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Sabrina Ryan of Hermiston organizes prizes in the Frogger booth in the carnival at the Umatilla County Fair on Tuesday.

FAIR WEATHER FUN

First day in new space full of adjustments, excitement

By JAYATI RAMAKRISHNAN
East Oregonian

During opening day of the Umatilla County Fair, vendors and participants were busy getting used to new things — and preparing for the big crowds to come.

Most people noted that the biggest change this year is the size of the venue: EOTEC.

“It’s a bigger footprint up here,” said Mary Corp, regional administrator for the OSU Extension Service, who oversees 4-H entries for the fair. “People should wear good walking shoes and maybe split it up into a couple of visits.”

Many of the fair’s logistics will be different this year too, such as parking. There are several lots around the EOTEC grounds, and a daily parking pass is \$5. A parking pass for the entire week is \$20. Passes can be purchased from parking lot attendants and must be paid in cash.

Because the space is so large, small trolleys towed by tractors will circle the grounds all week, taking people from the more distant parking lots to the fair



Staff photo E.J. Harris

Caleb Glenn of Hermiston sits in the livestock barn while waiting to compete later in showmanship with his Nubian goat, HannaMay, at the Umatilla County Fair in Hermiston.

entrance.

On Friday and Saturday, Mid-Columbia Bus Company will provide a free shuttle

service between the fairgrounds and four locations in Hermiston: the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce parking lot, the

Hermiston City Hall parking lot, the Walmart Parking lot near

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“Once all the kinks are worked out, it’s going to be absolutely wonderful.”

— Alice Dyer, superintendent of small animals for the fair

Sessions questions Oregon cannabis market

By PARIS ACHEN
Capital Bureau

SALEM — U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions has alleged that Oregon may be violating the Obama administration’s requirements to keep marijuana out of the illicit market.

Sessions sent a letter to Gov. Kate Brown July 24 reiterating the Department of Justice’s authority to enforce the federal ban on marijuana and highlighting ways in which Oregon may have failed to comply with the “Cole memo.”

The memo, issued in 2013, represents the Obama administration’s policy not to prosecute the state legalized market provided that the state has a robust regulatory system that prevents leakage of the drug into the illicit market. Thus far the Trump administration has honored the policy.

The attorney general stated that an Oregon State Police report in January raised “serious questions about the efficacy of marijuana ‘regulatory structures’” in the state. He added that the Cole memo does not preclude DOJ from investigating or prosecuting violations of the federal prohibition.

“Congress has determined that marijuana is a dangerous drug and that the illegal distribution and sale of marijuana is a crime,” Sessions wrote. “The Department remains committed to enforcing the Controlled Substances Act in a manner that efficiently applies our resources to address the most significant threats to public health and safety.”

Sessions, a longtime marijuana foe, did not specify how he intended to act on his authority to enforce the ban. Lauren Ehrsam, a DOJ spokeswoman, declined further comment on the purpose of the letter and the attorney general’s plans to address the concerns outlined in the letter.

As of 5 p.m. Tuesday, Gov. Kate Brown’s office had not responded to multiple messages seeking comment on the letter.

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PENDLETON

Siblings win dance competition in honor of late grandfather

By KATHY ANEY
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Remington and Terika Christensen don’t have the luxury of sibling rivalry. The brother and sister dancers must stay in sync.

The pair recently won their division at a national-level dance competition in Las Vegas with a routine designed to honor their grandfather, Lawrence Wolfgram, who died of cancer in 2015.

“When my grandpa passed away, my mom was going through a hard time,” Remington said. “We wanted to do something to honor him.”

Remington, 15, and Terika, 17, both dance for Pendleton High School’s Rhythmic Mode dance team and the Esprit National Dance Team. They told their coach, Debbie Kishpaugh, owner of Junior Jam Dance,



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For video of the two dancing visit eastoregonian.com

what they had in mind.

Kishpaugh choreographed a routine to the song “Tell your Heart to Beat Again.” Terika begins the performance in a wheelchair, her body and spirit wounded and despairing. As Remington dances with fluid, strong movement around her, he coaxes her from the chair and the two move together in joy. The message is one of encouragement.

“Life is hard. It knocks you down,” Kishpaugh said. “But you can be healed.”

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Remington and Terika Christensen dance together on July 29 at the Tremaine Dance Convention and Competition in Las Vegas.



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