PENDLETON

Winterfest brings on Christmas cheer

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Mrs. Claus (aka Carolyn Brandsen) chats with children during Winterfest on Saturday at the Pendleton Convention Center.

Left: A Santa ornament hangs from a tree auctioned off Friday evening at St. Anthony Hospital's Winterfest. Proceeds go to the St. Anthony Hospital Foundation, Pioneer Relief Nursery and Cason's Place. Right: A little boy named Brandon makes a Christmas present during Winterfest on Saturday at the Pendleton Convention Center.

BRIEFLY

M-F looks to fill several open seats

Milton-Freewater is soliciting interest to fill 15 open positions on its various boards and committees.

With a few exceptions, all prospective committee members must live in the city. All members are volunteers that are appointed by the mayor and approved by the city council. Terms start in February 2019.

All applications must be submitted to City Recorder Leanne Steadman by noon on Jan. 3

Steadman can be contacted at 541-969-8233.

The open positions span the planning commission, library board, budget committee and recreation committee.

•The planning commission has three open seats. Terms span four years. The commission meets the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. and discusses issues involving the zoning code.

•The library board has two open seats under three-year terms and one under a one-year term. The board meets the last Thursday of each months at 4 p.m. and advises the council and staff on library policy and management.

•The budget committee has three open seats under three-year terms, two seats under two-year terms, and one seat under a one-year term. The committee mostly meets evenings during the spring and is tasked with considering a preliminary budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

•The recreation committee has three open seats. Terms span four years. The committee meets the first Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m. and discusses issues surrounding parks and recreation.

Raffle benefits foster kids

HERMISTON — A handful of themed baskets are being raffled off as a fundraiser for the Foster Child Welfare Fund.

Tickets, which are $1 each, are available from certifiers at local Department of Human Services offices. Money raised will help local foster children. The drawing will be held Thursday, Dec. 20 and the baskets will be delivered to the winners.

The baskets include everything from board games and treats to household items and gift certificates. The themes include cars, movie, coffee, princess party and winter.

For more information, call Marvin at 541-654-4484 or Irma at 541-564-4493.

GOP women welcome BENT

PENDLETON — A pair of local law enforcement officers will address the Round Up Republican Women.

Sgt. Richard J. Jackson of the Pendleton Police Department and Sgt. Karl Farber of the Oregon State Police, who are both members of the Blue Mountain Enforcement Narcotics Team, will share about BENT and its mission. The public is invited to the no-host luncheon meeting Thursday at 11:45 a.m. at the Red Lion, 304 S.E. Nye Ave., Pendleton. The cost is $11 for members and $13 for non-members. Those who plan to attend are asked to register in advance.

To RSVP or for more information, contact 541-276-3182 or rounduprw@gmail.com.

Port of Morrow, Union Pacific settle lawsuit over derailment

Port of Morrow drops lawsuit against railroad company

By East Oregonian

The Port of Morrow dropped a lawsuit against Union Pacific Railroad on Monday, after reaching a settlement with the railroad company.

In August, the port filed a suit against Union Pacific for nearly $340,000, for a train derailment and damage to port-owned tracks. Port manager Ryan Neal told the *East Oregonian* on Monday that the suit was settled for $38,944.47.

"We settled on the costs of the track repair and dropped the demurrage charges for car storage, which totaled both to around the $340,000 range," Neal told the *EO* in an email.

In September 2017, five empty rail cars from a train that Union Pacific had delivered to Pacific Ethanol, a business that has a plant at the port, derailed while still on port-owned tracks. After employees from Frontier Rail, a third party who contracts with Pacific Ethanol, unloaded corn from the rail cars, they moved the train. It was returned to Union Pacific's control, but it was still on port-owned tracks. The port repaired the tracks, which cost them $39,944.47, and was not compensated. The port said in the lawsuit that Pacific Ethanol's employees failed to close one or more of the bottom doors of the rail cars, which caught and dragged on the tracks.

Crews also moved 14 other Union Pacific rail cars from the crash site, which remained on port property, despite port demands to Union Pacific to remove them.

Former TRCI food coordinator charged with sexual misconduct

By East Oregonian

HERMISTON — The former food services coordinator of Two Rivers Correctional Institution faces a misdemeanor charge for sexual relations with an inmate.

Porter

Kimberly Ann Porter of Hermiston worked at the state prison in Umatilla as a food services coordinator from Nov. 3, 2014, until she resigned Aug. 3, according to Department of Corrections communication manager Jennifer Black. The Umatilla County District Attorney's Office indicted Porter in October on the lone count. According to court documents, the state accused Porter of engaging in sexual contact with inmate Buford Thomas Harper between April 1 and May 22.

Harper, 32, of Canyonville, is serving 25 years for murder. He teamed up with two other men in 2013 to rob another man of his medical marijuana at his home in Tri City near Myrtle Creek in Douglas County. Harper in 2014 pleaded guilty to killing the man.

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office on Friday arrested Porter, 52, on a warrant after she skipped her arraignment on Nov. 20. Deputies booked her into the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton. Jail staff reported Porter bailed out the same day.

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