

PENDLETON

# Drug team busts Wicked Kitty owner

Sept. search found methamphetamine, marijuana, more

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The local drug trafficking task force took down a downtown Pendleton business owner.

Jason R. Lybrand, 45, owner of Wicked Kitty Tattoo & Piercing, faces felony charges of delivery and possession of methamphetamine (two counts each), possession of a controlled Schedule II substance, and misdemeanors of unlawful delivery of marijuana and possession of a Schedule IV controlled substance.

He is in the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton, in lieu of \$80,000 bail.

Pendleton Police Chief Stuart Roberts said the Blue Mountain Enforcement Narcotics Team began investigating Lybrand earlier this year, culminating in a court-approved search of his vehicles on Sept. 12. Roberts, who oversees the team, said the search revealed 11.7 grams of methamphetamine, 10.3 pounds of marijuana, 372 prescription pills, two vials of liquid methamphetamine, two sets of scales, three rifles and two handguns, plus paraphernalia with meth residue and \$7,590 in cash.

Lybrand ended up in jail the same week as the search. Roberts said that was due to Lybrand violating a court order out of Multnomah County.

BENT sent evidence from the seizure to the Oregon State Police Forensic Services Division for testing and analysis, Roberts said, and a Umatilla County grand jury reviewed the case Tuesday and indicted Lybrand on the charges.

As soon as police had the indictment, he said, they asked for an arrest warrant. Police documents show task force members arrested Lybrand at 4:28 p.m. Tuesday at his business, 132 S. Main St.

Roberts explained the Schedule II and Schedule IV charges stemmed from some of the pills. And some of the marijuana from the September search was in packages and ready for ship-

ping out of state.

"The investigation is ongoing because there are a lot of legs on this," Roberts said.

That includes a financial review of Wicked Kitty's books to see if Lybrand used the business to launder drug money, Roberts said.

Lybrand is the father of two teenage children who live with their mother. Court records show he "has not exercised parenting time with his children since January 2015." And since February 2016 he was ordered to pay \$660 a month in child support, but in July the children's mother wrote to Lybrand's attorney stressing the need to pay his child support.

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Lybrand

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# Land across from prison to be marketed to housing developers

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Pendleton city officials think they've found land for the next major housing development at the site of a former mental health facility.

Without objection from the Pendleton City Council, City Manager Robb Corbett said at a work session Tuesday he would start marketing the former site for the Eastern Oregon Training Center to housing developers.

Mayor Phillip Houk liked the idea.

"I personally think that's a perfect spot for all kinds of apartments," he said. "It's across the street from

the prison, it's close to the college, no one is going to complain too much about it. It's in a location where you can get to a lot of locations."

Corbett said nearby Blue Mountain Community College is not interested in building dorms on the property, although he has fielded previous interest in developing the property for housing.

"We'd maybe be willing to give up some value if we could get some affordable housing and we could get something that could complement the college campus. If someone puts apartments there, I could see that it would be very attractive to college students," he

said. "Having a connection with the college could make it even more attractive. Some developers are just going to come in and they're not going to think about the connection. They're just going to want to slap something up and make a buck."

Mayor-elect John Turner said the land could be used for either an apartment complex or townhouses.

Councilor Paul Chalmers said he was interested in whether the housing could be sold and become owner-occupied, rather than rentals. But Economic Development Director Steve Chrisman said the land's proximity to the Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution would make that

less than ideal.

"I think ... staring into a prison is going to be tough sell," he said. "That's a deficient piece of property from a high-end residential standpoint."

With positions open at nearby Keystone RV Co. and Newlyweds Foods, and BMCC scholarship athletes in need of housing, Chrisman said apartment rentals would be more appropriate.

The city acquired the 10-acre plot north of Westgate for free after the state shuttered and demolished the facility.

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# Photography workshop focuses on Boardman tree farm

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The changing fall colors at the Greenwood Resources tree farm near Boardman will make a picture perfect venue for an upcoming photography workshop.

Offered through Hermiston Parks & Recreation, special permission has been arranged for the class, which will be 4-7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25. Participants will meet at Hermiston City Hall, 180 N.E. Second St., for the outing. Open to ages 16 and up, the cost is \$15 for Hermiston residents and \$19 for non-residents.

Participants will be taught how to use manual settings, learn about aperture, shutter speed, ISO and saturation to capture the vivid fall foliage colors. Those attending the class must have a DSLR (digital single-lens reflex) camera.

The registration deadline is Friday, Oct. 21. To register, visit [www.hermistonrecreation.com](http://www.hermistonrecreation.com) and click on "Program Registration," call 541-667-5018 or stop by the recreation office, 180 N.E. Second St., Hermiston.



Poplar trees shimmer in the sun at the Greenwood Resources Tree Farm near Boardman. Shutterbugs will have an opportunity to take fall foliage photos at the site during an upcoming photography workshop.

HERMISTON

# County counts down last days of fair manager

Move to EOTEC eliminates position

By PHIL WRIGHT  
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Don Slone's job as Umatilla County Fair manager comes to an end Saturday, along with Ed Peterson's position as head of fair maintenance.

County Commissioner Larry Givens said moving the fair to the Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center, Hermiston, means the county no longer needs to fund the positions.

"We don't have a fairgrounds any more," Givens said. "And a lot of the fair manager position was over-

seeing the grounds."

The county hired Slone and Peterson in February. County counsel Doug Olsen said the fair manager made \$5,181 a month and the maintenance lead made \$2,934. Givens said there have been no decisions on who will manage the 2017 fair and who will pay for that work. The city of Hermiston and Umatilla County are co-owners of EOTEC.

The fair's office assistant, Angie McNalley, will keep her job. Olsen said she is the lone county employee working at EOTEC

The county planned to extend its lease for the old fair site, which the Hermiston School District now owns, to accommodate a horse sale and collegiate rodeo. But Givens said the school district, which bought the property, decided not to extend the lease.

Not being able to extend the lease has some cost advantages.

"Economically, it makes more sense for us to put our efforts into getting the fair moved," he said.

Groundbreaking is underway on the rodeo arena, he said, which will be home to the Farm-City Pro Rodeo. After that, barns will be built for the 2017 fair. The county also is creating storage facilities at EOTEC to house fair materials.

The bi-monthly EOTEC board meeting was rescheduled from this Friday to Friday, Oct. 21.



Slone

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In this Aug. 24 file photo, a plane drops fire retardant near the northwest side of Owyhee Canyon south of Vale. ODF declared an end to fire season Thursday.

# Fire season ends on ODF land

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As of Thursday morning, fire season has come to an end on the Oregon Department of Forestry's Northeast Oregon District.

The district includes roughly 2 million acres of private, state, county, municipal and tribal forestland in Umatilla, Union, Baker, and Wallowa counties, as well as small portions of Grant, Morrow and Malheur counties.

ODF declared fire season June 28 in the district, which saw a total of 38 fires that burned 871 acres — well below the district's 10-year average of 7,500 acres. Fourteen fires were started by lightning, which is the lowest number since 1960.

Cooler, wetter weather is now in the forecast,

though Mitch Williams, wildland fire supervisor in La Grande, cautioned that conditions can change quickly. Williams urged landowners to remain vigilant, especially when burning slash piles.

"If we have periods of warming and drying later in the fall, it's essential for landowners to go out and check slash piles for remaining heat that could cause a problem," he said. "It's not uncommon for us to be fighting escaped slash fires in late October and November."

Slash burns must be registered with the local ODF office at least seven days prior to burning. Landowners should also check with their rural, city or tribal fire departments for further burning restrictions.

MISSION

# Tanya Tucker concert postponed

Show rescheduled for Jan. 8 due to medical emergency

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Country music star Tanya Tucker was forced to postpone her Saturday, Oct. 15 concert at Wildhorse Resort & Casino due to a medical emergency.

The show is rescheduled for Sunday, Jan. 8, 2017. Tickets for the October show will be honored for the January date. Juliana Luke, Wildhorse events manager, said the time of the rescheduled show and further details will be announced as soon as possible.

Tucker has been hospitalized with an upper respiratory infection and needs to focus on her health, Luke said.

"I cannot apologize enough to all the fans who bought tickets and were looking forward to seeing us on the road," Tucker said. "I just feel terrible, but I'll get even worse if I don't take care of myself. I love you all."

Ticket holders who plan to attend the January

concert date don't need to take any action. They can simply present their ticket, which was dated for the Oct. 15 show, at the door of the rescheduled show.

Those with tickets who can't attend the Jan. 8 concert who would like a refund need to return to the place of their purchase. Refunds must be requested prior to Thursday, Nov. 10:

•For internet ticket orders, visit [www.wildhorseresort.com](http://www.wildhorseresort.com) and follow the directions. Cards will be credited the full amount of purchase — allow 5-10 business days for the credit to appear on the account.

•Tickets purchased at the Wildhorse Gift Shop need to be returned by the person who made the purchase. Tickets will be refunded by the same payment method as the original purchase. Tickets must be surrendered at the time of refund.

For those who made hotel reservations at Wildhorse for the Oct. 15 show, reservations can be canceled by calling 800-654-9453.

For other questions or concerns, contact [events@wildhorseresort.com](mailto:events@wildhorseresort.com).



Tucker

Submit community information to: [community@eastoregonian.com](mailto: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.

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