

**PENDLETON**



Staff photo by Phil Wright  
**Sherri Brown and her daughter, Ashley Brown, both of Pendleton, discuss mystery authors while shopping Saturday in Pendleton at the city library's annual book sale.**

**Bibliophiles turn out for book sale**

By PHIL WRIGHT  
*East Oregonian*

More books than ever covered the tables at this weekend's Pendleton Friends Of The Library book sale.

Volunteers for the nonprofit organization said they never saw as many books at the annual sale, which began 36 years ago to benefit the Pendleton Public Library. Saturday, the second and last day of the sale, still saw layers and lines of books on more than a hundred tables at the main hall in the Pendleton Convention Center.

Nancy Kerns, attorney for the city of Pendleton, hefted half a dozen books while scouring for more. She comes to the event year after year.

"I always find something I need and know I can't live without," she said.

Online book seller Marie Moreken of Klamath Falls said the Pendleton sale was her third in as many days. She was filling a shopping cart after picking up 67 books Thursday in Stayton and another 67 Friday in Keizer.

Moreken used a barcode scanner and

smartphone app to find out the value of books and how likely they are to sell via the internet retail giant Amazon.com. Hardback books Saturday morning at the Pendleton Friends' sale were going for \$1.50 each, and Moreken found some she would be able to sell online for about \$16. Amazon, she said, takes at least a third of that.

Still, she said, the work allowed her to quit a pharmacy job.

Most buyers were at the sale just looking for good reads, like Sherri Brown of Pendleton.

"I come almost every year," she said. "I just love to read hardbacks."

Her daughter, Ashley Brown, was with her and looking for science fiction for her fiancée, who's moving up from California and bringing loads of books. She said she loves the look of books lining walls to bring a home to life.

Last year the sale brought in about \$12,000, a drop from \$13,500 in 2014. The decline may have been due to the theft of hundreds of books. Volunteers said Friday sales seemed good, but figures were not available at the time.

**PILOT ROCK**

**Morning fire destroys house**

Lone resident escapes out window uninjured

By GEORGE PAVEN  
*East Oregonian*

Fire consumed a small, one-story house Monday morning at 454 S.W. Birch Place in Pilot Rock, forcing the lone resident to escape out a back window.

Jeremy Bergstad, 36, said he's been living at the home for about seven months. He is unsure how exactly the fire got started, but thinks it had something to do with the propane lantern he uses for heat.

Once he noticed the smoke, Bergstad said it was too late. "I heard stuff popping, cracking and burning. It spread real fast," Bergstad said as he stood outside, watching smoke pour from the structure. "I started panicking."

Bergstad was unable to get out the front door, so he said he broke out through a back window. The house was quickly destroyed, along with Bergstad's cellphone, tools, medication, bicycle and other possessions.

"Everything I own is in there," he said. "It's gone now."

Bergstad was not seriously injured. Neighbor Jacob Hoffman was the one who called 9-1-1 after he heard loud



Staff photo by E.J. Harris  
**Pilot Rock and Pendleton firefighters work to extinguish a fire at a residence Monday on Southwest Birch Street in Pilot Rock.**

popping noises and noticed flames shooting out of the roof next door.

"It just grew and grew and grew from there," Hoffman said.

Firefighters from Pilot Rock and Pendleton were dispatched at 11:45 a.m. to find the house engulfed in flames. Pendleton Fire Chief Mike Ciraulo said a deputy state fire marshal will be called in to investigate the cause of the blaze.

Ciraulo commended the Pilot Rock

volunteer firefighters, who not only had to attack the fire but also deal with a downed power line.

"It was a very dangerous situation in the early stages," Ciraulo said.

Pilot Rock Police Chief Bill Caldera said brought Bergstad into Pendleton and got him in touch with the American Red Cross for aid.

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**BRIEFLY**

**Sales vendor falsely representing school district**

HERMISTON — Hermiston School District is warning that a company selling advertisements on sports posters in not affiliated with the district.

According to a news release from the district, a salesman contacting local businesses about buying advertising is falsely claiming to be a representative of Hermiston High School. However, he is not connected to the school district and no money from the advertising will benefit Hermiston students or sports teams.

Ad sales for the 2016-2017 Hermiston High School sports calendar has already been completed, and any

requests for future advertising or sponsorship will come from athletics director Larry Usher or athletics secretary Lindy Thompson.

**Corps award contract for repairs to McNary Dam**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has awarded a \$505,000 grant to Marine Industrial Construction, of Wilsonville, to make several repairs to the downstream gate at the McNary Dam navigation lock.

The lock went into service in 1953, and some of the components being replaced are more than 60 years old. The lock chamber

is 86 feet wide by 675 feet long, with a normal operating lift of about 75 feet.

The project will coincide with an extended lock outage for Columbia and Snake river dams, running 14 weeks from Dec. 12 through March 20, 2017. Closures are

being coordinated between the Army Corps' Portland and Walla Walla districts to accomplish much-needed repairs, while minimizing impact on river users.

For more information, visit [www.nw.usace.army.mil](http://www.nw.usace.army.mil).

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**Veterans Day Tribute**

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Join us for Veterans Day Wednesday, November 9 in the Hermiston Herald and Friday, November 11 in the East Oregonian, as we honor the men and women of the U.S. Military. Their courage, hard work and sacrifice are the backbone of our nation, protecting freedom, liberty, justice and all we hold dear.

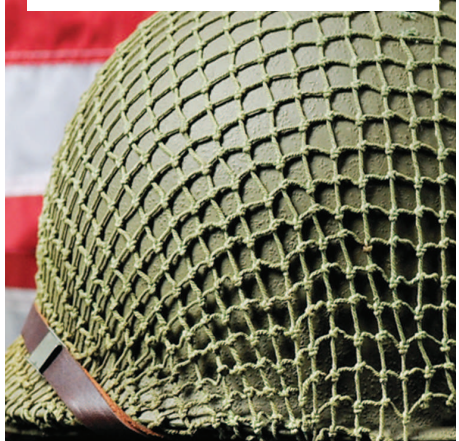
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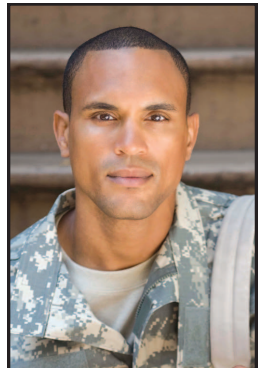


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