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142nd Year, No. 23 WINNER OF THE 2017 ONPA GENERAL EXCELLENCE AWARD One dollar

Your Weekend



- J.D. Kindel & the Playboys at Skate City
 - "All in the Timing" at Bob Clapp Theatre
 - Travis Tritt in Concert at Wildhorse
 - Altrusa Holiday Bazaar in Pendleton
 - Willow Creek Symphony Concert in Irigon
- For times and places see Coming Events, 5A

Weekend Weather

Fri	Sat	Sun
49/32	50/30	54/43

Watch a game

Hermiston vs. Wilsonville

Saturday, 5:30 p.m., at Hillsboro Stadium

Impaired drivers a holiday hazard

By PHIL WRIGHT
East Oregonian

Pendleton police have made 119 arrests so far this year for driving under the influence. The department is on track for 136 arrests this year, just one less than 2016.

Hermiston police, however, have had a big drop in DUII arrests, with 50 so far this year compared to 90 for 2016. Hermiston Police Chief Jason Edmiston said impaired drivers are out there, but his department has had a hectic year.

"We have had two retirements, one new officer at the academy, one new lateral officer [an officer from another agency], two extended medical leaves of

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Carl Sampson | August 19, 1933 — November 16, 2017

Sampson leaves legacy of activism

Walla Walla chief bridged cultures, defended tradition

By KATHY ANEY
East Oregonian

Yellowbird has flown away.

Chief Carl Sampson of the Walla Walla Tribe died Wednesday at age 84. His native name, Peo Peo Mox Mox, means yellow bird.

On Thursday, near the family home on South Market Road in Pendleton, Sampson's family and friends started an extended goodbye to the revered hereditary chief.

Behind the house, male family members burned some of Sampson's possessions as is custom. As they placed the chief's bed, a chair, two couches



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and other items in the fire, black smoke rose into a blue sky. Inside the home, Sampson's widow, Arleta, and female members of the family scrubbed the home with rose water, another tradition. Just down the road at son Don

Sampson's home, men set up a longhouse comprised of four teepees for the first of three services in honor of Sampson that night. The chief's grandson, Preston Eagleheart, paused from helping for a moment. He said his grandfather's death will leave a void.

"He was the rock of our family," Eagleheart said.

Sampson was also a rock for the tribe. He served on the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation's Board of Trustees, as chairman of the General Council and on a multitude of committees and councils such as the Hanford Advisory Board and the National Congress of American Indians. He was an activist who called for protection of natural resources and cultural traditions. A few

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A truck and trailer passes in front of a semi-truck at the intersection of Feedville Road and Edwards Road south of Hermiston.



A pair of crosses commemorate two fatalities that happened in 2014 and 2016 at the intersection of Feedville Road and Edwards Road.

DANGEROUS CROSSING

Residents make case for four-way stop at Feedville and Edwards

By JAYATI RAMAKRISHNAN
East Oregonian

Residents on Feedville and South Edwards roads are growing more anxious about the intersection where those roads meet, after a crash last week that sent to two teenagers to the hospital with serious injuries.

The four-way intersection is in rural Umatilla County between Hermiston and Stanfield. South Edwards Road has a stop sign, but Feedville Road does not.

The intersection has been the site of several collisions over the past few years, including fatal ones in March 2014 and September 2016.

Heidi Carver, who lives in the area, said she has been trying to talk to county officials for years, but so far has had no success in getting a four-way stop put in at the intersection.

Carver's husband, Dustin Scott, still remembers the events that led to his accident in September 2016. Scott, driving a Ford pickup west on Feedville Road, T-boned a Chevrolet Impala heading south on South Edwards. The driver of the Impala, a 55-year-old woman, died at the scene. The passenger, a 58-year-old man, was seriously injured.

"There's just a lot more people out there. You just never know if they're going to stop or not."

— Dustin Scott, accident victim

Scott suffered a shattered tibia and several lacerations.

"I was driving into town, it was about 7:45, not quite dark," he said. "I kind of saw the car coming from the right, and it looked like they had their tail lights on and were stopping."

But the car, which was supposed to stop at South Edwards, didn't. Blowing through the sign, they drove out in front of Scott's car before he could brake.

"I remember thinking, 'Are you kidding me?'" Scott said. "Where we ended up is where all the little graves are."

Scott added that he'd never been in an accident before.

"I thought you could hang onto the steering

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