

HERMISTON

Pedestrian struck on Highway 395

By **JAYATI RAMAKRISHNAN**
East Oregonian



Two medics at the scene of a pedestrian-vehicle crash on northbound Highway 395 on Wednesday afternoon. The man, who police did not identify, was flown to Kadlec Regional Medical Center in the Tri-Cities.

Staff photo by Jayati Ramakrishnan

A man was flown by Life Flight to Kadlec Regional Medical Center in the Tri-Cities after he was struck by a car while walking across Highway 395 at about 1:45 p.m. Wednesday.

Police at the scene would not release his name until notifying family, and couldn't confirm his exact injuries.

Oregon State Police Sgt. Seth Cooney said the man was crossing Highway 395 around Bensel Road from west to east and crossed as a white Toyota sedan, driven by Ralph Lortie of Stanfield, was heading north. The car hit the pedestrian, and he was thrown to the shoulder of the road.

Lortie said he saw the pedestrian but couldn't avoid the collision.

"He started walking across the street, and stopped right there on the [median] and looked at the car," Lortie said. "I was almost to a stop, and he walked right out in front of me. He rolled off my hood, and before he hit the ground, I was at a dead stop."

Lortie said he wasn't sure if the man was on his cell

phone, but he didn't seem to realize what was happening. "It appeared that he looked at me," he said.

Lortie said he wasn't sure if the man was conscious after the accident.

"He was rolling his head a little bit, but as far as conscious, I can't confirm or deny that," Lortie said.

The incident was caught on video by a truck driver about 500 feet behind the

Toyota, who had a dashboard camera. Viktor Tarasov downloaded the video for officers.

The video shows the white car approaching the pedestrian, and then the man getting tossed to the side of the road. The white car, as well as a few vehicles driving near it, immediately pulled over.

Northbound traffic was funneled into the left lane,

and southbound traffic was moving normally. The entire highway from Bensel Road to 730 was shut down while the Life Flight helicopter landed on 395 to pick up the injured man. The highway was back open as of 2:30 p.m.

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Murder defendant turns 18, moved to Umatilla County

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Murder defendant Evan John Freel of Milton-Freewater now is in the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton.

Freel was in juvenile custody at the Northern Oregon Regional Correctional Facility, the Dalles. But Tuesday he turned 18, aging up so he now awaits trial while in the local jail.

Freel also has undergone psychological evaluation and treatment at the Oregon State Hospital, Salem, so he could participate in his own defense. Circuit Court Judge Christopher Brauer in September found Freel

had the mental capacity to proceed.

Circuit court records show Freel's next hearing is Nov. 16.

The state has accused Freel of killing his 5-month old son, Dominic, on June 8, 2016. The search warrant affidavit from Milton-Freewater officer Morgan Dunlap stated a medical examination of the baby's body showed multiple injuries consistent with what Freel told police he did to quiet his crying son.

Freel has pleaded not guilty to one count each of murder and first-degree criminal mistreatment in the baby's death.

BRIEFLY

Fundraiser supports young harriers

PENDLETON — A spaghetti dinner fundraiser will support the Sunridge Middle School cross country team.

The fundraiser is Friday from 5-7 p.m. at the Pendleton Masonic Lodge, 1350 N.W. Carden Ave. Cost to attend is \$10 per family.

For ore information, contact Rod Harwood at 541-969-2129.

Library friends host book sale at convention center

PENDLETON — The annual book sale of the Pendleton Friends of the Library kicks off with a preview sale for members.

The member sale is Thursday from 7-9 p.m. at the Pendleton Convention Center, 1601 Westgate.

The sale's regular hours are Friday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The last two hours of the sale features \$1 for a bag of books.

For more information, call the library at 541-966-0380.

Artist's reception highlights eclectic collection

MILTON-FREEWATER — The artwork of Julie Culjak is the focus of a new exhibit and artist's reception Saturday at Arts Portal Gallery, 508 N. Main St.

A reception from 2-4 p.m. will allow the community to "Get into the Spirit" of not only Culjak's jewelry designs, but also abstract acrylic paintings, upcycled wearable art pieces and wreaths made from old books. The reception features activities and treats for all ages, a window decorating competition for local high school students and live music by Jimmye Turner.

For more information, contact the gallery at 541-938-5516.

Mirasol hosts breast cancer awareness event

HERMISTON — A Breast Cancer Awareness Month event features a 5K walk, raffle prizes, games for kids, rock painting for the Hermiston Rock Hunt, face painting and more.

Hosted by Mirasol Family Health Center, the free event is Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the clinic, 589 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston. There is no registration fee. Organizers encourage families, businesses and community groups to register a team and walk together with the community. In addition, several Mirasol providers will provide free breast exams after the 5K.

Free T-shirts will be distributed while supplies last. Also, Starbucks and Fiesta Foods are donating coffee and refreshments.

Registered nurse Claire Miller said early detection can save lives — and her mother is living proof of that. Miller's mother was diagnosed during a routine exam in 2011. She underwent several treatments, including chemotherapy and a double mastectomy to reduce the chance of recurrence.

"Breast cancer screening saved my mom's life," Miller said. "Education and awareness are two of the most important tools we have."

Those who register in advance at www.eventbrite.com will receive an additional raffle ticket. For more information, contact Greg Miller at gregorym@yvfwc.org.

Submit information to: community@eastoregonian.com or drop off to the attention of Tammy Malgesini at 333 E. Main St., Hermiston or Renee Struthers at 211 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton. Call 541-564-4539 or 541-966-0818 with questions.

BOARDMAN

Fall quilt show stitches together creative displays

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Growing up in a family of quilters, Lila Killingbeck completed her first quilt at age 15.

The Boardman woman is the featured quilter for the Boardman Fall Quilt Show. In its 13th year, the event is Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Boardman Senior Center, 100 Tatone St. Admission is \$3, which is good for both days.

In addition to quilt displays — which include keepsake heirloom quilts, contemporary quilts, wall hangings and other quilted

items — the event includes demonstrations, mini workshops, fabric and quilting supply vendors, hourly door prizes, raffle quilts and show awards. Lunch will be available for purchase.

Killingbeck was a Peoples Choice winner during the 2016 quilt show, said Carol Michael of the Boardman Quilt Group. She will share tips and examples of her creations during the event.

In addition to heritage needle arts, Killingbeck enjoys hiking, camping and many other outdoor activities. Since attending school at Eastern Oregon College,

Killingbeck has remained a lifelong resident of Eastern Oregon.

As a stay-at-home mom, Killingbeck began quilting in earnest after her three children left home. At that time she hand quilted most of her work.

Over the years she has worked in many offices, including for Dr. John Page and Dr. Stephen Spike, Oregon Potato, Rivercrest Farms and the city of Boardman. Although Killingbeck retired several years ago as the Boardman city clerk, she still periodically works at Barnett & Moro, P.C., in Hermiston.

The busy and multi-talented woman said she makes time for quilting because she wants to leave something of permanence for her children and grandchildren. Killingbeck said she wants to pass on something made by her own hands, more than just memories of going to an office every day.

For more about the Boardman Fall Quilt Show, contact 541-481-9426, 541-571-7009 or tlkranch@centurytel.net.

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PENDLETON

Oktoberfest flows with food, family fun and beer

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What started as a week-long wedding celebration in 1810 in Munich, Germany, Oktoberfest events have since spread across the globe. Whether or not people don lederhosen, some things remain constant — drinking beer, the sampling of foods and listening to music.

Oktoberfest Pendleton, a family-friendly event, carries on the tradition — offering a variety of beers from at least a dozen breweries from across the state. In addition, food will be plentiful with Hill Meat sausages and other delectable meats, Mario's Basque BBQ, sauerkraut and other salads from The Prodigal Son Brewery & Pub, soft pretzels from Rolling Stone Bakery and various savory selections created by the Pendleton High School culinary team.

Oktoberfest fun also features activities for kids and adults, and evening music by Taylor & the Train Robbers. Former Helix residents Tylor Bushman Ketchum and Jason Bushman bring their band from Boise to perform a unique blend of gritty Americana and outlaw honky tonk. Also, bringing a traditional Bavarian beat to the event are Wallowa County alphornist Bruce Coutant and the Oregon



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Caleb Picken, Art Hill and Jack DeGrofft, all of Pendleton, play cornhole during the 2015 Oktoberfest Pendleton. This year's event is Saturday at the Round-Up Grounds.

East Symphony Oompah Band, who will play polka favorites.

In its third year, Oktoberfest Pendleton is Saturday from noon to 9 p.m. at the Pendleton Round-Up Grounds, 1205 S.W. Court Ave. Tickets are \$12, which includes a glass beer mug and one beer token. Tickets purchased in advance at Prodigal Son are \$10. The cost for those under 21 and non-drinkers is \$5.

Oktoberfest Pendleton raises money for several area organizations. Part of the proceeds from this year's event will go to Keep Pendleton Swimming (the Pendleton Swim Association), the Pendleton City Club, the Pendleton Lions Club and the Children's Museum of Eastern Oregon. Organizers

for the 2015 inaugural Oktoberfest expected 400 people — however, the event drew more than 1,500. In the past two years, Oktoberfest Pendleton has donated more than \$20,000 to local nonprofit organizations.

For more information, contact oktoberfest-pendleton@gmail.com, 541-276-7411 or visit www.facebook.com/oktoberfest-pendleton.

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BOOK SALE!

It is everyone's favorite time of year! The weather is cooling off and it's time for the Annual PFOL book sale.

Thursday, October 12: Member Only Preview Sale 7pm - 9pm
Friday, October 13: Public Sale 10am - 8pm
Saturday, October 14: Public Sale 10am - 2pm
then the \$1 bag sale is from 3pm - 5pm

Located at the Pendleton Convention Center, 1601 Westgate

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