

**HERMISTON**

**Family brings home fourth treasure hunt prize**

Andersons win National Night Out ice cream party

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The hunt for the golden medallion nearly went into extra innings as no one claimed the prize until after four clues had been printed — three in the *East Oregonian* and a bonus clue in the *Hermiston Herald*.

The Cam and Katie Anderson family came out of the bullpen to save the game Thursday morning at 4:15 a.m. — finding the prize under home plate in the bullpen at the Armand Larive Middle School baseball field. This is the fourth time the Andersons and their four children, Gregory, 16, Grant, 14, Claire, 12, and Gabriel, 9, have found the medallion.

Leading up to the Aug. 7 National Night Out, celebration Tim Miers, Hermiston Police Department training officer/evidence custodian, hid the 3-inch medal. The Andersons won an ice cream social block party. It will be held during Tuesday's festivities in the family's Southeast Crestline Drive neighborhood.

Grabbing some quarters early Wednesday morning, Cam and Katie ran approximately a mile to the newspaper office. After purchasing the *EO*, they realized they needed to run back home for additional change to buy a *Herald* for the bonus clue.

With hints alluding to



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**The Anderson family stands behind the spare plate under which they found this year's National Night Out medallion at the ballfield behind Armand Larive Middle School. Left to right are Claire, Greg, Gabe, Katie, Cam and Grant.**

the fact that Armand Larive used to be on the east side of town and after construction of a new building is now on the west side, and that "Larive," which is often misspelled, sounds similar to larvae, which is another word for caterpillar, the Andersons knew they needed to go to the school. Also, a quick Google search revealed that Jack Norworth and Albert Von Tilzer — mentioned in bonus clue — wrote "Take Me Out to the Ball Game," sending the Andersons to the school's baseball field.

"We literally looked for hours (Wednesday) ... I was 100 percent positive that it had to be there," Katie said. However, the prize

remained elusive, not only for the Andersons but for other would-be sleuths. Many were looking in the general vicinity, Katie said, and others said numerous people were scouring the area earlier in the day.

"We just all overlooked it," Katie said.

Knowing that Thursday's clue would certainly serve up the medallion's location on a plate, Katie and Cam decided to swing for the fences. They purchased a short-term online subscription, providing early morning access to the eEdition. Cam got online around 3:45 a.m.

"All the kids were asleep, so my husband and I went to

pick it up," Katie said. "We knew exactly where it was."

In its 35th year, National Night Out aims to create safer communities with neighborhoods partnering with police in crime prevention activities. Mingling in a relaxed setting, Miers said, helps build relationships between police and citizens. Also, when neighbors know each other, they are more aware when people or things are out of place.

People are encouraged to organize their own neighborhood block parties. Police will visit as many gatherings as possible. Contact Miers with details at [tmiers@hermiston.or.us](mailto:tmiers@hermiston.or.us) or 541-667-5112 (leave a message).

**Parade pre-show features live music**

HERMISTON — The Hermiston Downtown District invites people to enjoy the music of Dallin Puzey prior to the start of the Umatilla County Fair parade.

As a way to help promote the kickoff of the fair and Farm-City Pro Rodeo, the district's board of directors decided to coordinate a pre-show event. Debbie Pedro, Hermiston Chamber of Commerce executive director, said people often stake out spots early on the parade route, so it's a perfect opportunity to have an event.

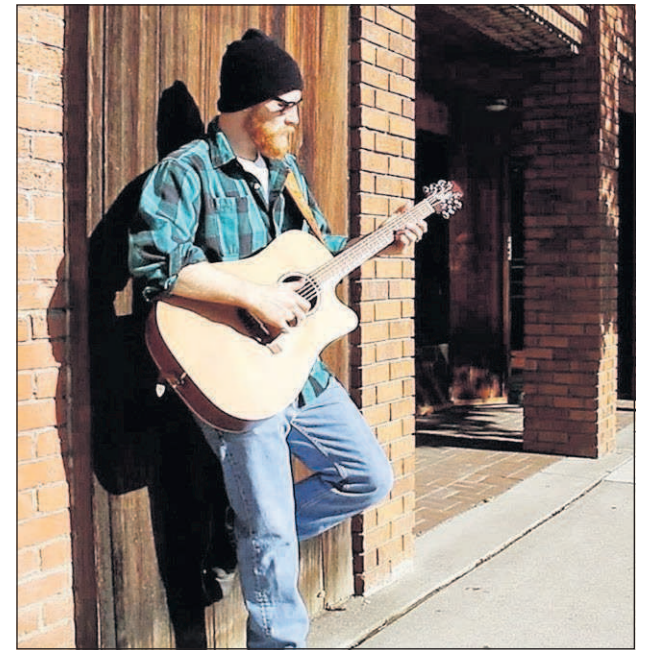
"We thought we could provide some sort of entertainment for people to enjoy before the parade," she said.

The Downtown District Fair Parade Pre-Show is Saturday from 4:15-6:15 p.m. on Hermiston's festival street, located on Northeast Second Street.

Pedro said they only recently came up with the idea and decided to see what they could put together with a short time frame. Treats will be available for purchase from Yo Country Frozen Yogurt.

Next year, Pedro said they will start making plans earlier and are hoping to expand the event. People are encouraged to provide feedback on what they would like included in next year's pre-show event.

For more information, contact Pedro at [debbie@hermistonchamber.com](mailto:debbie@hermistonchamber.com) or 541-567-6151.



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**Dallin Puzey will perform during the Hermiston Downtown District Fair Parade Pre-Show Saturday, Aug. 4 on the city's festival street.**

**Police say Hermiston shooting suspect bit Pendleton officer**

PENDLETON — Alex Luis Ahumada of Boardman faces charges for biting a Pendleton police officer while naked.

Ahumada, 33, is the defendant in a May 19 shooting case in Hermiston.

Pendleton police Lt. Charles Byram said officers on Saturday responded to a report of stranger banging on the door, yelling and acting erratic. Officers spotted the suspect in a field behind the C M Sausage Co. at 1140 Tutuilla Road near Southwest Marshall Avenue.

Ahumada was naked, Byram said, under the influence of some substance and in a state of "excited delirium." Police tried to detain Ahumada, and one officer recognized him because there was a warrant for his arrest.

"Then the fight was on," Byram said. "It took four officers just to get him under control, and during the confrontation he bit one of the officers."

The victim was J.D. Lambert, and the injury was to his thumb. He went back to work after receiving medical treatment.

Police hauled Ahumada to St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton, due to his intoxicated state. Byram said officers kept a watch on him there until Wednesday, when they booked him into the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton, on multiple charges, including resisting arrest, interfering with police, attempted

escape and assaulting a police officer.

A news brief in the Aug. 2, 2018, edition of the *East Oregonian* had incorrect information about Alex Ahumada's incarceration. The *EO* regrets that error.

**Man sentenced for sexual abuse on reservation**

PENDLETON — A La Grande man was sentenced Thursday to three years in federal prison for sexually abusing a nine-year-old boy on the Umatilla Indian Reservation three years ago.

Thomas James Adams, 23, plead guilty to one count of abusive sexual contact, and has been sentenced to 37 months in federal prison. He is ordered to have no contact with the victim or his family, and is not permitted to be on the reservation without prior approval from his probation officer.

Court documents state that in 2015, Adams attended the Pendleton Round-Up and stayed with the victim's family at their home on the reservation. After other family members were asleep, Adams convinced the victim to participate in a series of dares. Those actions included running around the house naked, urinating outside, looking at pornographic photos on Adam's phone, mutual masturbation and touching each others' genitals.

The victim reported the incidents to his parents, who contacted tribal law enforcement.

**Bartz still at large after chase**

STANFIELD — The

Umatilla County Sheriff's Office is searching for a man suspected of stealing several vehicles after he led them on a chase earlier this week.

Zachary Lorange Bartz, 25, is suspected of stealing multiple trucks and farm equipment, which the sheriff's office recovered on July 11 near Hermiston, but Bartz was nowhere to be found. On Monday he led police on a vehicle chase north of Hermiston.

According to Stanfield police, he crashed the stolen truck he was driving near Kik Road and Sunshine Road, and then ran, barefoot. Officers are still looking for him. He has an outstanding warrant for his arrest.

The Stanfield Police Department, which assisted in the chase, posted on Facebook that Bartz sent them a message stating that he was in one of two states that had not adopted extradition laws.

"I'll make it easy for you those two states or [sic] South Carolina and Missouri good luck," the message said.

Bartz has several convictions of theft, fleeing police, burglary and other crimes, from 2011 to 2014.

**Umatilla County upgrades emergency management drone**

PENDLETON — Umatilla County is upgrading its unmanned aircraft system

for the emergency management program.

The program has used its drone during search and rescue operations and to help police search for suspects. Undersheriff Jim Littlefield told county commissioners at their regular meeting Wednesday in Pendleton

the program is the only public safety agency in the area using a drone.

County emergency manager Tom Roberts obtained a \$15,000 grant to help buy a better drone, and the county sought proposals for an unmanned aircraft system. Aerial Technology Interna-

tional, Oregon City, made an offer.

Littlefield said the new drone would be larger than what the county has now and comes with better cameras, longer battery life and can fly in the dark and adverse conditions. It also costs \$22,908.

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