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Left: A member of the Seattle Cossacks Motorcycle Stunt and Drill Team gets a laugh by rubbing the bald head of one of his teammates during a Pendleton Bike Week performance. Right: A member of the BMCC women's volleyball team works at the bike wash during Pendleton Bike Week.

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— **Kraig Markusen**, who rode his motorcycle 300 miles to Pendleton, on the National Motorcycle Riders Memorial

PENDLETON

REVVING IT UP

Motorcyclists soak up annual Bike Week

By **TAMMY MALGESINI**
East Oregonian

Thousands of motorcycle enthusiasts have catapulted Pendleton Bike Week into the fastest growing motorcycle rally in the Pacific Northwest, said Al "Capone" Rafferty, an event volunteer.

One of the biggest reasons echoed by participants is the brotherhood between bikers, said Kraig Markusen. The Willamina man rode his motorcycle nearly 300 miles to man a booth in

the event's vendor village — located outside the Pendleton Convention Center — to help support the National Motorcycle Riders Memorial Association.

"It's something I believe in," Markusen said. "To us, it's sacred ground."

There are big plans for the memorial, Markusen said, which is located in rural Wheeler County. The idea sprouted from a small memorial created by Steve Humphrey, who hosted an annual birthday party on his property. It memorialized a longtime attendee of the event.

The concept grew, Markusen said, and a site was dedicated in 2014. The

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Staff photos by Kathy Aney

Pendleton man at center of attack during Bike Week concert



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Riven Fenton, of Pendleton, was allegedly beaten by multiple assailants during the Foghat concert Saturday at Pendleton Bike Week.

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Riven Fenton of Pendleton planned to have a good time with family and friends Saturday night at the closing concert of Pendleton Bike Week. But after a scuffle, a group of bikers attacked and assaulted the 24-year-old and left him with injuries that may require facial reconstruction.

Fenton said he did not provoke the attack, while others nearby say he did. Pendleton Police Chief Stuart Roberts said the attack was violent, and the response from event security and organizers was inadequate and unacceptable.

Riven Fenton said he and Jeff Mills went to get beer around 10

p.m., and his dad and brother stayed in the stands. But concert headliner Foghat was about to perform "Slow Ride," the group's biggest hit. Fenton said it was about the only song from the group he knew and he didn't want to miss it. Instead of getting beer, he walked back from the east side gate of the arena toward the VIP area near the stage.

That's when a group of bikers called him over, he said.

"They asked 'Why the ***k you're ignoring my friend?'" Fenton recalled.

They were referring to fellow bikers who were providing security at the east and west gates, Fenton said, so he showed his VIP pass that allowed him to be there. Then one biker shoved him.

Fenton said he collided with another man and tried to explain what happened. That guy asked, "You enjoying Bike Week?" Fenton recalled.

"Yeah," he replied.

"Then," the man told him, "you're not going to enjoy this."

Fenton said the man punched him. Others joined in. He said he took about three shots before dropping and realized this was a fight he had no chance in. Perhaps as many as a dozen men slugged and stomped him, he said, so he covered his face to protect himself.

He said one man tried to stop the assault, but no one listened to him.

While on the ground, he said

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Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Silvia Castilla watches as her sons, Angel Cruz Arreola, 5, and Dante Castillo, 14, pour salad dressing on a Asian salad Thursday during a family cooking class for the OSU Extension Service's nutrition education program in Hermiston.

HERMISTON

Family food

By **JAYATI RAMAKRISHNAN**
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Angie Treadwell wants to talk produce.

"Does anybody here have a favorite vegetable?" she asked the 10 people in her cooking class.

"Carrots!," shouted four-year-old Angel.

He was in luck. For the "Fruits and Vegetables for Families" class last week, Treadwell, coordinator for OSU Extension Service's nutrition education program, taught families how to make two dishes using the orange root: an Asian carrot salad, and a Mexican vegetable-beef skillet dish.

Even though several of the people at the class knew how to cook, many were there to learn how to use more vegetables in their meals and how to make healthier cooking choices.

Umatilla-Morrow Head Start, along with OSU, is providing the classes to families that qualify for the WIC (Women, Infants and Children) program. WIC is a supplemental nutrition program that provides nutritious foods to low-income pregnant and breast-feeding women, infants, and children up to age 5 who are at risk of not getting adequate nutrition.

"We're trying to do preventative

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