-year-old resident, wore a black dress and orange scarf while passing out candy to children in costumes. With a bright smile on her face, Davis said she also was looking forward to a concert later in the evening performed by the Roe Family Bluegrass Band.

Karen Hoholik, McKay Creek's community relations director, estimated 200 people had come through the door the first few hours. The residents, Hoholik said, love to see all the kids in costumes.

Executive Director Noemi Wiseman said the event provides a safe place for kids and their families during Halloween. Many of the residents, she said, also dressed up.

"They enjoy wearing costumes, too," she said. "Even if it's just wearing a hat."

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BRIEFLY

Police team arrests five in Pendleton

PENDLETON — The local anti-drug trafficking task force arrested five people Thursday in Pendleton and seized user amounts of drugs.

Pendleton police Chief Stuart Roberts reported the Blue Mountain Enforcement Narcotics Team served a warrant at 10:45 a.m. on 802 S.W. Emigrant Ave., Apt. 2, Pendleton, the residence of 59-year-old Ezra Bennet. Police arrested Bennet for delivery and possession of methamphetamine, according to Roberts, and possession of Oxycontin.

"This has been an ongoing investigation for the last month or two," Roberts said in an email, and police used "controlled buys" of drugs to obtain the warrant.

Police also arrested four more Pendleton residents at the apartment for the misdemeanor of frequenting a place where controlled substances are used. They are: Michael Terkelson, 36; Midnight Brookie, 27; Kyle Hatley, 27; and Kirsten Deboise, 30.

Roberts also stated the team seized 3 grams of methamphetamine, weigh scales, packaging materials and 40 Oxycontin pills.

Street level meth deals often involve amounts of a quarter gram to 3.5 grams, according to several websites that discuss meth addiction.

Pilot Rock looks to ban marijuana businesses

PILOT ROCK — Appointing a new city councilor and banning marijuana businesses are the top priorities Tuesday for the Pilot Rock City Council.

The council seeks to replace Kacie Moss, who recently resigned, and it will consider a city law to ban pot businesses in the city. Umatilla and Pendleton city councils also are considering bans Tuesday as well.

Local governments have until Dec. 27 to opt out of receiving revenue from the marijuana sales in Oregon. Mark Pettinger with the Oregon Liquor Control Commission's Recreational Marijuana Program said once the date passes, opting out is not an option, but cities that now opt out can later rescind their bans and be eligible to receive tax revenue from recreational sales of marijuana.

Those sales went live on Oct. 1, and in the first week racked up \$10.8 million, according to the Oregon

Retail Cannabis Association.

Pilot Rock City Council meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the city hall. Councilman Deacon Perkins will give a presentation on the ban before the vote.

The council also plans to discuss discipline of a public employee. That portion of the meeting will not be open to the general public.

Umatilla County Republicans to fill vacancies

PENDLETON — The Umatilla County Republican Central Committee will meet Tuesday, Nov. 10 at the Pendleton Convention Center to fill vacancies for Precinct Committee Persons.

A Precinct Committee Person represents their precinct on the central committee, and can help to shape the party's platforms and policies. There are currently vacancies in certain areas of Umatilla, Hermiston, Stanfield, Helix, Adams, Pendleton, Pilot Rock, Athena, Milton-

Freewater and Weston.

In addition, the central committee will begin planning for the annual Lincoln Day dinner, which will be held in February or March. Interested volunteers are encouraged to attend the meeting.

A raffle drawing will also be held for a Mossberg Model 500 deer-turkey combo shotgun. Tickets are \$10 each, or \$25 for three.

The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Don Marlatt at 541-938-3850.

Helping Hand moves to CAPECO building

PENDLETON — Effective today, Helping Hand Pendleton, Inc. will be located in the ground floor of the CAPECO building, 721 S.E. Third St., Pendleton.

Emergency food boxes will continue to be provided on Fridays from the old location, 346 S.E. Second, next to the First United Methodist Church, until

further notice.

The organization has provided assistance to those in need for more than 30 years.

For more information, call 541-276-3418.

Couple crosses musical boundaries

People will have an opportunity to enjoy the Appalachian dulcimer, including a hands-on experience, in programs offered through the Libraries of Eastern Oregon.

Heidi Muller and Bob Webb will teach people how to play the three-stringed instrument Wednesday at the Little Vert Theatre, 345

S.W. Fourth St., Pendleton. It's free, instruments are provided and people don't need prior experience.

In addition Muller and Webb will perform a pair of free concerts, singing and playing traditional tunes. Take a journey in song as you learn about the history of the dulcimer. The performances are:

- Wednesday at 7 p.m., Little Vert Theatre, 345 S.W. Fourth St., Pendleton
- Thursday at 6:30 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave.

For more information, call 541-966-0380, 541-567-2882 or visit www.heidimuller.com/heidiandbob.htm.

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HEALTHY FRIDAYS

Free health screenings: blood pressure checks, weigh ins, body mass index, cholesterol and glucose.

Every Third Friday of the Month
November 20 • 9:00 - 11:00am
GSMC Education Department

EARLY PREGNANCY

One FREE class focusing on the first six months of pregnancy. Healthcare professional speakers will provide presentations on topics that include medication use, exercise, diet, breastfeeding and many other helpful subjects. Free, but please pre-register.

November 5 • 6:30-8:30pm
GSMC Conference Room Center 2

BIRTHING CLASSES

Two-day course to prepare each mother and birth partner for a knowledgeable, rewarding and sharing childbirth experience.

November 6 & 7
Friday: 6:30 - 8:30 pm,
Saturday: 9:30 am - 3 pm
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BABYSITTING BASICS 101

For babysitters ages 10-15. Learn childcare techniques, children's developmental ages and what to expect, basic first aid and infant and child CPR.

November 21 • 9:00am - 3:00pm
GSMC Conference Room
\$30 - includes lunch & all class materials.
Must pre-register & pre-pay.

BREASTFEEDING CLASSES

One class covers breastfeeding benefits, pumping and much more. Come to this FREE class taught by a certified lactation consultant, and learn techniques that make for a successful experience. Free, but please pre-register.

November 4 • 12:00pm - 1:30pm
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For information or to register for a class, call (541) 667-3509 or email healthinfo@gshealth.org