

FAIR: Tarps were hung to protect animals

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"You usually freeze a lot ahead of time," she said. "We had to buy a freezer just for water bottles."

Over in the largest barn, Kove Harwood of Echo was tending to his sheep named Savage. Frozen water bottles aren't as much help to the larger animals, but spray bottles and baths work well, he said. Keeping their drinking water cool helps too.

"It gets hot, and so I'll take it and dump it out and refill with cool water," he said.

The sheep are shorn as closely as possible (otherwise it's like "one of us wearing a wool sweater," Harwood said) and their "tubes" that keep them clean after a bath can also be wetted down for some extra cooling effect.

Pigs are tricky to keep cool because they don't sweat and are sensitive to sunlight.

"Pigs never tan, they just burn and peel," Hannah Walker of Hermiston said.

She and Jacob McKillip were hanging out with their pigs Tuesday afternoon, near the western edge of the barn where shade tarps had been hung to protect the pigs from the setting sun in the evening. The pigs have water in their enclosures, but McKillip said he also frequently took his pig Troy to the wash racks for a bigger drink and a wash.

"Sometimes they need a big drink of water that the spigot doesn't provide," he said.

You have to slowly wash the pigs from their feet up, McKillip and Walker said, because pouring cold water straight on their backs will



Staff photo by E.J. Harris
Caleb Irwin, 14, of Hermiston wets down a towel that is draped over his Berkshire hog in an attempt to keep the animal cool.



Staff photo by E.J. Harris
Deven Hofbauer, 18, sprays down his black Angus cross market steer at the wash rack.

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send them into shock.

Pigs start panting heavily when they get overheated, so Walker said if fairgoers notice that a pig is panting they can point it out to a nearby 4-H or FFA member. One of the secrets to taking care of animals at the fair is that everyone watches out for each others' animals.

On the end of the barn where the steers are kept, someone had used a drip-hose and mesh to rig a mister system, and others were working on similar projects. A series of large fans were trained on the steers in the large, insulated barn, which was cooler than the outside. Kelly Nelson of Pendleton, who is showing a steer named Royal and a lamb named Alex this year, said getting her animals frequent fresh air and a drink at the wash racks helped.

"With my steer, every hour I take him out of the pen and get him some water and then cover him in water," she said.

Instructors reminded the youth at a meeting Tuesday morning to make sure their animals stayed hydrated, but after spending a season caring for the animals already, they weren't likely to forget.

"I'm a little worried (about the extreme heat coming up) but we've been really good about keeping them cool," Nelson said.



Staff photo by E.J. Harris
Jesselee Leachman's zombie apocalypse response team vehicle is on display at the National Night Out.

PARTIES: 75 fliers passed out

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in the area of the park have fences. Altman said they made that work. When they could not hand folks a flier, they stuck them in the fences, under windshield wipers and sometimes in doorways.

She said they made 100 fliers and passed out 75.

The effort seemed to pay off. Matt Terjeson, one of three Kiwanis Club past presidents at the park, said they started with 100 hot dogs for the event and were down to 10 by 7:30 in the evening, a half hour before National Night Out came to an end in Pendleton.

"We got rid of pretty much all the hot dogs, I know that," he said.

The scene repeated itself at Roy Raley Park, where host Jesselee Leachman was about burning the grates off his gas-powered grill. He had folks lined up 20 deep for the free hot dogs, which local businesses provided, along with the hamburgers his mother tossed in.

Mayor John Turner and his wife, Gail, were making the rounds at the several parties and gatherings in Pendleton. Past National Night Outs conflicted with city council meetings, but this year Turner rescheduled

the meeting so he and other council members could participate.

Turner thanked Leachman for stepping up. Scanning the scene, Turner said there were an easy hundred people at Roy Raley, from neighborhood families to local businesses and organizations, including the Pendleton Animal Welfare Shelter. He said this a step in the right direction for building community.

Residents on the 100 block of Southeast Seventh Street were grilling as well. Alyssa Hanson organized the party for her block. She works in the front office of Oregon State Police in Pendleton.

"My dad was a retired state cop, so I grew up in it," she said.

Hanson said the event helped the community get to know its local police and firefighters and was a fun way for neighbors to come out and get together.

Back over at Kiwanis, with the hot dogs all but gone, folks sat at the park tables and chatted.

"I didn't know who would come out," Altman said, but tonight she was hanging with folks she hadn't met before.

Sort of the whole point of the night.

POLICE: As city continues to grow, the number of police on duty may increase

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when multiple incidents pile up.

Hermiston Police Chief Jason Edmiston said it's rare for that many emergencies to converge.

"It's very atypical," he said. "The last thing I can think of is when we had the officer-involved shooting in 2012, and OSP was dealing with the bus crash on Cabbage Hill that killed 17 people."

Lt. Randy Studebaker said when any major incident occurs, he or one of the police captains will immediately show up and appoint a case manager and a lead detective. They, along with other officers, will close off the scene to the public and begin collecting evidence. Officers also apply for a search warrant and notify the forensics lab.

The night of the stabbing, Studebaker, detective Freddy Sotelo, and Capt. Travis Eynon responded to the home on the south side of town around 10 p.m. While Studebaker and Sotelo worked through the night and into the next afternoon, Eynon was called away a few hours after the stabbing to manage officers who were responding to the next incident, a shooting around 1 a.m. on West Hartley Avenue. He was joined by police detectives Victor Gutierrez and Robert Guerrero, who worked until about 6 p.m. the next day. At that scene, they found 26 year-old Erik Navarrete Campos, who had a gunshot wound to the head. He died later in the week from that wound, and police are investigating his death as a homicide.

Hermiston Police Chief Jason Edmiston said two patrol officers are on duty at all times. As the city continues to grow, that number may have to increase to three. And the long-term absences of three officers for health and family reasons are straining the department.

All the law enforcement agencies in Umatilla and Morrow counties have signed an agreement to provide mutual aid, which includes helping another department secure a scene,

collect evidence, interview witnesses and suspects, write search warrants and attend autopsies. That night, Edmiston said the department received help from Boardman, Pendleton, Umatilla, Stanfield and Milton-Freewater police departments, as well as Umatilla and Morrow County sheriff's offices, Oregon State Police and the Blue Mountain Enforcement Narcotics Team. Edmiston estimated those assisting from outside agencies provided an average of 24 to 36 hours of assistance to HPD for the two incidents. Edmiston said his department was at minimum staffing that evening, and his own detectives worked longer to keep up with the workload.

He noted in these calls for mutual aid an officer may work overtime for another city. But each agency is responsible for paying their own employees overtime.

"That is why it is a give-and-take, and why we want to ensure we have a case manager," Edmiston said in an email to the EO. "In addition to the lead detective to make sure there are still tasks to be done. If not, the case manager will start sending people home."

"In those first 48 hours," Studebaker said, "it's not so much investigating leads as trying to identify what those leads are."

Studebaker said after the stabbing they collected what information they could from the victims, but were only able to get the first name of the suspect. So they started looking into people associated with the victim and began going through the timeline of events.

"When we're looking into this is when we get the shooting call," Studebaker said.

Some Umatilla police officers who had been dispatched for mutual aid began knocking on doors.

"We kind of got some luck, the (suspect) opened the door and said, 'Hey, I've been waiting on you guys,'" Studebaker said.

Investigators interviewed Zuwala, who provided a statement that corroborated some of the details police knew. Officers recovered the weapon, which had been

thrown into a field.

Police arrested and booked Zuwala in the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton, and the next day he was arraigned on two counts of unlawful use of a weapon, two counts of first-degree assault and two counts of attempted murder. He awaits a pre-trial hearing Aug. 13.

Police have not released any more details about Navarrete's murder and are investigating it.

Around 7 a.m. that day, Umatilla County Sheriff's Office also responded to a shooting death at Windy Lane. The sheriff's office confirmed it continues to investigate the death and will not release any information.

For cases where the investigation is longer, such as the Navarrete case, Studebaker said the process depends largely on the availability of evidence.

"I think it's important to remember the difference in the role of the police and the role of the prosecution," Studebaker said. "When we get that case, we don't know what's important, what's relevant, or what's going to be pivotal later."

Much of that is determined after they receive physical evidence back from the crime lab, which can take anywhere from a few days to a few months.

"We're taking on a huge chunk from the beginning, and then the prosecutor is able to whittle down what they need to work with," he said.

After the initial investigation, detectives will spend as much time as necessary on a case — but most local agencies don't have the staff to have a detective devote all their time to one case.

"I can't necessarily prioritize my caseload based off what's most important," Studebaker said. "I may have to prioritize it based on where I'm going to lose evidence."

Officers also immediately began communicating with the Umatilla County District Attorney's Office.

"On major crimes, the district attorney is one of the first people we notify," Studebaker said. Often, he said, the district attorney will

respond to a crime scene or to briefings with detectives.

"They provide legal guidance, input from cradle to grave on a case."

A case will officially be

turned over to the district attorney when it is ready for prosecution. Studebaker said that may be when police have exhausted all leads, or when they need to get a case

through grand jury, or get an arrest warrant for someone who's fled the state. The stabbing was turned over to the district attorney within 24 hours of the incident.

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