

Making a list, getting it right



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Tanner Morgan, 9, confers with Santa about his Christmas list during the Altrusa Bazaar on Saturday at the Pendleton Convention Center.

Icy roads, driver error contribute to local crashes

East Oregonian

WESTON — Oregon State Police reported a Weston woman suffered serious injuries on Sunday in a single-vehicle crash. The wreck was one of two just minutes apart on the same section of Highway 204 and among several this weekend on local highways.

State police and other emergency agencies responded to a crash Sunday at 5:52 p.m. near milepost 15 on the westbound side of Highway 204 outside Weston. A Chrysler PT Cruiser entered an icy corner, according to state police, lost control and crossed into the oncoming lane, left the road and headed over an embankment.

East Umatilla County Rural Fire Protection District reported its crew and Helix firefighters “worked diligently” to free the patients and control traffic. State police reported the driver, Keith E. Hixson, 73, of College Place, Washington, was injured, and an ambulance took him to a Walla Walla hospital.

Three minutes after that crash, Weston resident Stacy McHenry, 59, hit an icy corner in her Ford F350 pickup and lost control. The vehicle rolled before stopping upright. State police reported she suffered serious injuries and air ambulance flew her from the scene.

The crashes prompted the closure of Highway 204 for several hours.

Icy conditions also contributed to a crash Sunday at about 8 a.m. on



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East Umatilla County Rural Fire Protection District responded to a motor vehicle crash on Highway 11 at the Weston turnoff on Saturday afternoon.

Interstate 82 near Umatilla. Two men from Las Vegas were heading east in a Chevrolet Silverado when the pickup hit a slick spot, lost control, entered the median and rolled onto the passenger side. State police reported the 54-year-old driver was not injured, but the 26-year-old passenger took an ambulance ride to Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston.

Other crashes were not weather-related.

State police responded to a two-vehicle mash-up Friday at about 5:40 p.m. on Highway 332 near Milton-Freewater. One vehicle heading west tried to pass another that was turning right, but the driver turned left instead. The impact caused the passing vehicle to veer into a pole in a nearby yard.

A Dodge Durango heading north and pulling a trailer wrecked Saturday at 4:02 p.m. on Highway 11 near mile-

post 20. The trailer began to fish-tail, according to state police, went out of control and rolled on to its side, causing the Dodge to crash. East Umatilla County reported three people were in the pickup and all refused ambulance rides.

State police cited the driver, Gary W. Fogle, 41, of Milton-Freewater, for driving while suspended, driving uninsured and failure to install an ignition interlock device, or car breathalyzer.

And Timothy Lynn Reid, 55, of Hermiston, was injured Sunday at about 12:20 a.m. when he crashed a Chevrolet Silverado on Interstate 84 near milepost 170. Reid was driving west, state police reported, when he fell asleep.

An ambulance took Reid to a local hospital, and state police cited him for driving uninsured and not wearing a seat belt.

COMING EVENTS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20
BOARDMAN SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 p.m., Boardman Senior Center, 100 Tatone St., Boardman. Cost is \$4 for seniors 55 and over or \$5 for adults. (541-481-3257)

THIRD TUESDAY CLIMATE CONVERSATION, 12 p.m., Prodigal Son Brewery & Pub, 230 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton. Dr. Sascha McKeon, biology and microbiology instructor at BMCC, is the guest speaker. Share your concerns, investigate further or start having a climate conversation. Light refreshments will be available for a donation; beverages available for purchase.

PENDLETON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12-1 p.m., Pendleton Senior Center, 510 S.W. 10th St., Pendleton. Costs \$3.50 or \$6 for those under 60. Pool, puzzles, crafts, snacks, Second Time Around thrift store 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For Meals On Wheels, call 541-276-1926. (Tori Bowman 541-276-5073)

HERMISTON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 p.m., Harkenrider Center, 255 N.E. Second St., Hermiston. Cost is \$4 for adults, free for children 10 and under, \$4 for Meals on Wheels. Extra 50 cents for utensils/dishes. Bus service available by donation. (541-567-3582)

CRAFTERNOONS, 4:15 p.m., Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Drop in for a group or individual craft project. All ages. (541-966-0380)

PENDLETON EAGLES TACOS AND BINGO, 6 p.m., Pendleton Eagles Lodge, 428 S. Main St., Pendleton. Regular packet \$10, special packet \$5. Proceeds donated to local charities. Public welcome. (541-278-2828)

INSIDE OUTSIDE THE LINES ADULT COLORING, 6-7:30 p.m., Irrigon Public Library, 490 N.E. Main St., Irrigon. Materials provided. Bring snacks to share. (541-922-0138)

PENDLETON KNITTING GROUP, 6 p.m., Prodigal Son Brewery & Pub, 230 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton. (541-966-0380)

STORY AND CRAFT TIME, 6:30 p.m., Milton-Freewater Public Library, 8 S.W. Eighth Ave., Milton-Freewater. For elementary school-age children. (541-938-8247)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21
WALKING FOR WELLNESS, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Get some exercise even when the weather is bad. Free. (Csey Brown 541-276-8100)

CUSTOMER APPRECIATION SALE, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Salvation Army Thrift Store, 1805 S.W. Court Ave., Pendleton. Everything 50 percent off storewide. Proceeds benefit Salvation Army community programs. Volunteers welcome. (Bill Dochnahl 509-521-7388)

BABY & ME LEARN & PLAY, 10-10:45 a.m., Hermiston Public Library back entrance, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. Engaging children and getting them excited about music, improving motor skills and sparking creativity while supporting early literacy development. For children ages newborn to 4 years and parent/guardian. (541-567-2882)

STORY TIME, 11:15 a.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-2882)

STANFIELD SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 p.m., Stanfield Community Center, 225 W. Roosevelt, Stanfield. Cost is \$3.50 for seniors, \$6 for others. (541-449-1332)

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ADULT BEGINNERS' COMPUTERS, 3-4 p.m., Pendleton Public Library meeting room, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Registration is required. Classes tailored to the needs of the attendees. (541-966-0380)

VEGAN/SUSTAINABLE LIVING POTLUCK SUPPER, 7 p.m., location varies, Pendleton. Bring a vegan dish and recipe. Gluten-free friendly group. Call to RSVP and for driving directions. (541-969-3057)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22
COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP DINNER, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Hermiston High School commons, 600 S. First St., Hermiston. Free traditional Thanksgiving dinner for all residents.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER, 12-2 p.m., Salvation Army, 150 S.E. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton. Free and open to everyone. Delivery available for seniors and disabled citizens. (541-276-3369)

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING MEAL, 1 p.m., All Saints Episcopal Church parish hall, 140 W. Church St., Heppner. Everyone welcome. Free.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER, 1 p.m., Life Church of Pilot Rock, 222 S.W. Third St., Pilot Rock. Donation of side dish or dessert welcome, but not required. Non-perishable food or cash donations will be distributed by the Pilot Rock Food Pantry. Free. (Sheila Buckley 541-215-7974)

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER, 1:30-4 p.m., Boardman Senior Center, 100 Tatone St., Boardman. Praise service at 1:30 p.m., dinner served from 2-4 p.m. Free and open to everyone. (503-724-8823, 503-307-5646 or 541-481-3257)

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER, 4-6 p.m., First Christian Church, 518 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater. Turkey and all

trimmings, free for all community members. (Janet Collins)
FIDDLER'S NIGHT, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Avamere Assisted Living, 980 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston. Enjoy light refreshments, listen to some favorite oldies or join in the jam session. All ages welcome. (Lori 541-567-3141)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23
FREE FISHING DAY, 7 a.m.-8 p.m., all fishable waters, in Oregon including, Pendleton. No fishing, crabbing or clamming tags or licenses required on Free Fishing Days, but all other regulations apply including closures, bag limits and size restrictions. (Michelle Dennehy 503-947-6022)

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MILTON-FREEWATER

Two of three drive-by shooting defendants take plea deals

By PHIL WRIGHT
East Oregonian

Charley Lozano Magana of Walla Walla is the only adult defendant who has not taken a plea deal for an August drive-by shooting in Milton-Freewater.

Magana, 24, still faces three counts of attempted murder, seven counts of recklessly endangering another person, two counts of unlawful use of a weapon and one for felon in possession of a firearm. Juan Venegas Esquivel, 24, and Michael Angelo Cantu, 27, also of Walla Walla, faced the same charges stemming from the shooting on the night of Aug. 17 but they took deals. Police also arrested a juvenile suspect but have not released information about his identity.

Cantu on Nov. 9 and Esquivel on Friday pleaded guilty to unlawful use of a weapon, and according to court documents they admitted to using guns to shoot at least one of three people. Milton-Freewater police reported no one was injured.

The Umatilla County District Attorney's Office in both cases dismissed the other charges. Both men agreed to five years in prison with time off for good behavior, according to their plea petitions, but that is far more time than the presumptive sentence for the crime.

Jaelyn Jenkins, the chief

deputy district attorney, in September filed notice in each case to use facts to enhance the severity of the sentence. According to the document, previous convictions did not deter the trio from committing new crimes, and the shooting “was part of an organized criminal operation.” Milton-Freewater Police Chief Doug Boedigheimer said at the time the shooting appeared gang-related.

Esquivel goes to court Dec. 11 to set a sentencing date, and Cantu that morning has his sentence hearing. Court documents also show he waived his rights to a speeding sentencing so he could fulfill the “obligations under the terms of the plea negotiations” with the state.

Magana, Cantu and Esquivel remain in the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton. Magana's case has a pre-trial conference Tuesday morning. He also has a case pending for felony assault.

Magana and three other jail inmates on Oct. 14 assaulted a fourth inmate, according to court records. Magana, Nicolas Landeros Garza, 20, of Irrigon, and Marco Antonio Garcia, 32, of Boardman, have pleaded not guilty. They have pre-trial hearings in coming weeks. The fourth defendant, Alejandro Flores Escalera, 22, of Boardman has a hearing Tuesday to change his plea.

Fire crews take out Athena blaze

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Local firefighters battled a building fire Saturday in Athena for hours.

The East Umatilla County Rural Fire Protection District reported its crew responded Saturday at about 11:30 a.m. to a call for mutual aid for a garage fire on the 400 block of Fourth Street, Athena. The Athena Volunteer Fire Department and Helix Fire Department also responded. According to an East Umatilla County spokesperson, a garage and a shed caught fire, and 18 personnel fought the flames.

“They fought through metal, asphalt, wood shake and OSB [oriented strand board] to get the fire out,” East Umatilla County reported.

No one was injured, and the cause of the fire is under investigation.

East Umatilla County, the Helix Fire Department and Athena Volunteer Fire also responded Thursday to the 100 block of Morrison Street, Adams, for a homeowner

who smelled smoke in the kitchen.

Two Athena firefighters went inside and used a thermal imaging camera to check for heat sources and determine where the smoke smell was coming from. The investigation pegged the culprit as an old hard-wired radio by the kitchen stove, according to East Umatilla County.

A ventilation fan removed as much of the smoke smell from the house as possible before units left. The homeowners were fine.

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