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Suspect allegedly kills self after killing fellow coach; teen's body found hours later

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James "JJ" Hurtado, 14, was found dead Thursday night outside of Hermiston.

the home from an apparent self-inflicted gunshot. Hermiston Police Chief Jason Edmiston said the

department is not searching for other suspects.

Police searched throughout the day for James "JJ" Hurtado, 14, who police said was "related to one of the parties involved." Hurtado's body was found around 8 p.m. in a "remote, rugged area outside of Hermiston," according to a release from Edmiston. Hurtado was last seen at 10 a.m. when Huston picked him up in Umatilla and said they were going to play disc golf at McNary Park.

Police first responded to the house on 11th Street after an 11:18 a.m. report of a shooting. They entered the home and found Valdez and Huston dead and the injured woman in the same bedroom.

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Staff photo by E.J. Harris
Police investigate the scene of a shooting that left two dead and one injured at the corner of Northwest 11th Street and West Madrona Avenue, Thursday in Hermiston.

Your Weekend



- Milton-Freewater Rocks! at Yantis Park
- Morrow County Fair in Heppner
- Pilot Rock Community Day on Saturday

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Catch a movie



"Kubo and the Two Strings" is the latest stop-motion wonder from Oregon-based Laika Studios.

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Weekend Weather

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UAVs take flight at first Ag Drone Rodeo

Farmers weigh the question: rent or own?

By ANTONIO SIERRA
East Oregonian

Standing on a stage at the first Ag Drone Rodeo, organizer Jeff Lorton compared the day's events to those at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, the site of the first manned flight in 1903.

The attendees of Thursday's events were primarily concerned with unmanned flight, as dozens of people from across the state gathered at Ron Linn Airfield east of Stanfield for a series of drone demonstrations focused on agriculture.

Hosted by the Pendleton Unmanned Aerial Systems Range and Oregon Future Farm, drone manufacturers and vendors like RDO, Insitu and MicaSense flew their UAS. Each company talked about their drone's crop imaging capabilities and ease of use while piloting it on a short mission.

Lorton said UAS would be a regular part of farming operations within 10 years and there was one already working on Hill Ranches near Pendleton.



Staff photo by E.J. Harris
Farmer Forrest Frantz of Hood River gives a close inspection to the Sensefly eBee UAV on Thursday during the Ag Drone Rodeo at Linn Airstrip east of Stanfield.

"This drone thing you've heard so much about is a reality," he said.

It's certainly a reality for a group of students at Yamhill-Carlton High School, who are building a drone from scratch.

A Yamhill County farmer commissioned the drone so he could use the unmanned aerial vehicle on his blueberry fields and other crops, Yamhill-Carlton math teacher Jordan Slavish said. The farmer agreed to pay

for half of the cost to build it. A dedicated afterschool group of 6-7 students now gets a hands-on experience building their own drone.

Slavish was accompanied by Jeff Breazile and his son Zach, one of the students

working on the drone. Breazile, an engineer at Intel, said his employer is covering the expenses of the trip to Eastern Oregon, which the contingent is

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Staff photo by E.J. Harris
Naomi Sanchez, left, with Finley Fresh Produce, hands a bag of vegetables to Anna Rademacher at the crop up dinner Thursday at HAREC in Hermiston.

HERMISTON

Local specialty crops featured at OSU dinner

Region grows more than 200 varieties

By GEORGE PLAVEN
East Oregonian

Phil Hamm is never one to hold back when it comes to promoting the Columbia Basin as an agricultural powerhouse.

Farmers throughout the region grow more than 200 types of crops, Hamm said, thanks to a unique combination of climate, soils and clean water. The result is

a bounty of nutritious vegetables like potatoes, onions and carrots to go along with sweet treats like famous Hermiston watermelons.

All those and more were on the menu Thursday during a special "crop-up" dinner hosted by Oregon State University and the Oregon Department of Agriculture. The dinner, which was held at OSU's Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center, featured dishes inspired by local ingredients, meant to educate and excite the public about

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