

Historical society to turn signal house into WWII exhibit

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When looking for space for a new exhibit, the Umatilla County Historical Society looked no further than across the Heritage Station Museum parking lot.

The society announced Thursday that it had raised more than \$60,000 to renovate a storage space near the Pendleton museum that the nonprofit plans to turn into a space to hold a World War II exhibit.

According to a press release, the former signal house dates back to at least 1914 and may have once been administrative headquarters for the Union Pacific Railroad.

Union Pacific used the building for storage until 1996 and the society concluded in 2016 that the building's condition made storage its only feasible use.

Despite being in the midst of fundraising for a comprehensive wheat exhibit, the society began raising money amongst their members.

With the help of Eastern Oregon Business Source, the society was able to leverage the \$12,000 it



Photo courtesy Umatilla County Historical Society

The Umatilla County Historical Society raised \$60,000 to remodel the museum's signal house.

received from members to obtain large grants from St. Anthony Hospital, Hill Meat Co., Umatilla Electric Cooperative, Umatilla County, the Pendleton Foundation Trust and the Wildhorse Foundation.

Tom Winn, the society's board president, said the signal house will display World War II memorabilia from Joe Ford and Anthony Bowman, who have also con-

tributed to the exhibit at the Pendleton Air Museum.

Despite some overlap in theme, Winn said the signal house exhibit will try to focus on different areas of the war than the nearby air museum.

While air museum focuses on the 1940s-era Pendleton air base and the Doolittle Raiders, Winn said the signal house will draw from the whole county

during World War II, including the Umatilla Depot.

And although Winn said the World War II exhibit will stay in place over several years, the society's longterm vision for the signal house is for it to change exhibits from time to time.

With the funding in place, the project is expected to start over the summer and finish by the end of the year.

PENDLETON

Councilor suggests changing city's street funding formula

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The Pendleton City Council is taking its debate back to the streets.

At a council workshop Tuesday, the council sea-sawed between whether the city should prioritize efficiency or constituent concerns when allocating money toward road repair.

As a part of the discussion, council and staff went over a recent history of road funding.

In 2015, the council agreed to adopt a \$5 street utility fee and propose a 5-cent gas tax to voters in an attempt to boost the meager \$300,000 the city spent on streets.

The council followed through on the fee but voters strongly rejected the gas tax, meaning the city's yearly street funding was only boosted to \$781,000.

The city also created a 70-30 funding formula where 70 percent of all revenue for streets went toward roads that were in good condition while the rest went toward streets in bad condition.

Councilor Scott Fairley said the city should further alter the formula so more money goes toward the good streets, arguing that high cost of reconstructing a poor road meant that for every mile of poor road they fixed, they were letting another four miles of good road fall into poor condition.

The idea of altering the 70-30 split ran into some resistance.

"No," Councilor Becky Marks said. "Not only no, but hell no."

Marks reminded the council that during public process for the utility fee, people living on poor neighborhood streets

wanted more money put toward the roads they drive on.

"(They said), 'Why should I have to pay \$5 more a month to keep Main Street paved when I don't go to Main Street except maybe twice a week? And my kid can't even safely get to the bus stop walking. (They) don't even have safe streets to walk on,'" she said.

But Councilor Chuck LeValle agreed with Fairley.

A former medical lab technician for the Army, LeValle compared street maintenance to a triage.

LeValle said people often think that the wounded with the worst injuries are prioritized, but its actually a waste of time and resources if there's other soldiers with more treatable injuries.

"So what you do when you're triaging patients is you go to the people you can save first, and the people that are worst off, you pray and sing songs," he said.

Although there was some disagreement on the funding ratio, there was consensus that there isn't enough money going toward street maintenance in general.

The \$781,000 annual budget mostly slows the overall deterioration rather than stop it.

Although a previous estimate said the city could spend \$1.1 million to maintain the city's street system at its current state, Mayor John Turner said the council should prepare for that number to go up when staff presents a new report later this year.

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Artist opens new nonprofit art studio

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Pendleton artist Laurie Doherty is launching a new art studio Saturday.

Doherty, who is well-known for painting window murals on Pendleton businesses during Round-Up week, said the nonprofit studio will provide art opportunities for people with mental health issues.

Hot dogs, cookies and door prizes will be available from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the grand opening ceremony Saturday.

The studio is located at 411 S.W. Fourth St., near the Pendleton Flour Mill.



Photo courtesy of Laurie Doherty

Pendleton artist Laurie Doherty will open her new studio Saturday.

Boise boy arrested after high-speed chase

Hit 110 mph while wielding a machete

LA GRANDE (AP) — Oregon State Police say troopers arrested a machete-wielding teenager after a car chase in which speeds hit triple digits before a fiery crash.

Capt. Tim Fox says the 17-year-old boy from Boise, Idaho, was driving recklessly on Interstate 84 west of La Grande when a trooper tried to pull him over Wednesday.

The boy accelerated, pushing the 1997 Toyota Camry to speeds of more than 110 mph.

Troopers stopped the pur-



Photo contributed by Oregon State Police

A 17-year-old was taken into custody Wednesday afternoon for reckless driving and eluding police after a high-speed chase on Interstate 84 near La Grande.

suit for safety reasons, but another trooper picked up the chase later on the down the freeway.

Fox says the Camry then crashed into a guardrail and burst into flames.

He says the uninjured boy left the vehicle armed with a machete. He fled on foot after a brief standoff, but ultimately dropped the weapon and surrendered.

The teen faces charges of reckless driving and eluding police.

COMING EVENTS

FRIDAY, JUNE 1
OLD IRON SHOW, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Roy Raley Park, 1205 S.W. Court Ave., Pendleton. View antique farm equipment, autos, engines, fixtures, demonstrations and more from exhibitors from around the region. Free. (Kari Brooks 541-276-0012)

FREE FIRST FRIDAY, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tamastlikt Cultural Institute, 47106 Wildhorse Blvd., Pendleton. Free admission all day. (541-966-9748)

STORY AND CRAFT TIME, 2 p.m., Echo Public Library, 20 S. Bonanza, Echo. (541-376-8411)

AFTER SCHOOL 3-ON-3 BASKETBALL, 3:15-5 p.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. For ages 13-18. Free. (Casey Brown 541-276-8100)

VFW BINGO, 6 p.m., Hermiston VFW, 45 W. Cherry St., Hermiston. Doors open at 6 p.m., games begin at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome. (541-567-6219)

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THE TRIPPER RICE MEMORIAL TEAM ROPING

Was held over Memorial Day weekend

This roping has been a great success and continues to grow each year. One hundred percent of all proceeds benefit the Tripper Rice Memorial Scholarship Fund. This Scholarship is for members of the Intermountain High School Rodeo Team.

The Rice Family (Paul & Cindy Rice, Jodi & Ryan Endicott) would like to recognize the following donors and event organizers. We truly appreciate your support for this great cause; remembering Tripper and helping students continue their education. It's all for the kids.

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BIG THANKS TO ALL THE ROPERS AND VOLUNTEERS WHO CAME TO SUPPORT THIS EVENT. ALL ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED

WHAT IS DSAC?

DSAC is a group of local volunteers who give advice, educate and advocate on issues that are important to people with disabilities. A majority of volunteers are people with disabilities, but all are advocates.

WHAT DOES DSAC DO?

The council reviews policies, quality of services, and issues pertaining to the Americans with Disabilities Act. We advise the local offices of DHS Aging and People with Disabilities as well as other state & local agencies.

To Volunteer or For More Information:
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