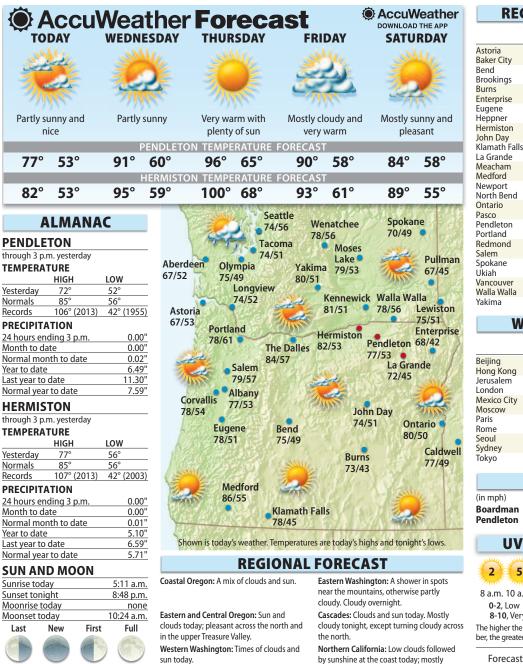
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New fair coordinator talks parking, carnival

sunny elsewhere.

By BRITTANY NORTON East Oregonian

With opening day just over a month away, the Umatilla County Fair's new coordinator is working to agers have left for me to accept the promotion." she said. McNalley has a 16-year-old son, and said now that he is older she



spots than years past, many fair-goers left upset about how long it took to exit the lot at the end of the night.

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McNalley said the fair board has

rides, Davis Amusement Cascadia, is under new management and McNalley is optimistic that carnival rides will go more smoothly this year.

"There were issues with the contractors that the car



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

In this 2017 file photo, Alaina Mildenberger of Athena hands a firework to her daughter, Sydney, 7, as her other daughter, Addison, 10, shops for fireworks.

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make its second year at the Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center a success.

Angie McNalley assumed the title of fair coordinator in April, after former fair coordinator Cyndie Driscoll resigned in March.

McNalley was formerly the administrative assistant of the fair, which acts as a support position for the manager. She said she is familiar with many of the responsibilities of being fair coordinator.

"It wasn't the right time in years past when our man-

has more time to devote to the fair.

promoting McNal-

ley to fair coordinator, the Umatilla County Fair board has implemented a variety of other changes in attempts to improve this year's event. One such change is the flow of the parking lot and the appointment of Luke Dynes as the fair's new parking director.

Although the new grounds at the Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center had more paved parking

out of the new fairgrounds to enhance parking, improve security and better serve vendors based on the general flow of foot traffic.

"I'm just excited this year because we've gone through our first year and we've learned so much and gone through a lot of the aches and pains," she said.

She also hopes to improve the carnival compared to years past. The company that supplies the carnival nival was using and it kind of left a bad taste in everybody's mouth. And I know that over the years everybody has been asking for more rides, bigger rides and better rides, so that's where we're at this year," she said.

Nonetheless, McNalley said despite the stress of planning the fair, she enjoys seeing it come to fruition: "Watching it all come together. That's the best part."

The Umatilla County Fair is August 7-11.

PENDLETON Pipeline project reflects on first year of connections

By ANTONIO SIERRA East Oregonian

The Employee Pipeline Project set modest goals for itself in its first year and largely met them.

A collaboration between Oregon Eastern Business Source, the Pendleton School District and Umatilla County, Employee Pipeline officials gave a progress report to the organizations involved with the project's inaugural year.

An offshoot of the Schools to Careers program, the Employee Pipeline's stated goal was to place five Pendleton high school students in career-track jobs by the end of the school year.

Employee Pipeline coordinator Bonnie Day said four students were placed at local jobs while six more had serious leads on future positions. The four students found work at wellknown employers: the Pendleton Fire Department, St. Anthony Hospital, Sign Men, and the Oregon Department of Forestry.

Overall, the program engaged more than 40

seniors and helped connect them with more than 90 internships, job shadows, mentorship meetings and tours.

Employee Pipe-The line team also learned a lot on what worked and what didn't in a year Schools to Careers coordinator Christina van der Kamp called the "pre-beta" stage.

Pipeline officials found that meeting with students one-on-one several times throughout the year kept kids engaged with the program.

They also experienced more success when potential employers were flexible, whether it was sending human resources representatives directly to the school to talk to students, working with students to accommodate their school schedule or holding a job until after graduation.

But staff also saw areas where they could improve.

While Employee Pipeline worked with more than 40 students, Day said many students fell off after a while because they lost interest or stopped communicating.

The program also sometimes struggled to set up kids with employers eager to bring students in.

Resort & Wildhorse Casino was enthusiastic about Employee Pipeline, but it was often difficult to find transportation to send a student to Mission.

Interpath Laboratory was also a willing participant, but the program had trouble preparing students to work there.

While internships at the Pendleton Unmanned Aerial Systems Range are complemented by Pendleton High School's robotics program, there isn't an equivalent class for medical lab work.

Susan Bower, the director of Eastern Oregon Business Source, said van der Kamp and Day spent a significant amount of time going over job search basics like filling out an application or requesting a Social Security number.

Bower said she went into the program thinking every child had an adult role model who demonstrated good work practices.

"I learned a lot," she said.

"They don't."

Bower said Employee Pipeline is working with the Pendleton School District to better integrate career readiness into school curriculum.

After some modest success in year one, Employee Pipeline will have build on it.

Eastern Oregon E Source recently se \$100,000 grant fr Pendleton School D continue running Scl Careers and Employ line for the next tw and it's expanding th vices into Pilot Ro Athena-Weston.

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Fireworks safety tips

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As the Fourth of July approaches, American Red Cross and the Umatilla County Fire District 1 are reminding people to be safe, and to use common sense when lighting fireworks.

Fire marshal Scott Goff asked people to make sure they light fireworks in areas clear of vegetation, stored items, and away from structures.

"Make sure you get a good plan to dispose of them," he said. "A bucket with water, give them a good soak and make sure they're out before throwing them in the trash."

It's important to make sure kids are supervised when they light fireworks, he said, and Red Cross

warns not to give any fireworks to young children.

The fire department often sees problems with people lighting fireworks too close to a house or out in the yard, Goff said, where parts of the landscape will catch fire.

Goff said the department usually has a few extra people on hand during the Fourth of July holiday, as they usually see a few fires just after dark.

He said as far as he knows, all the fireworks sold in the area are licensed and permitted through the state fire marshal's office.

"The problem is typically stuff coming from out of state," he said. "Things that fly in the air, explode, those kinds of things tend to cause us problems.'

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