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Your Weekend



- **The Prom is Afoot!**
- **Saturday in Pendleton**
- **National March for Equality on Sunday**
- **Music in the Park series**
- **Sunday in Heppner**

For times and places see **Coming Events, 6A**

Catch a movie



Universal Pictures via AP

Well-preserved Tom Cruise releases a violent magic princess on the city of London in "The Mummy."

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Weekend Weather

Fri	Sat	Sun
64/43	66/43	66/49

PENDLETON Cason's Place finds a home

By **ANTONIO SIERRA**
East Oregonian

Cason's Place now has a place to call home.

The board for the nonprofit that provides grief support for children and families was recently granted a former Pendleton orthopedic office on Southeast Court Avenue owned by St. Anthony Hospital.

Debbie McBee, a Cason's Place board member, said the donation of property by St. Anthony was "huge" for the organization, which plans to open the new facility in the remodeled building over the summer.

Cason's Place was started by Matt Terjeson and Jan Peterson-Terjeson after their 16-year-old son Cason died in a Helix farming accident in 2007.

During the grieving process, Cason's family found a source of support in

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PENDLETON

Back-to-back vehicle fires clog traffic

By **PHIL WRIGHT**
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Two westbound vehicle fires Thursday morning in Pendleton snarled traffic and required a hazardous material crew. No one was injured in either blaze.

The Pendleton Fire Department kicked off its morning responding at 8:39 a.m. to a semitrailer fire on Interstate 84 near milepost 207 on the outskirts of the city's west end. Pendleton Fire Chief Mike Ciraulo said he was first on the scene after leaving a ceremony moments before at Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution on Pendleton's Westgate Drive.

Ciraulo said he saw the semi's brakes and tires aflame, grabbed the driver and asked for the manifest. The document

revealed the semi contained a mix of items, he said, including a food additive that was hazardous to inhale and 3,000 pounds of cigarette lighters, which were exploding. And the trailer carried small propane cylinders that exploded and started a field fire on the north side.

"We saw we had so many different chemicals, and you mix them and you have a new chemical," Ciraulo said.

That triggered a warning for people within a half-mile radius to shelter in place, he said, which covered the Pendleton Bottling Co., Hodgen Distributing and businesses on the lower parts of Airport Hill.

Firefighters had the driver disconnect

See **FIRES/3A**



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Flames erupt from a recreational vehicle as firefighters attempt to extinguish the blaze on Southwest Court Avenue on Thursday in Pendleton.



Children play in a pair of misters in Village Square Park during the Mid-Week Market on Wednesday in Umatilla.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

UMATILLA TOGETHER

Residents engaging in community in new way, downtown revitalization sparks interest

By **JADE MCDOWELL**
East Oregonian

Community engagement is a favorite buzzword of city governments, but it's best way to describe what's going on in Umatilla.

A few years ago city councilors ran unopposed — if any ran at all — and audience numbers at council meetings were in the single digits. Tuesday night an audience of about 30 people watched eight candidates vie for two open seats. An hour before that meeting, there were more than 50 people in the council chambers listening to a presentation about Umatilla's new downtown

revitalization plan.

"Let's get our unified vision and see if we can make it come together for this community," planning commission chair Boyd Sharp told the group, eliciting a round of applause. "I think we have an opportunity like never before."

The council chambers aren't the only place Umatilla residents gathered this week. On Wednesday, residents were out enjoying the sunshine in Village Square Park, formerly an empty lot across from the Umatilla Public Library, where the city's new Mid-Week Market

See **UMATILLA/10A**



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

This is the second week for the fledgling Mid-Week Market in Umatilla.

PENDLETON

Prison employee receives awards for heroism during fire

By **KATHY ANEY**
East Oregonian

Pendleton Fire Chief Mike Ciraulo doesn't condone the idea of anyone other than a properly equipped firefighter entering a burning building.

"Statistically, if you go back inside a burning building, you will die," Ciraulo said.

But the night of March 29 wasn't a normal night. While Pendleton firefighters fought a blaze in the Riverside area on the east side of town, the call came in that a building at the Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution had caught fire.

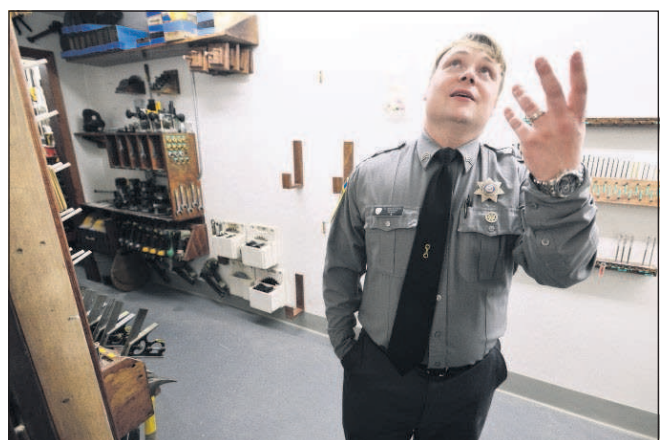
"All available resources were tied up when the report of the EOCI fire came in," Ciraulo said. "It

was horrible timing with concurrent fires."

During the delay, EOCI Corrections Sgt. Eli Anderson kept the fire in the prison carpentry shop confined to a small area by repeatedly entering the building with fire extinguishers.

On Monday, Anderson

See **PRISON/10A**



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Sgt. Eli Anderson gestures towards the ceiling while describing the fire that burned through this wood shop March 29 at the Eastern Oregon Correctional Institute in Pendleton. Anderson re-entered this burning shop multiple times in an attempt to contain the fire.

