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Weekend Weather

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76/48	76/54	75/53

MILTON-FREEWATER



Cantu

Attempted murder added to charges in drive-by

By **PHIL WRIGHT**
East Oregonian

Michael Angelo Cantu of Walla Walla faces charges of attempted murder for Friday night's drive-by shooting in Milton-Freewater.

The Umatilla County District Attorney's Office on Thursday arraigned Cantu, 27, on the following: three counts of attempted murder, two counts of unlawful use of a weapon and one for felon in possession of a firearm, all felonies; and seven misdemeanor counts of recklessly endangering another person.

Court records don't indicate if Cantu entered a plea. His next hearing is Sept. 11. For now, he remains in the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton, in lieu of \$1.81 million bail.

See **MURDER/8A**



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Vickie Leonard of Pendleton is one of two wagon drivers that will be giving wagon rides around downtown Portland Aug. 28-31 to commemorate the 175th anniversary of the Oregon Trail.

HITCHIN' A RIDE

Urban traffic doesn't worry wagon drivers

By **KATHY ANEY**
East Oregonian

Need a lift? If so, you might consider going by covered wagon.

The ride-sharing company, Lyft, and Travel Oregon will provide free wagon rides in downtown Portland from Aug. 28-31. The wagon will travel a predetermined route from the Oregon Historical Society on Southwest Park Avenue from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day. The event commemorates the 175th anniversary of the Oregon Trail.

Two Umatilla County wagon drivers, Vickie Leonard and Brian Cook, will navi-

gate Portland streets with Leonard's wagon and Cook's mules, Mary and Jean.

When Lyft called Leonard in December to engage a covered wagon, Leonard was confused.

"I was sure it was a wrong number," said the Pendleton horsewoman.

Turned out Lyft Portland and Travel Oregon wanted to hire her and Cook's company, Wagon Train Adventures, to ferry people in a covered wagon as a way to pay tribute to the historic Oregon Trail.

Leonard's wagon is a reproduction built by an Amish company, though she and her husband Randy have built other wagons with their own hands. The couple now has a fleet

of 14 wagons and a pasture full of mules and horses to pull them. Insurance requirements, however, mandate using a commercially built wagon for such events. The wagon includes features not seen on covered wagons traveling the Oregon Trail so many years ago. This prairie schooner has roller bearings, hydraulic brakes, improved suspension, metal steps and hazard lights.

The Portland gig was an outgrowth of another one in 2016. A production company from the Netherlands hired Leonard and two other local teamsters to drive a wagon for an episode of the Dutch reality show "Wie

See **WAGON/8A**

"I'm sorry to the buffalo. He didn't deserve what I did to him"

— **Raymond Reinke**

Pendleton man gets jail time for harassing Yellowstone bison

BOZEMAN, Mont. (AP) — An Oregon man who said he and his buddy were on a "last hurrah" tour through national parks before he entered alcohol treatment was sentenced Thursday to 130 days in jail for his drunken behavior, including harassing a bison that had stopped traffic in Yellowstone National Park.

Raymond Reinke's crimes drew national attention when at least one Yellowstone visitor caught his interaction with a bison on video.

Reinke, of Pendleton, Oregon, pleaded guilty during a federal court appearance in Mammoth, Wyoming, where cases from Yellowstone park are heard.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Mark Carman sentenced him to 60 days in jail for harassing wildlife, 60 days for interfering with law enforcement and 10 days for disorderly conduct. He was given credit for 21 days served.

Reinke, 55, is banned from Grand Teton, Yellowstone and Gla-

acier national parks for a five-year probationary period during which he is not allowed to drink alcohol. His planned chemical dependency treatment is now court-ordered.

"I'm sorry to the buffalo. He didn't deserve what I did to him," Reinke said, ABC Fox Montana reported.

U.S. Attorney Leo Pico described Reinke's behavior as the "most egregious" case of animal harassment he'd seen in Yellowstone.

The judge told Reinke: "You're lucky the bison didn't take care of it, and you're standing in front of me."

Reinke was first cited for public intoxication and interfering with law enforcement in Grand Teton National Park on July 28. He spent a night in jail before posting a \$500 bond.

A few days later in Yellowstone, Reinke got in trouble after getting



Reinke

See **BISON/8A**



AP Photo/Noah Berger

Hannah Whyatt poses for a friend's photo as smoke from the Ferguson fire fills Yosemite Valley in Yosemite National Park, Calif.

Tourism takes a hit due to wildfires

Agencies from Oregon, California and Washington team up to assure people it's safe to visit

By **LORIN ELENI GILL**
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Alarmed by as much as \$20 million in lost tourism revenue in July due to visitors' fear of wildfires, California's state tourism agency said Thursday it is teaming up with Oregon and

Washington state to reassure tourists it's safe to visit.

The states formed the West Coast Tourism Recovery Coalition to remind tourists that the fires have hit mostly rural areas, so will likely not affect their vacations, despite recent blazes that have clogged skies with smoke.

"As we shift into crisis recovery mode, competition takes a backseat," said Caroline Beteta, president of Visit California.

In a survey by the tourist agency, about 11 percent of 1,000

See **TOURISM/8A**

