

Grant County approves medical pot dispensaries

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The Grant County Court voted unanimously Wednesday to allow medical marijuana dispensaries in the county, outside of municipalities.

Judge Scott Myers and commissioners Boyd Britton and Chris Labhart all voted yes on the move to opt in on Measure 91, while still continuing the ban on recreational sales.

Myers said they will get a final word from county attorney Ron Yockim, who has been advising the court on the topic.

About 20 people were in attendance at the meeting held at the county court chambers.

Advocates spoke to the

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court about also allowing marijuana producers and processors in the county. However, the court said those allowances would have to go be agreed on with a vote from the people.

Still, advocates were pleased by the commission's actions.

"I think the county court's approval of dispensaries shows the changing attitudes toward medical marijuana in Grant County," said chief petitioner David Kilpatrick.

"We appreciate that the commissioners made

the right decision for the medical marijuana patients in the county," said Haley Olson, who has also been a vocal advocate on the issue. "This decision came after very emotional testimonies from patients."

"We worked really hard for the medical patients of Grant County," Cindy Kidd added. "I've been pulling for them. They've had to travel out of town. Medical marijuana patients have to travel to the dispensary themselves. I'm glad that I was a part of it — this is huge for Grant County."

PENDLETON

Rock camp gets ready to roll

East Oregonian

From the humble roots of a Garage Bands 101 class to offering the first week-long camp in 2006, Pendleton Center for the Arts is gearing up for its 11th annual Rock & Roll Camp.

For youths ages 13-18, the camp has flourished over the years, bringing in musicians as camp counselors from across the Pacific Northwest and beyond. Organizers continue to offer the opportunity for budding teenage musicians to participate at no charge.

The 2016 event is Aug. 8-12 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day at Pendleton Center for the Arts and other nearby venues. The camp crescendos with a free outdoor concert Friday, Aug. 12 at 7 p.m. in the 400 block of South Main Street, Pendleton.

Daily activities include



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Counselor Levi Cecil of Portland sets up a microphone to record a song by Sophie Arnold during a studio production class during the 2015 Pendleton Center for the Arts Rock & Roll Camp X. Registration is open for this year's free camp, which is Aug. 8-12 in Pendleton.

writing and recording songs, making band merchandise, interviewing musicians, forming a band, jamming with professionals, creating a music zine, learning an instrument and much more.

No prior music experience is required.

For more information or to register, call 541-2787-9201, visit www.pendletonarts.org or stop by the arts center at 214 N. Main St., Pendleton.

HERMISTON



Staff photo by Alexa Lougee

Islas Auto Sales along Highway 395 had four cars with windows damaged Tuesday.

Night of mischief proves costly for car owners

By ALEXA LOUGEE
East Oregonian

A vandal with a BB gun is believed to have caused damage to vehicles in Hermiston and possibly beyond in Tuesday's early morning hours.

The Hermiston Police Department was dispatched to six calls of car windows either broken or shot at. Hermiston Police Captain Darryl Johnson believes all the incidents were related.

According to reports, the vandal or vandals appear to have used a BB gun to shoot at empty vehicles, but as far as car owners could tell, nothing had been stolen from any of the vehicles. In some cases the window shattered and fell out; in other cases the window was hit and cracked.

In a report taken from Aspen Grove Apartments, three tenant vehicles parked along the road near the complex had windows damaged. In each reported case the shattered window was a side window.

The cost to replace the windows can range drasti-



Staff photo by Alexa Lougee

One of several windows damaged in a string of incidents around Hermiston.

cally depending on the vehicle's make, model and year, according to Kellye Finch at West Coast Auto Glass in Hermiston. Car owners are looking at costs between \$325 and \$1,400 per window, including labor, to repair the damage.

The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office also took a report Tuesday from Islas Auto Sales north of Hermiston on Highway 395 regarding four vehicles with window

damage. Each of the cars had a side window that appeared to be shot with a BB gun.

Benito Islas, the manager of the car dealership, said they've been in business for 10 years, and have not had something like this happen before. The business recently moved and this is only the first month at their new space.

He said they are looking at their security camera footage and hope to get a better idea of a suspect or suspects.

BRIEFLY

Passing train caused fire along freeway

ARLINGTON — The brush fire that closed Interstate 84 near Arlington for several hours Tuesday was caused by a passing Union Pacific train, according to North Gilliam Rural Fire Chief Joe Claughton.

Claughton said there was a brake malfunction on one of the rail cars, which ignited the blaze at 11:30 a.m. The fire burned roughly 1,200 acres between the highway and tracks along the Columbia River.

David Anderson, who coordinates Arlington's volunteer ambulance service, said smoke from the fire caused a five-car wreck on the freeway. Nine people were taken to Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston with minor injuries. The Oregon Department of Transportation shut down I-84 in both directions to prevent further accidents.

Flames also jumped the westbound lanes and burned about a quarter-mile stretch of the median, Claughton said. Firefighters were able to contain the fire by 4 p.m., and the highway was reopened. There were no other injuries reported and no structures damaged.

Let 'er Buck Run is Saturday

PENDLETON — People are invited to don pink attire and show their support for the Tough Enough To Wear Pink campaign.

In its 11th year, the campaign raises money and awareness for two local cancer support programs. It helps to breast cancer patients from time of diagnosis through recovery.

The Pendleton Round-Up and Happy Canyon Let 'er Buck Run begins with check-in Saturday from 7-7:45 a.m. at the ticket booth near the bucking horse statue in front of the Round-Up Grounds.

Registration for the 5K event is \$25. It starts at

8 a.m. In addition to age category awards, prizes will be presented for the best man and best woman dressed in pink. Also, a 1K Dash 'n' Splash for children ages 3-11 starts at 9 a.m. The cost is \$15, and participants will receive a free pass to the Pendleton Aquatic Center, a slice of pizza and soda after the race. On race day, a limited number of Let 'er Buck Run T-shirts will be available for \$15 and Dash 'n' Splash shirts for \$12.

To register, visit www.pendletonroundup.com or pick up a form at the Pendleton Round-Up and Happy Canyon gift shop, 1114 S.W. Court Ave.

To become a sponsor or for more information about TETWP, contact Casey White-Zollman at cmwzollman@gmail.com or Jill Gregg at jill.c.gregg@gmail.com.

Cost-share grants available for thinning forests

PENDLETON — The Oregon Department of Forestry has announced cost-share grants available for landowners to thin private forests in southern Umatilla County.

Hans Rudolf, stewardship forester with ODF in

Pendleton, said the goal is to reduce the amount of hazard fuels in the area and lower the risk of large wildfires. Private lands located from Battle Mountain south to Grant County, east to Union County and west to Morrow County are eligible for funding.

Landowners are reimbursed 75 percent after finishing their project. Cost-share rates are predetermined by ODF based on the complexity of the project. Hazard fuel reduction involves thinning small-diameter trees of 7 inches or less, as well as other material not typically used by lumber mills.

For more information, contact Rudolf at 541-276-3491.

Computer sciences coming to Hermiston schools

HERMISTON — With the coming of a new school year, Hermiston School District will be ushering in a new partnership bringing computer science instruction to elementary schools.

The district has teamed up with the nonprofit Code.org, an organization dedicated to bringing computer science to every school and increasing interest of girls and minority students in computer sciences.

teacher workshops. Workshops last 6-7 hours and will prepare teachers to teach the computer science courses for grades K-5.

The first full-day workshop for teachers will be July 21 at the district office.

Harvest of Art Show seeks participants

MILTON-FREEWATER — Artists from any medium are invited to apply to participate in the 16th annual Harvest of Art Show, which runs in conjunction with the city's festival, which has been re-named Milton-Freewater Rocks!

Entry forms are available at the Milton-Freewater Library, The Arts Portal Gallery or by calling Blanche Mason at 541-938-

5126. The deadline to enter is Saturday, Aug. 13. There is a \$7 fee for each entry. Jurying the exhibit is Leslie Cain, an award-winning landscape artist from the Walla Walla Valley.

Ten prizes will be awarded, ranging in value from \$25 to \$75. In addition, each visitor to the Harvest of Art Show may vote for people's choice award.

The show opens Friday, Aug. 19 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Central School, 306 S.W. Second Ave., Milton-Freewater. It continues the same hours on Saturday, Aug. 20 and Sunday, Aug. 21 from noon to 4 p.m. A closing reception is set for Sunday, with prizes awarded and artists' work returned.

For more information, call 541-938-5516 or 541-938-5126.

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