

HERMISTON

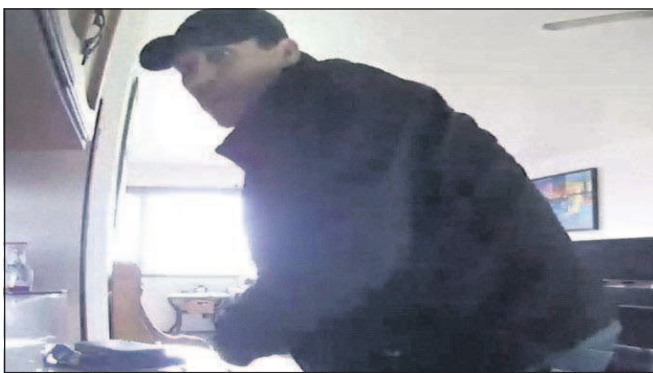


Photo provided by Umatilla County Sheriff's Office

A security camera inside a home on Spearman Road in Hermiston captured this image of a burglar Wednesday. The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office is looking for information about who he is.

Burglar caught on home security camera

East Oregonian

Home security cameras caught a burglar in the act. Now the Umatilla County Sheriff's Office is hoping to identify and catch the man.

The burglary occurred Wednesday around 5:30 p.m. at a home on Spearman Road, Hermiston, according to a written statement from the sheriff's office. The occupant

returned home almost three hours later and called 9-1-1 to report someone broke in and took a safe, jewelry box and more.

The caller also mentioned the camera.

The sheriff's office is asking for the public's assistance to identify the suspect. Please call 541-966-3651 if you have any information related to this crime.



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Police respond to false alarm at BMCC

Police responded to a false alarm Thursday afternoon at Blue Mountain Community College after a staff member became concerned about an unfamiliar contract worker who had gone into a custodial closet. As a precaution, Morrow Hall was evacuated for about 25 minutes until the worker was identified. BMCC spokeswoman Casey White-Zollman said staff and students handled the situation well.

"Now we can look at this as a drill," White-Zollman said. Officers promptly cleared the scene and students were allowed to return to Morrow Hall.

Tax Day comes three days late this year

Change caused by Emancipation Day

By JADE MCDOWELL
East Oregonian

If you forgot to file your taxes by April 15, never fear: Tax Day is three days late this year.

A quirk of the calendar pushed the due date for taxes from the traditional April 15 date to April 18, giving procrastinators an extra weekend to do their taxes or file an extension.

The reprieve came because in 2005 Emancipation Day — celebrating the day Abraham Lincoln freed the slaves — became a paid holiday for federal employees working in Washington, D.C. The holiday is April 16, but because this year that falls on a Saturday, the Internal Revenue Service

offices are closed on Friday instead, meaning taxes aren't late as long as they're in by Monday.

At local accounting offices, tax preparers are working overtime to get through the inevitable flood of last-minute requests for help.

Michelle Watkins, office manager for Carolleen Lovell CPA in Hermiston, said that calls are "absolutely" still coming in even though people have had months to do their taxes.

"People are realizing, 'Oh no, that's Monday,'" she said.

Taxes are being handled on a first-come, first-serve basis and Watkins said at this point there probably aren't any tax preparers in

town that will get someone's returns completed before Monday if they came in now.

Fortunately the IRS allows people to file for an extension, which is something Watkins highly recommends to anyone who will not make the April 18 deadline.

"Definitely do an extension, because it's much better than the fees you would have to pay," she said.

According to the IRS website, an extension only extends the time someone has to file their return. Any money they owe is still considered late if paid after April 18. Still, the penalty on late taxes is half a percent of what's owed for each month it's late, while the penalty on a late return is 5 percent per month. And the penalty for

late payment only applies to those who owe money instead of getting a return.

Most major tax preparation software companies allow people to file an extension with them for free, and people can also use the IRS's e-file program online.

Even if someone files an extension on their own, they can still come in to a tax preparer afterward to help them file their return. Oregon's treasury website also has a list of tax preparation vendors Oregon residents can use to do their taxes for free if they meet certain qualifications (in most cases, an adjusted gross income of less than \$62,000).

Contact Jade McDowell at jmcdowell@eastoregonian.com or 541-564-4536.

PENDLETON

Man accused of shooting at troopers to take deal

East Oregonian

The Pendleton man charged with attempted aggravated murder and more for shooting at Oregon State Police during a chase is making a plea deal.

Bryan Alberto Corona, 24, led troopers on a car chase near Pendleton in January. He fired at troopers during the pursuit, according to police. Troopers rammed into Corona's car to end the chase and as he tried to run from the wreck, another trooper crashed into Corona. Corona was seriously injured and hospitalized.

One trooper also suffered a minor injury to

his hand when he set out a spike strip to burst the tires on Corona's car.

Umatilla County Circuit Court records for March 1 note that defense attorney L. Kent Fisher mentioned the possibility of a plea deal. Fisher then on Wednesday told the court Corona plans to change his plea.

The Umatilla County District Attorney's Office charged Corona with 14 counts, including two counts of attempted aggravated murder for shooting at police and two counts of assault of a public safety officer.

Circuit Judge Christopher Brauer set May 3 as the date for the plea change.

BRIEFLY

Wonderland comes alive with youth theater

HERMISTON — The worlds of Oz and Wonderland collide in a stage production presented by Hermiston Parks & Recreation.

Youths in third through 12th grade have been working on their acting skills for a pair of performances of "Dorothy in Wonderland." Dorothy Gale makes her way down the Yellow Brick Road during presentations Thursday, April 21 and Friday, April 22, at Armand Larive Middle School, 1497 S.W. Ninth St., Hermiston. Regular ticket prices are \$3 at the door, or \$2 for those ordered in advance.

To purchase tickets, call 541-667-5018 or stop by the recreation office, 180 N.E. Second St., Hermiston. For more information about programs, visit www.hermistonrecreation.com.

City accepting applications for committee vacancies

HERMISTON — The city of Hermiston is looking for applications for two open committee positions.

The Hispanic Advisory Committee needs to fill three-year term starting July 1, 2016, and the Library Board has an opening for a four-year term starting July 1, 2016.

Applications are



Staff photo by Tammy Malgesini

Director Jenny Walker adjusts the costume of 14-year-old Emma Rodgers, who is playing Tweedledee in "Dorothy in Wonderland." The Hermiston Parks & Recreation youth drama performances are April 21-22 at Armand Larive Middle School.

available at City Hall, 180 N.E. Second St. or online at hermiston.or.us/committee_application. They are due May 9. All appointments are confirmed by the city council.

For more information call Lilly Alacorn-Strong at 541-567-5521.

Hermiston accepting recreation grant applications

HERMISTON — The city of Hermiston is accepting grant applications for recreation projects.

The funds come from the Transient Room Tax added

to hotel rooms in the city, and can be used to support recreation and tourism in the city. The city estimates there will be about \$25,000 available for grants during the 2016-2017 cycle.

Projects must be recreation-related and take place within the city. Preference will be given to projects that also promote tourism, marketing and lodging, and the committee will give preference to

Bowling tournament benefits The Arc

HERMISTON — The public is invited to help support The Arc Umatilla County and have fun during an upcoming bowling tournament.

The event is Saturday, April 23 at 6 p.m. at Desert Lanes Family Fun Center, 1545 N. First St., Hermiston. The cost is \$125 for a 5-person team. The fee includes three games of bowling, shoe rental and door prizes. In addition, people are invited to sponsor a person with special needs to participate with a \$25 donation.

To register or for more information, call Kristi Smalley at 541-567-1546.

The Arc advocates for the rights of children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. For more information about programs, services and activities, call 541-567-7615 or visit www.facebook.com/arcofumatillacounty.

WW.Friends invites all widows, widowers

PENDLETON — Area widows and widowers are invited to a WW.Friends event.

The group meets monthly for fellowship, friendship and to share positive experiences. The upcoming gathering features a tostada dinner. The event is Thursday, April 21 at 5:30 p.m. at 511 N.W. Eighth St., Pendleton. People are invited to bring a side dish to share with others.

For more information, call 541-276-2790 or 541-276-4708.

PHS class of '66 seeks classmates

PENDLETON — The Pendleton High School class of 1966 is planning its 50-year reunion.

Organizers are searching for members of the class for the July 22-24 event.

For additional information, contact Teresa Sweek Stone at teresastone@frontier.com

com or Susie Hart Rawe at rawesusie@gmail.com.

FFA alumni present dinner/auction fundraiser

PENDLETON — An upcoming fundraiser will support scholarships, students and classroom projects.

The Pendleton FFA Alumni & Friends Dinner and Auction is Thursday, April 28 at the Pendleton Convention Center, 1601 Westgate. A preview of items starts at 5 p.m., dinner is served at 6 p.m. and the auction is at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for kids 11 and under. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 541-966-3886.

Submit information to: community@eastoregonian.com or drop off to the attention of Tammy Malgesini at 333 E. Main St., Hermiston or Renee Struthers at 211 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton. Call 541-564-4539 or 541-966-0818 with questions.

Live Music 9:00 PM
HAMLEY SALOON
FRIDAY, APRIL 15
Carter Freeman
 8 S.E. COURT, PENDLETON • 541.278.1100

ART. View it, buy it, make it. At the Arts Center.
www.pendletonarts.org

BRUCE THOMAS SMITH
APRIL 16th
MUSIC @ 8PM
RED LION HOTELS
 EST. 1991
 Pendleton Red Lion Inn • 304 SE Nye Ave
 Pendleton, Or 541.276.6111
 Presented by www.glcproductions.com