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Tribal community gathers for crash victim and survivor

By PHIL WRIGHT
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Alameda Addison and her granddaughter Zoe Bevis were in the caravan Saturday night returning to Pendleton after the championship high school basketball game in Baker City. They did not make it home.

The vehicle they were in was among the 20 involved in multiple crashes on an icy Interstate 84

between Cabbage Hill and Deadman Pass.

Zoe is at Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center, Spokane. Several members of her family are there with her. Alameda died Sunday in a Richland hospital. She was 58.

Zoe attends Nixyaawii Community School on the Umatilla Indian Reservation. Nixyaawii principal Ryan Heinrich said Zoe was the only student at the school who suffered serious injuries in the collisions.

Alameda was an avid supporter of the school's athletic teams. Nixyaawii employees, the booster club and other members of the reservation community pulled together Tuesday to hold a lunch fundraiser at the school gym for the Bevis family.

The line for the meal wound out the concessions area and along the gym wall. They served around 200 lunches about 90 minutes into the event. Heinrich said people were

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Andria Scott, Keysha Ashley, Linda Sampson and Marissa Baumgamer make fry bread tacos during a fundraiser to help with the medical expenses of Zoe Bevis on Tuesday at Nixyaawii Community School in Mission.

HERMISTON

Man killed in work site accident

East Oregonian

HERMISTON — A man died in an industrial accident southwest of Hermiston on Tuesday morning, but much of the information about the accident is still yet to be released.

At 11 a.m., Umatilla County Fire District 1 officials were dispatched to an industrial site on Cottonwood Bend Road, where an Amazon facility is being built.

Battalion Chief Corey Gorham said one man died as a result of an accident, but did not confirm his name or exactly how he died. Gorham said the incident is being investigated by Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and he couldn't release any more information about it.

Dispatchers on the emergency scanner said the man had been hit by highly pressurized water, as much as 200 psi, and that CPR was administered. Shortly afterward, a dispatcher said a chaplain had been sent to scene.

Moments before that call, UCFD crews had been dispatched to a wreck between a van and small sports utility vehicle that T-boned in front of the Tom Denchel car dealership at 81143 Highway 395.

Two adults and one child were taken to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries, according to Lt. Matt Fisher. Traffic was shut down in the northbound lanes for 30 minutes.

PENDLETON



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Blue sky and clouds are reflected in the new windows on the top floor of the old city hall building Monday in Pendleton.



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Construction on the interior of the old city hall building is underway now that a new roof and windows have been installed.

Pendleton old city hall restored from the ashes

By ANTONIO SIERRA
East Oregonian

The Quezadas have had a busy 2018. Multiple members of the family are working on two separate renovation projects in downtown Pendleton — old city hall at 34 S.E. Dorion Ave. and Sister's Cafe at 308 S. Main St. — in an attempt to restore the buildings to their prior appearances.

With city money invested in both projects, the family and its contractor are reporting progress on both fronts.

OLD CITY HALL

There are still some visible scorch marks, but old city hall is starting to resemble the building it was in the years leading up to July 21, 2015.

On that day, an explosion caused by homemade fireworks killed Eduardo Quezada and caused the structure to catch fire, destroying much of the roof and top-floor windows and scarring the brickwork.

Two-and-a-half years later, contractor Jamie Stone delivered a quick tour

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ELECTION FILING DEADLINE

Commissioner Murdock draws two challengers

By PHIL WRIGHT
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Two challengers are looking to oust George Murdock from another term as Umatilla County commissioner.

Tom Bailor and Rick Pullen filed Monday for Position 1 on the board of commissioners. Murdock, Bailor and Pullen all live in Pendleton.

Bailor ran for commissioner in 2013 and again in 2016. He said he's giving it another go because he

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believes the county needs new leadership.

"It's time for diversity," Bailor said. "We need leadership that not only respects traditional values but also understands and embraces the dynamic digital age and

economy in which we now live."

Murdock and fellow commissioners Larry Givens and Bill Elfering are in their mid-70s. Bailor contended they represent only one generation.

"As someone in my 50s, I think it is important to have leadership with diverse generational experience and connection," Bailor stated.

He also said county commissioners approving themselves pay raises of \$8,000 did not sit well with

him. That move in 2015 increased the salary for the post to \$86,273 a year. Commissioners now have an annual salary of \$90,852. Bailor stated Murdock took raises while arguing against wage increases for working people.

Bailor also said Murdock expressing partisan opinions in local news violates the nonpartisan spirit of the county charter. County commissioners should be trying to build solutions to local problems on common

ground, he said, rather than fuel partisan politics within the community.

Rick Pullen worked for Umatilla County from 2004 until he quit on Dec. 15, 2017, when he was in the assessor's office. Pullen is a singer and portrayed Daddy Warbucks in the recent College Community Theatre production of the musical "Annie." Pullen did not return calls Tuesday.

Commissioners serve four-year terms. The last day to file for the May 15 primary election was Tuesday.

