

**STANFIELD**



Staff photo by Jayati Ramakrishnan  
Several volunteers showed up Saturday morning to repaint some of downtown Stanfield's old buildings.

**Residents volunteer to paint town**

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A group of Stanfield residents spent their Saturday repainting three of the town's old buildings in a volunteer event coordinated by the city.

From 9 a.m., about 20 people painted two buildings at the corner of Main Street and West Coe Avenue, formerly the Stanfield City Council chamber and an old

meat market, and planned to paint the old hardware store on Main Street once they were finished.

Scott Morris, a city of Stanfield employee, said he was pleased with the turnout.

"I'm surprised we had such a nice day," he said.

Morris said after seeing how this event went, the city would decide whether to have more volunteer

events for projects around the city.

"There's nothing planned, but I think we will," he said. "There's a couple of other buildings we'd like to take care of."

Nelly Chavez said she decided to come out and support her city.

"I've been a resident for 25 years," she said. "It was time for me to come and help."

**PENDLETON**

**Work begins on century-old water line**

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Repairs to one of the most critical water lines in the city of Pendleton's water system will begin later this week.

Originally installed in 1911 and constructed with cast iron and lead joints, the city shut down flow through the 16-inch pipe that runs under Southeast Third Street after its leaks began to seep to the surface in the area of the railroad tracks near Southeast Frazer Avenue.

Pendleton Public Works Director Bob Patterson said the line is integral to the city's aquifer storage and recovery system, transporting water from a reservoir on South Hill to the rest of the system.

In September, the Pendleton City Council agreed to spend \$1.1 million to fix the

Third Street water line as well as two other nearby water lines in need of repair.

To immediately stop the leaks and reopen the Third Street water line to flow, Patterson said contractors will install a 12-inch polyurethane line within the larger, 16-inch cast iron pipe.

Long-term, the line will need more capacity than the 2,000 gallons per minute the 16-inch line will be able to carry.

Patterson said work crews will return to the line in the spring and insert a special fiberglass pipe that will expand to line the 16-inch cast iron pipe. This will still plug any leaks the cast iron pipe while allowing it to transport water at its full 4,000 gallon-per-minute capacity.

Similar fiberglass pipes will

be installed on South Main Street and Southeast Goodwin Avenue next spring.

The temporary fix for the Third Street line will begin later this week and is scheduled to be finished by Dec. 1.

Patterson said Third Street from Goodwin Avenue to Frazer Avenue will be closed during the project, and traffic will be diverted around the traffic site. A flagger from Union Pacific Railroad will also be on hand to make sure construction doesn't conflict with any passing trains.

Patterson said water was shut off for a small number of customers, including a residence and the Pendleton Floors carpet warehouse. Patterson said those customers will have water redirected from a different source.

**PILOT ROCK**

**City council to vote on wild turkey regulations**

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Pilot Rock City Council again considers two new ordinances dealing with animal control to help tackle the town's infestation of turkeys.

The council meets Tuesday night starting at 7 p.m. at Pilot Rock City Hall. The new animal control law would address trapping in the city limits and establish fines of \$20-\$250 for violations. The second law would prohibit feeding wild turkeys and create fines ranging from \$50-\$250 per offense.

The wild fowl in the small town number in excess of 60, and some Pilot Rock residents

have complained about the birds causing property damage and creating plenty of scat. The council discussed drafts of the ordinances at the Oct. 3 meeting, and decided on a 4-2 vote not to take action at that time. The council, however, asked staff to narrow the focus of the proposals from all wild animals to just turkeys.

The council also has not taken action on how to remedy the town's turkey troubles.

Taylor Wasserman with the nonprofit veterans group Fallen Outdoors offered to help trap, haze and even shoot the birds, according to the Oct. 3 meeting minutes. Pilot Rock

Police Chief Bill Caldera, however, has said he does not want people shooting the birds in town, considering it a safety issue. And Greg Rimbach, state wildlife biologist, recommended against trapping and relocating the turkeys because it is expensive and ineffective.

Aside from turkeys, the council will consider rezoning a couple of tax lots from commercial to light industrial and amending the city's traffic code to include a definition of "personal property." That move would help the police department enforce regulations about storing vehicles on the public right of way.

**BRIEFLY**

**Car hits fire pole, knocks out power in Hermiston**

HERMISTON — About 400 customers in the Westland Road area were without power on Monday afternoon after a car crashed into a power pole on Westland Road around 2:30 p.m.

The road was closed, and traffic was rerouted onto Agnew Road, and power was restored by 5 p.m.

A representative of the Umatilla County Fire District said they didn't believe anyone was injured in the wreck.

**Smith named to new transportation committee**

HEPPNER — After supporting the Oregon Legislature's \$5.3 billion transportation package, state Rep. Greg Smith, R-Heppner was named to the committee in charge of administering it.

Smith's office announced Monday that the nine-term representative had been named to the newly formed Joint Transportation Committee

"It is a great privilege to have been chosen by the Speaker to serve on this committee," Smith said in a statement. "Passing the transportation package during the last legislative session was an incredibly important step for our state, but it was really just the beginning of our work. I look forward to working with my colleagues in the legislature, our state agencies and our local governments to ensure Oregonians' tax dollars are managed wisely, and our constituents receive the best return on investment possible with these new projects."

The package provided funding for congestion relief projects, seismic resiliency efforts, and road and bridge preservation and maintenance. It also includes new oversight and transparency measures for the Oregon Department of Transportation.

Smith was able to help secure \$32 million for House District 57.



Smith



Staff photo by Jayati Ramakrishnan  
A car hit a power pole on Westland Road on Monday afternoon, causing outages for about 400 customers.

**Hansell, Barreto schedule visits with local chambers**

PENDLETON — State Sen. Bill Hansell, R-Athena, and state Rep. Greg Barreto, R-Cove, will be holding a series of meetings with Eastern Oregon chambers of commerce during the second week of November.

Hansell and Barreto will tour cities in Union, Umatilla and Wallowa counties.

• Nov. 8 at 8 a.m.: Pendleton Chamber of Commerce at Hamley Cafe in Pendleton, 16 S.E. Court Ave.

• Nov. 8 at 12 p.m.: Milton-Freewater Chamber of Commerce at Milton-Freewater Community Building Rotary Room, 109 N.E. Fifth Ave.

• Nov. 9 at 8 a.m.: Hermiston Chamber of Commerce at Buttercreek Coffeehouse and Mercantile in Echo, 201 W. Main St.

The pair will also make appearances in Enterprise on Nov. 9 while Barreto will run a meeting solo in La Grande on Nov. 6.

While Hansell represents every area

the legislators will visit, Hermiston and Milton-Freewater are a part of District 57, which is represented by Rep. Greg Smith, R-Heppner, in the state House of Representatives.

Morrow, Gilliam, Sherman and Wasco counties. That earmark included transportation projects in Hermiston, Milton-Freewater and Morrow County.

**Hermiston police arrest drunken brawlers**

HERMISTON — Hermiston Police Chief Jason Edmiston reported officers Friday night arrested two men outside a bar following their drunken brawling.

Two Hermiston men, Cesar Jose Najera,

37, and Isaiah Hilliard, 39, were intoxicated at the Midway Tavern, 1750 N. First St., according to Edmiston, where they harassed, threatened and assaulted several people.

"Hilliard attempted to strangle the bouncer during the incident," Edmiston reported in an email, "and Najera punched the glass door while leaving."

Hermiston officers arrived to the bar at 9:52 p.m. and encountered Najera and Hilliard in the parking lot. Both were intoxicated, Edmiston continued, and Najera struggled with officers before being put in handcuffs and the back of a police car. Edmiston reported police booked Najera and Hilliard into the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton.

Circuit court records show no charges pending for Hilliard from the fracas, but Najera faces initial charges of disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, criminal mischief, three counts of menacing and one count each of fourth-degree and third-degree assault. The final charge is the only felony.

**Fall cleanup returning to Boardman**

BOARDMAN — Boardman residents will once again have the chance to spruce up their homes with free garbage vouchers during a community-wide fall cleanup event in November. A spring cleanup was also held in April.

Vouchers will be provided by the city, with a \$50 limit, valid at the Finley Butte Landfill and North Morrow Transfer Station. Residents can pick up vouchers beginning Tuesday, Oct. 31 at Boardman City Hall, 200 City Center Circle.

For more information about the program, visit city hall or call 541-481-9252.

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By Renee Struthers

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