

**BOARDMAN**

# Transient jailed after trying to set fire to gas station

East Oregonian

People at the Irrigon Shell station helped subdue a man who tried to set it on fire, Morrow County District Attorney Justin Nelson reported. The suspect, Ramiro Rosales, 36, is cooling off in the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton. A caller at 4:08 p.m. Sunday reported a man had a knife and was trying to set fire to the station. Nelson said Rosales, a transient from the Yakima, Washington, area, cut a diesel line and tried to set the fuel on fire.



Rosales

chase, Nelson said, and Rosales doused it in fuel and torched it. And Rosales used a pocket knife to wound one man.

Still, Rosales lost in the end, and Monday morning Nelson charged him with the following: two counts of first-degree arson, one each of second-degree assault and unlawful use of a weapon, all felonies, and reckless endangering and two counts of menacing, all misdemeanors.

Nelson said the situation could have been worse given Rosales had a lighter. The prosecutor also questioned if Rosales might suffer from a mental illness or other problems. What Rosales did, Nelson said, "doesn't make rational sense."

People at the station tried to stop Rosales, and he retaliated, according to the district attorney.

One employee lost a shoe during the ensuing

# Body found near Columbia River

By PHIL WRIGHT  
East Oregonian

The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office is investigating a body found at the Sand Station Recreation Area on the Columbia River off Highway 730 about 10 miles northeast of Hermiston.

Undersheriff Jim Littlefield said the medical examiner's office was working to identify the body Monday and waiting for results of fingerprints. He also said there was no indication of any threat to the public.

Police from Richland, Washington, were at the scene Saturday morning investigating a missing person case but didn't say if there was a connection. Littlefield said the Richland Police Department asked the sheriff's office to withhold information that could have an effect on that case.

Police sources reported someone stopped to use the facilities at Sand Station, but they were closed or unavailable due to cleaning. While seeking a place for relief, the person happened upon the body at about 12:30 p.m. Friday.

Oregon State Police Sgt. Seth Cooney said one



Staff photo by Phil Wright  
**Umatilla County Sheriff Terry Rowan confirmed Friday night a body was found at the Sand Station Recreation Area on the Columbia River several miles northeast of Hermiston. The sheriff's office has not released more information.**

trooper responded at about 1:05 p.m. to secure the scene. Cooney and other sources reported the sheriff's office did not activate the local major crimes team.

Four members of the Richland police used search poles and metal detectors to check the north end of the park. They showed no sign

of finding anything and left a little before noon.

The Army Corps of Engineers oversees the recreation area and closed it to camping at the end of September. The Corps is redesigning the RV camping area and restoring or removing campsites that have eroded. Tractor tracks and other sign of heavy

equipment are visible on the rest area's grass and sand.

Transients and the homeless were regular campers at Sand Station until the Corps shut that down for the construction. Corps spokesperson Bruce Henrickson has said the federal agency does not know how long that work will take.

**PENDLETON**

# Gas leak prompts evacuation at vet clinic

By PHIL WRIGHT  
East Oregonian

The Pendleton Fire Department averted disaster Monday morning at the Pendleton Veterinary Clinic.

The department at 7:50 a.m. responded to the animal facility at 1901 S.W. Court Ave., Pendleton, after employees reported a strong smell of natural gas filled the building. Pendleton fire chief Mike Ciraulo said it was a good thing they called.

"The building was charged with natural gas, it was a very dangerous situation," he said. "It was at the explosion level."

A natural gas leak caused

the Oct. 19 explosion that tore apart a building in northwest Portland, damaged several others and injured eight people, including three firefighters.

A spark or flame could have meant a similar fate for the vet clinic, Ciraulo said, but employees at the clinic did a fair job of evacuating. Firefighters shut off the gas, opened an entrance and exit, and blew air through the building to clear out the gas.

Ciraulo also said a crew from the gas company would assess the situation and make any repairs.

Ciraulo also gave advice for anyone in this situation: "If you smell gas, get out."

**HERMISTON**

# New pediatrician taking patients at Good Shepherd

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Hermiston has a new pediatrician in Daniel G. Canal, M.D., who joined Good Shepherd Medical Group Pediatrics practice recently.

Canal comes to Hermiston from St. Louis, Missouri. He said in a news release that he was drawn to Hermiston's location, which provides opportunities for outdoor recreation but also exploration of Portland and other Pacific Northwest cities. He also was impressed by the staff at Good Shepherd Health Care System and their dedication to finding the right physician for the community.

Canal said he takes a holistic approach to care, working with children and their caregivers to help them maintain healthy lifestyle habits they can carry into adulthood.

"Bottom line, I care about a child's future," he said in a statement. "I will work with parents to understand potential health issues, illnesses, and hazards — and be their pediatric support for years to come."

Canal, who is bilingual, is accepting new patients from infants through pre-college age, at 600 N.W. 11th St. Suite E-33. To schedule an appointment call 541-667-3740 or go online at [www.gshealth.org](http://www.gshealth.org).

# Umatilla County Fair seeks court applicants

The Umatilla County Fair is seeking applicants for the 2017 court.

The program is open to Umatilla County students enrolled in ninth through 12th grade, who are between the ages of 14 and 19.

This is a great opportunity for young people to represent Umatilla County not only during the week of fair in August, but at parades and other functions throughout Eastern Oregon and Washington in 2017, said Angie McNalley, administrative assistant.

Fair court applications are due Friday, Nov. 18 by 5 p.m. at the fair office. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. Fair staff will contact all accepted applicants to schedule interviews.

Applications are available at the fair office, 515 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston, and under "Forms" at [www.umatillacounty.net/fair](http://www.umatillacounty.net/fair).

For additional information, contact the Fair Office at 541-567-6121 or [angie.mcnalley@umatillacounty.net](mailto:angie.mcnalley@umatillacounty.net).

# Library program cooks up healthy holiday treats

PENDLETON — A special class that features information on how to make lower-calorie, yet tasty, food options will be offered at the Pendleton Public Library.

**BRIEFLY**



File photo

**Members of the 2014 Umatilla County Fair court throw candy during Stanfield's annual Fourth of July parade. Applications are being accepted for the 2017 fair court.**

Christine Guenther, dietitian at St. Anthony Hospital, will present Healthy Alternatives for Holiday Treats Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Recipes and food samples will be provided.

For more information, call 541-966-0380. [www.pendletonlibrary.weebly.com](http://www.pendletonlibrary.weebly.com).

The no-host luncheon is Thursday at 11:45 a.m. at the Red Lion, 304 S.E. Nye Ave., Pendleton. The cost is \$11.

Knight, whose wife, Amy, is also a veteran of the Marines, will share a story of love and war. He will talk about his experiences in Iraq and how he is currently

serving area veterans.

For more information or to RSVP, contact [rounduprepublicanwomen@hushmail.com](mailto:rounduprepublicanwomen@hushmail.com) or 541-276-1206. For more about Amy and Zach's story, visit [www.womansday.com/life/real-women/a4214/love-war-from-marines-to-marriage-99523](http://www.womansday.com/life/real-women/a4214/love-war-from-marines-to-marriage-99523).

# Bird club hosts annual auction, potluck

PENDLETON — The annual raffle and auction of the Pendleton Bird Club is this week.

The public is invited to attend the gathering, which starts with a potluck meal Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the First Christian church, 215 N. Main St., Pendleton. Those planning to attend are invited to bring a dish to share.

For more information, contact [lorawaltz@gmail.com](mailto:lorawaltz@gmail.com).

# Veteran to share at Republican women's meeting

PENDLETON — Zach Knight, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran and current employee of the Blue Mountain Action Council, is the guest speaker during the November Round Up Republican Women's meeting.

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