

PENDLETON

Fall festival features family fun

Fundraiser to help support Harris Junior Academy

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Everything from pillow fights and face painting to a petting zoo and craft tables are planned during the Fall Festival at Harris Junior Academy.

The public is invited to enjoy the family-friendly event Saturday at the school, 3121 S.W. Hailey Ave., Pendleton. Dinner will be served from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria and festival fun runs from 7-9 p.m. in the gymnasium.

A meal featuring a veggie burger, tater tots, corn on the cob and a root beer or orange float is \$7 per person or \$25 for a family. Tickets for games and activities are 25 cents each. Kids can slide and jump to their heart's content



Contributed photo by Shannon Whidden

Faith Carrothers and a friend participate in the log sawing during the 2015 Fall Festival at Harris Junior Academy. The public is invited to this year's event Saturday at the school in Pendleton.

on an inflatable slide and bouncy house. Also, people can put their friends in the "slammer" at the jailhouse booth. Elizabeth Cook, the academy's home and school

leader, said there are a variety of activities for all ages.

"Come enjoy affordable fun for the entire family," she said.

In its 13th year, the event

is a major fundraiser to help support Harris Junior Academy, a faith-based school affiliated with the Seventh-day Adventist Church. It serves children from kindergarten through eighth grade.

In addition, it offers a Student Education Connection that provides supervised space for online students through 12th grade. The program also features classes in physical education, the Bible, music and shop, as well as regular assemblies and educational tours.

For more information about the Fall Festival, call 541-276-0615 or visit Facebook. For more about the school, go to www.harris-junioracademy.org or email office@harrisjunioracademy.org.

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BOARDMAN

Head-on crash kills two on I-84

By PHIL WRIGHT
East Oregonian

A Stanfield man was one of two victims killed Monday night in a head-on crash near Boardman.

The deadly wreck happened around 7:30 p.m. on Interstate 84 near milepost 167, Oregon State Police reported Tuesday, when Clifford Ammons, 77, of Reedsport, drove a 2009 Honda Ridgeline westbound in the eastbound lane and smashed head-on into a 2005 Ford Mustang.

Francisco Ramirez, 27, of Stanfield, drove the Mustang, according to state police. Ramirez and Ammons were the only people in their vehicles and died at the scene.

A dog, though, was in the Honda and suffered an injury. The animal was taken for treatment to the Hermiston Veterinary Clinic, 1995 S. Highway 395, Hermiston.

State authorities closed the Interstate for approxi-

mately four-and-half hours so emergency workers could free the bodies and for the crash investigation and removal of debris.

State police also reported troopers think the Honda Ridgeline entered the Interstate the wrong way at the Highway 730 interchange near milepost 168. The agency asked witnesses who saw the vehicle traveling the wrong way prior to the crash to contact the Oregon State Police Pendleton Area Command at 541-278-4090.

Multiple agencies responded to the crash, including the sheriff's offices of Morrow and Umatilla counties, Boardman police and fire and the Oregon Department of Transportation. State police also acknowledged the Douglas County Sheriff's Office for contacting relatives of the victims.

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HERMISTON

Interactive GIS maps now available online

By JADE MCDOWELL
East Oregonian

Hermiston residents have more information about their city at their fingertips than ever before, thanks to Geographic Information Systems technology.

GIS mapping is a computer system that ties sets of data to geographic locations, generating interactive maps. If users click on various parts of the map they might bring up information about who owns a tax lot or how many crashes have happened on a certain road, for example.

The city of Hermiston recently made eight different GIS maps available online at www.hermiston.or.us/planning/maps.

Other interactive maps show data on city council wards, tax lots, zoning, buildable acres inside the urban growth boundary, census data, floodplains,

urban renewal projects and GIS maps from other counties in Oregon.

Clint Spencer, city planning director, told the city council during a workshop Monday that adopting the GIS technology makes planning information much more accessible to citizens, who can now pull up ownership, zoning and appraisal information on any tax lot from the comfort of their home.

"I wouldn't say it was impossible before, but it was time-consuming," he said. "Before, all we had was the big map books, and they didn't fit in a copier."

Spencer said the city also has a big printer now that can print off large versions of the maps generated. He said the planning department has printed off large city maps for other departments like Parks and Recreation, and for businesses like pizza chains that want to use them to plan their deliveries.

The city has also generated maps for internal use, such as mapping the municipal water system and age of pipes.

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Riders in the sky

Riders warm up Saturday before the final race of the 2016 season at the Pilot Rock Bike Pit.

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BRIEFLY

Soup's on during annual DVS fundraiser

PENDLETON — People are invited to enjoy delectable soups and keep the bowl during the Soup Bowl Supper.

In its 12th year, the Domestic Violence Services fundraiser also features a silent auction, prize games and mystery envelopes. People are invited to enjoy the meal and learn more about the organization Friday at 5:30 p.m. at the Pendleton Convention Center, 1601 Westgate. The cost is \$25 — and people get to keep their hand-crafted bowl. A table of eight can be reserved for \$150, a savings of \$50.

Money raised will go to support the mission of Domestic Violence Services, which has shelters in Hermiston and Pendleton. The nonprofit organization provides help to all victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. In addition to the shelters, the agency provides a 24-hour crisis line, safety planning, peer support and referrals for temporary emergency

shelter for adult males.

For more information, contact, 541-276-3322, sharon@dvs-or.org or visit www.dvs-or.org. In addition, tickets can be purchased on the website.

Free meeting provides Medicare information

PENDLETON — Area residents can learn about upcoming Medicare changes for 2017 during a pair of meetings in Pendleton.

Information about Medicare Advantage Plans and Medicare Supplemental Plans will be discussed Saturday at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Vert Auditorium, 345 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Also, a sales representative will be on hand with information and applications. There is no admission charge.

Participants can get questions answered regarding if their plan is leaving the area, what their options are, what discounts may be available and how they can qualify for help with Medicare premiums.

Those planning to attend

are asked to RSVP by calling 503-381-0888 or 800-691-5501.

Hospital auxiliary preview sale will provide bargains

HERMISTON — The annual Christmas Preview Sale of the Good Shepherd Medical Center Gift Shop will provide holiday bargains.

A fundraiser for the hospital auxiliary, money is raised to help provide scholarships for those pursuing a medical career and needed equipment at Good Shepherd. The sale features a 10 percent discount Thursday, Nov. 3 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the hospital's pharmacy lobby, 610 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston.

June Rosenberg said the sale has gifts for everyone and encourages people to do their Christmas shopping early. For more information, contact juner1942@gmail.com.

Gym open for people with special needs

PENDLETON — With the fall season returning, the Special Needs Open Gym is up and running again.

People with special needs and their family or caregivers are invited to participate in gym activities or use equipment. The free sessions are Sundays from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave. The activity continues through May.

For more information, visit www.pendletonparksandrec.com or call 541-276-8100.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Kellen Fairchild

WESTON-McEWEN HIGH SCHOOL

Kellen is a senior at Weston-McEwen High School with 4.05 GPA. Kellen participates in many activities at school including pep band, pipes and drums, cross country, tennis and is a member of the National Honor Society. He is very active in both church and community activities as well as volunteering his time to help senior citizens. After graduation Kellen plans on attending either Northwest Nazarene University or Eastern Oregon University.

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