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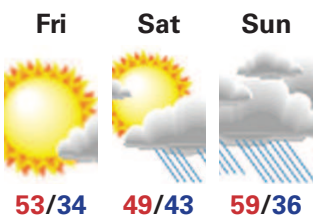
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Disney-Pixar via AP
Aspiring musician Miguel, confronted with his family's ancestral ban on music, enters the Land of the Dead to work out the mystery.
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Weekend Weather



5A football championship



Churchill vs. Hermiston

Saturday, 6 p.m.,
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STANFIELD Dangerous intersection to add two stop signs

By PHIL WRIGHT
East Oregonian

Stanfield residents pushing to make a dangerous crossroads safer got what they wanted. Umatilla County Board of Commissioners voted 3-0 at their meeting Wednesday morning in Pendleton to change the intersection of Feedville and Edwards roads into a four-way stop.

Heidi Carver and Angie Connell of Stanfield said they would be watching to make sure the county made good on its word.

Carver's husband, Dustin Scott, suffered serious injuries in a crash at the intersection in September 2016 when another driver blew through the stop sign at South Edwards. The crash also seriously injured a passenger in that car and killed its driver. And the crash there in early November seriously injured two teenage girls.

"I just feel if that inter-

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HERMISTON

A tradition of giving



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

The Archer family — parents, Adam and Rachel, and daughters Jules and Riley — deliver a Thanksgiving meal to an apartment dweller as part of the free community Thanksgiving dinner at Hermiston High School.

Volunteers provide meals, rides to residents

By JAYATI RAMAKRISHNAN
East Oregonian

In its 30th year, the Hermiston Community Fellowship Dinner was busier than ever. By 10:15, the Hermiston High School commons had already started to fill up for the 11 a.m. meal. Volunteers buzzed around, helping diners to their seats, writing name tags, and packing to-go boxes to take to housebound people.

The Archer family packed Styrofoam boxes into the back of their vehicle, and headed to West Hermiston. They were dropping off Thanksgiving meals, and the four of them — parents Adam and Rachel, and daughters Jules and Riley — knew the drill by now.

"This is our third year," Adam said. "We get a variety of people, from the elderly to just people that can't afford a meal."

The Archers were part of a 100-plus group of volunteers assisting at the twice-yearly community meal, which for the first time was held at the high school, after several years at the Hermiston Senior Center.

Organizer Gary Humphreys said they wouldn't know until the end of the meal, but they were planning to feed 900.

In addition to serving at the high school, drivers took meals to housebound people, and drove people to the meal. Organizers said they deliver meals as far west as Irrigon and south to Echo.

Dozens of others greeted guests, brought food and beverages to people, and toiled in the kitchen.

By noon, the tables were full of people enjoying the meal, with another wave on the way.

The dinner is something of a tradition for many people, both volunteers and visitors.

"I wanted to volunteer," Adam Archer said. "I never got to do this as a kid, so this is my way of giving back to the community."

As they delivered meals and gave rides to people who couldn't drive to dinner, Adam and Rachel explained to their daughters what they

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ECHO

Archie's dishes out free Thanksgiving meal

Diners donate money to local food pantry

By ANTONIO SIERRA
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Pilot Rock is normally considered a sleepy town, but the Thanksgiving Day scene in the downtown area was practically catatonic.

What wasn't already closed shuttered early — Coffee Station No. 1 was closed by 9 a.m., the Family Foods grocery store was done by the early afternoon and anyone who wanted to pump gas at the Shell gas station would have to do so themselves.

Instead of shortened operating hours however, Archie's Restaurant at 194 Main Street offered a special service: a free Thanksgiving meal. For three hours Thursday, co-owners Daniel Contway and Richard Cames offered turkey, mashed potatoes and a full Thanksgiving spread to anyone who stopped by.

Despite not opening until noon, the Archie's staff had been working since 6 a.m. to get the meal ready. As the diners started to trickle in, Contway greets most of them by their first name.

Now in its seventh year, Contway said the Archie's Thanksgiving meal started as a way to offer some sort of



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Richard Cames, co-owner of Archie's Restaurant in Pilot Rock, transfers steaming turkey to the buffet table. The meal was free, but diners could donate to the Pilot Rock Food Pantry.

service to travelers who couldn't find anything else open on Thanksgiving.

The meal evolved further when Archie's partnered with the Pilot Rock Food Pantry in its second year. Archie's would still serve a Thanksgiving meal for free, but patrons would be asked to pay it forward and donate to the food pantry.

Although donating was completely voluntary, the glass vase where donations were accepted already had a hefty amount. Contway said Archie's had already collected \$860 by the time the restaurant opened on Thursday, which meant it was on track to surpass last year's \$1,200 total.

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What net neutrality means in Eastern Oregon

Internet providers respond to potential FCC changes

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"Net neutrality is only a problem when you only have one choice. If you don't like what a company is doing, go to a different company."

— Joe Franell, CEO of Hermiston-based internet provider Eastern Oregon Telecom

The internet is up in arms over net neutrality — and the debate is playing out locally, too.

The discussion has been making the rounds after Federal Communications Commission chairman Ajit Pai announced Tuesday he was recommending the commission reduce regu-

lations on internet service providers, including a Title II protection that designates the internet as a utility like telephone lines. One result would be providers no longer have to treat all web traffic the same, allowing them to prioritize certain

websites over others when it comes to download speed or charge customers more for high-speed access to sites such as Netflix.

Much of the battle over net neutrality boils down to a question of whether government regulation or

free market competition is the more effective means of keeping the internet accessible.

Joe Franell, CEO of Hermiston-based internet service provider Eastern Oregon Telecom, believes competition, not regulatory

control, is the key to a healthy market. For decades the internet was completely unregulated, and he said that's what many people believe allowed it to flourish.

Franell said what Pai is proposing would give providers more flexibility but require them to disclose their practices so consumers could choose companies offering what they were looking for.

"Net neutrality is only a problem when you only have one choice," he said. "If you don't like what a

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