

HERMISTON

New brand launched at Funfest

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From flying dogs and souped-up lawn mowers to chainsaw carvers and live entertainment, the fun was spread across downtown Hermiston Saturday during the annual Funfest celebration. In addition, the Cool Rides Car Show filled McKenzie Park.

The city also kicked off its new "Where Life Is Sweet" branding. Free cups, magnets and balloons were handed out as part of the celebration, as were T-shirts with the brand.

Mark Morgan, Hermiston assistant city manager, said thousands of area residents voted in favor of the new slogan and logo.

"This is what is going to be on the water tower," he said. "We will have a watermelon on a fully painted water tower."

The day kicked off with the annual Rotary Breakfast. Food and beverage vendors were available up and down Main Street, and in celebration of the new brand, Yo Country Frozen Yogurt handed out free watermelon-flavored sorbet just after the branding kickoff.

New to this year's festival was the K9 Kings Flying Dog Show. J.D. Platt and his pack of flying dogs entertained the crowds during three shows in the field at Sunset Elementary School.

Kids from the crowd even had a chance to toss Frisbees to the pooches, and meet and greets after each show



People line race lanes during the Outlaw Lawn-Dragsters Saturday during Funfest.



Whoopsy turns a flip in the air as J.D. Platt presents the K9 Flying Dog Show as part of Saturday's Funfest activities in Hermiston.

featured lots of laughter and licking.

"He got me in the face," Amaya Aguiar said with a

big smile.

The Outlaw Lawn-Dragsters out of New Plymouth, Idaho, brought their

high-powered mowers to Main Street. Kids lining the race lanes plugged their ears to muffle the high-pitched scream from the engines. However, they quickly reached out their hands to high-five drivers as they made their way back to the pit area.

At the other end of Main Street, several chainsaw carvers added to the high decibel levels. Using logs, the artists created everything from bears and moose to owls and bald eagles — including several elaborate benches.

"It's just a fun day," Pedro said.

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PENDLETON

Woman arrested after attacking brother with scissors

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Pendleton police arrested a 45-year-old woman Friday morning after she allegedly attacked her brother inside his home with a pair of metal scissors.

Elizabeth Anne Malik remains in Umatilla County Jail on charges of attempted murder and second-degree assault. She appeared Monday before Circuit Court Judge Lynn Hampton and was appointed a public defender. Her bail is set at \$350,000.

Malik is accused of forcing her way into her brother's home on

Southwest Isaac Avenue in Pendleton and trying to stab him with a pair of scissors. Police Chief Stuart Roberts said the man, identified as Robert Peterson, was able to fend Malik off while she continued to hit and kick him. He was not seriously injured.



Malik

Peterson was able to pull Malik outside and lock the door while he called police. Malik then broke several windows on Peterson's home and vehicle, Roberts said.

Officers arrested Malik without further incident. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for 8:15 a.m. July 18 back in circuit court.

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Meals for police show community's gratitude

By **ALEXA LOUGEE**
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Melody Finn-Kinswa of Hermiston is hoping a daily meal will show the Hermiston Police Department that the community supports them.

After the shooting of more than a dozen police officers in Dallas, Texas, last week, Finn-Kinswa organized a movement to have food brought to the department every day for the rest of July. She said the events last week motivated her to take action, but the idea of showing more support to local law enforcement was something that had been "stirring for awhile."

"Comments made these days are disparaging," Finn-Kinswa said in regards to how the public treats officers. "This is a way to rally support."

She said the response she has received from people for the idea has been pretty good. Using the website TakeThemAMeal, members of the Hermiston community have signed up to deliver store-bought food items to the police department.

The deliveries started July 10 and only a few slots remain open. Those

who sign up should plan on delivering enough food for 10 to 15 officers. If all the meal times get filled, Finn-Kinswa encourages people to still send notes, letters and emails to make their support more tangible to the police officers. She also plans to do something similar for the fire department in the near future.

"I walked into the police department this morning and the word about the group who would be providing food was already spreading and creating quite a buzz," said Terry Cummings, lead chaplain for the Hermiston Police Department, in a note to those organizing the meals. "As lead chaplain I can tell you that this means a tremendous amount to our men and women and this community's support cannot be over-stated."

The buzz going around seems to have also initiated a new social media hashtag, #SupportHermPD. If you would like to know more about how you can support local law enforcement, contact Melody Finn-Kinswa at 541-314-7767.

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BRIEFLY

Sewer main work will close lanes in late July

PENDLETON — Contractors working on a city of Pendleton sewer main could impact traffic at the intersection of Southwest Court Avenue and Southwest 20th Street July 26-28.

The left turn southbound on SW 20th Street from Wal-Mart will be closed, Public Works Superintendent Jeff Brown wrote in an email, as well as the through lane of SW Court Avenue westbound at that intersection.

The contractor also will be working at the intersection of SW Court Avenue and SW 23rd Street, but traffic interference there should be minimal.

Sipp named ODOT manager for Eastern Oregon

PENDLETON — The Oregon Department of Transportation announced the promotion of Craig Sipp to Region 5 manager.

Sipp replaces Monte Grove and will oversee a region that encompasses eight counties in Eastern Oregon, according to an ODOT press release.

"I'm really looking forward to continuing ODOT's work with local communities, Tribes and other stakeholders to improve the safety and efficiency of the highway system for all modes of transportation throughout our beautiful

eastern Oregon area," Sipp said in a statement.

Sipp began his career with ODOT in 1987 as a project inspector for a construction crew in The Dalles, working his way up to assistant project manager before moving to Region 5 in 2000.

Since then, Sipp has worked as a bridge inspector, consultant project manager, traffic engineer, project manager and area manager, a position he's held since 2010.

Sipp attended Blue Mountain Community College and the Oregon Institute of Technology, receiving a degree in engineering.

Rivoli restoration gets \$10K grant

PENDLETON — The Rivoli Restoration Coalition continues to fundraise successfully for its renovation of the historic Pendleton theater into a performing arts center.

The latest feather in the cap for the nonprofit coalition is a Friday announcement that the National Trust for Historic Preservation awarded the Rivoli a \$10,000 grant. The grant will help pay for the Rivoli's architectural and engineering phase, which is already underway.

The phase includes documenting the interior of theater, updating the interior design plans and developing designs for structural upgrades.

"Organizations like the Rivoli Coalition help to

ensure that communities and towns all across America retain their unique sense of place," National Trust President Stephanie Meeks said. "We are honored to provide a grant to the Rivoli Coalition, which will use the funds to help preserve an important piece of our shared national heritage."

White Eagle Grange sets meeting, bingo

PENDLETON — The White Eagle Grange hosts its potluck and meeting the second Thursday of each month.

The upcoming event is Thursday with the meal starting at 6 p.m. at the hall, located at 43828 White Eagle Road, between Pendleton and

Pilot Rock on Highway 395 South. The meeting follows at 7 p.m. Those attending are asked to bring their favorite salad or dessert to share.

In addition, the grange hosts bingo every other Saturday. This weekend's games are Saturday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Cards are 50 cents each for regular games and \$1 each for special games. The evening includes a progressive jackpot game at 7:30 p.m. and a blackout game at 8:15 with a 50/50 pot.

Gail Wilson said bigger and better prizes are available. Also, she said all ages are welcome.

For more information, contact Wilson at 541-276-3778 or gail1wilson@gmail.com.

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