

HERMISTON

Treasure hunt leads to ice cream party

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Staff photo by Tammy Malgesini
The person who finds this golden medallion, which is hidden somewhere on public property in Hermiston, wins a National Night Out ice cream social block party Tuesday, Aug. 1.

Clue No. 1

**Look up, look down
Look all around
You could be rockin'
really good
With the ice cream
party in your 'hood**

With National Night Out just around the corner the city of Hermiston, the *East Oregonian* and the *Hermiston Herald* are gearing up for the annual treasure hunt.

Tim Mears, training officer/evidence custodian with Hermiston Police Department, hid a golden medallion as part of the annual National Night Out festivities in Hermiston. Attached to a red, white and blue ribbon, it's about 3 inches in diameter. In his first year involved with the treasure hunt, Mears said it should be fun for those who look for the hidden medallion.

"What kid didn't like to play hide and seek?" he said.

Annual National Night Out activities have been going on across the country for 34 years and this is Hermiston's 19th year of participating. The event, Mears said, helps introduce neighbors to each other, which helps in reducing crime. It also provides an opportunity for police and firefighters to visit with citizens in a laid-back setting.

"It's a time to provide positive interaction with law enforcement and fire personnel," Mears said. "People can get to know each other in a relaxed atmosphere."

The purpose of National Night Out is to encourage people to get acquainted with their neighbors. Studies show that people take more ownership in their neighborhoods when they know who lives there. Opportunities for crime are reduced when neighbors are more aware of who belongs and their comings and goings.

The city of Hermiston will treat the person who finds the medallion to an ice cream social block party Tuesday,

Aug. 1.

City councilors, city officials and emergency responders will serve ice cream at the winner's party.

The *EO* is publishing clues each day until someone finds the medallion. In addition, a bonus clue can be found on the front page of Wednesday's *Hermiston Herald*.

Mears encourages people to get in touch with their inner Sherlock Holmes. The clues may refer to Hermiston history, song lyrics, books, movies or people.

Treasure hunt rules:

•The medallion is located on public property. Although

not in plain view, searchers won't have to dig to find it.

•Participants must live in Hermiston. Employees and immediate family members, or independent contractors, of the Hermiston Police Department, *East Oregonian* and *Hermiston Herald* are ineligible.

•The medallion is hidden in the city.

The finder will not have to leave property that is publicly owned or controlled by a public agency to find it.

•The person who finds the medallion must immediately take it to the Hermiston Police Department, 330 S. First St. If it's found after 6 p.m., the person needs to call 541-667-5112 and leave a message for Mears.

•The winner acknowledges, by participating in the treasure hunt, the *EO* will publish his or her name and picture, and the winner will participate in the National Night Out activities.

Judge denies request to ease Logman's 24-hour supervision

Bipolar woman cut throat of man who stopped to give ride

By **KATHY ANEY**
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The case of Vanessa Logman inched forward on Monday with another pre-trial hearing.

The mother of four attacked a Good Samaritan who stopped to give her and her sons a ride near Pilot Rock on June 4, 2016. The Pendleton woman pulled a knife from her purse and cut the throat of Bill Porter, of Hermiston, and injured his ex-wife Brenda Porter. Logman has undergone psychiatric examinations to determine her mental state during the attack of which she has said she has only fuzzy memories.

The latest psychiatric examination, conducted by a mental health professional from the state's Psychiatric Security Review Board, hasn't yet been filed, though the deadline was June 28, according to Logman's attorney Michael Breiling. Umatilla Circuit Court Judge Daniel J. Hill will consider the coming report when deciding whether Logman should continue to receive psychiatric treatment locally, as she has for more than a year, or be housed at the Oregon State Hospital.

The night before the attack, Logman's husband, Dan, arrived home from work to find dinner prepared and evidence that his boys had been playing in the yard, but no family. Vanessa, who has bipolar disorder, had set off in the family van for Indian Lake with her sons. She took no food, water or camping gear and the Ford Windstar's gas tank was almost empty. The



EO file photo
In this March 2017 file photo, Vanessa Logman stands next to her attorney Michael Breiling during a pre-trial hearing at the Stafford Hansell Government Center in Hermiston.

family slept in the van and, according to Dan, Vanessa progressed to "a full-on delusional state," believing she was being chased.

Vanessa, who previously had only a single traffic violation on her record, doesn't dispute that she did the crime. She seeks a verdict of not guilty by reason of insanity.

Early on, Breiling negotiated terms of release for his client that required 24-hour supervision and medication monitoring by Logman's husband or mother. During Monday's hearing, Breiling asked for an easing of that requirement.

"There have been no issues at all," Breiling said. "We ask that Mr. Logman and her mother still supervise her medications, but that they have a few hours to themselves from time to time."

Jackie Jenkins, who is chief deputy district attorney for Umatilla County, objected to any modification of Logman's terms of release.

"It's great that the defendant has not had any outbursts or violent acts since the time that she

was arrested for stabbing someone in the neck," Jenkins said. "But the state believes that was due in part to the fact that she was supervised. The state has legitimate concerns that this defendant, if left to her own devices, could harm someone."

Judge Hill denied the request.

After the hearing, Dan Logman expressed frustration.

"Obviously we feel differently - that my wife is not a threat," he said. "There were known medication changes going on at the time of the incident that have since been corrected. She has maintained stability every day before and since the incident. Based on that, we feel that she should be granted the conditional release."

He said the past year has been rough on the family.

"We pray for Bill Porter every night," Dan said.

Judge Hill set the next pretrial hearing for 9:30 a.m. on Aug. 28.

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BRIEFLY

Fix pleads not guilty in death of Pilot Rock man

PILOT ROCK — Angela Marie Fix, the 40-year-old Pilot Rock woman charged in the death of Larry Castro, pleaded not guilty Monday to first-degree arson and second-degree manslaughter.

Fix entered the pleas Monday morning during her arraignment in Umatilla County Circuit Court. She remains in Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton, on \$500,000 bond.

A jury trial is scheduled for 9 a.m. Sept. 11-12 before Judge Chris Brauer. A pretrial hearing has also been set for 8:15 a.m. on Aug. 24.

Fix was arrested July 16 for arson following a fire that ravaged Castro's home at 439 S.W. Birch Place, Pilot Rock. Pilot Rock Police Chief Bill Caldera said Castro's body was inside the home. He was 72.

Fix has been assigned an attorney, Kara Davis, from Intermountain Public Defender.



Fix

it would invest nearly \$10 million into the 60-employee Pendleton plant. It closed in February to accommodate the expansion and is slated to reopen in September as the most automated PVC conduit plant in the United States. PVC conduit made up 36 percent of sales of RCMP's sales in 2015.

The end market for most of RCMP's products is residential and commercial construction, as well as recreational vehicles and factory-manufactured housing. The company had an estimated \$99 million in sales last year.

The company also announced it will sell two of its Denver plants to Charlotte Pipe and Foundry Co, a Utah-based company.

Milton-Freewater hires new public works superintendent

MILTON-FREEWATER — Milton-Freewater decided to look internally when selecting a person to replace the city's longtime public works superintendent.

In a press release Monday, the city announced Brian Steadman's promotion to the position.

Steadman is now in charge of the city's water, sewer, vehicle fleet, streets, parks and recreation operations, facilities and storm water management, in addition to several other responsibilities.

Steadman joined the public works department in 2011 as a public works technician, having previously worked in the city's engineering and planning department as an engineering technician.

A McLoughlin High School graduate, he holds associate's degrees in computer-aided drafting technology and civil engineering.

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