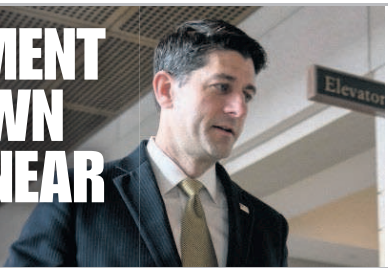




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- Women's March on Pendleton, Saturday
- Cabin Fever Concert Saturday in Hermiston
- Dinner Dance Fundraiser for HHS band

For times and places see Coming Events, 5A

Weekend Weather

Fri	Sat	Sun
48/37	47/35	48/36

HERMISTON

Man steals, crashes cop car



Staff photo by Jayati Ramakrishnan

A sheriff's vehicle sits in a ditch after it was stolen, crashed and abandoned by a thief Thursday morning.

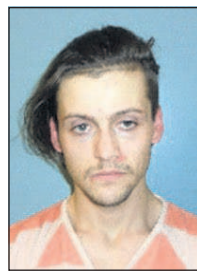
Police find man two hours later after search

By JAYATI RAMAKRISHNAN
East Oregonian

A Hermiston man was arrested twice Thursday: in the morning for burglary and trespassing, and in the afternoon — after stealing and crashing a sheriff's office vehicle and leading police on a two hour manhunt — for escape, vehicle theft and eluding police.

Christopher Phillips, 23, is behind bars at the Umatilla County Jail facing charges on those crimes and possibly more.

Phillips was first arrested at 8:50 a.m.



Phillips

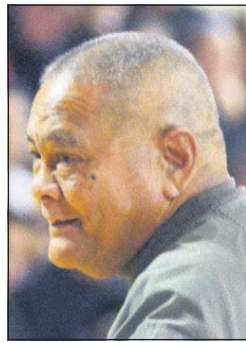
in a vacant house near 33464 E. Punkin Center Road east of Hermiston. The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office had been called to the area on the report of a suspicious vehicle that a 911 caller said might be related to recent burglaries in the area.

Deputy Chris Daugherty responded and found the vehicle, a red 1994 Ford Explorer, as well as Phillips and Tyler Morris, 19.

Daugherty arrested and handcuffed

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ECHO



Nakapalau

Nakapalau resigns his council seat

By JADE MCDOWELL
East Oregonian

Echo city councilor Lou Nakapalau has resigned.

Nakapalau became a divisive figure after making anti-gay comments to a gay filmmaker on Facebook in October. The scrutiny created by the controversy brought to light past felony charges for nine counts of possession of child pornography, for which he was found guilty in Clark County, Washington, in 2000.

City administrator Diane Berry said she found a "very short" resignation letter in the city's dropbox earlier this month.

"This is my letter of resignation from the Echo City Council, effective Jan. 2," it read.

The council was set to discuss the resignation at its regular council meeting Thursday, but Berry canceled the meeting shortly before noon after finding

See NAKAPALAU/8A

PENDLETON



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Al Plute points to a floor plan for a residential remodel of the third floor of the Bowman Building from one of the studio apartments Thursday in Pendleton. Plute's plans would add 18 more residential apartments to the downtown area.

New housing for the new year

Pendleton developers announce plans as 2017 finishes on strong note

By ANTONIO SIERRA
East Oregonian

Looking to expand his property portfolio beyond Portland, developer Nate Brusselback looked at some of the largest cities in the Southwest. But he ended up purchasing several apartment complexes in a much smaller desert town.

Brusselback's investment in Pendleton didn't stop there. He recently secured building permits to construct a 25-unit duplex complex on Southwest 28th Drive near Juniper House.

"I didn't know anything about Pendleton ... but it's really grown on me," he said in an interview Thursday.

Brusselback now owns 128 apartments in three different complexes. In the last year, he purchased Pendleton Point Apartments, South Hills Apartments and Edgewater Apartments.

He eventually read a housing study commissioned by the city, which showed not only need for housing in general, but a specific need for three-bedroom housing.

With a property available



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

The third floor of the Bowman Building may transition from office space to residential apartments.

across the street from South Hills Apartments, Brusselback decided to expand his fledgling group of Pendleton assets.

Brusselback said the duplexes will span 25 units and an office, each

unit 1,262 square feet with a one car garage.

Current plans call for 20 three-bedroom units and five two-bedroom apartments with dual master bedrooms. Brusselback

thought the latter option could be popular with college students who want to live with roommates.

The complex will also include

See HOUSING/8A



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