

Inmate assaults other inmate on prison transport

By PHIL WRIGHT
East Oregonian

A state prison inmate slipped his cuffs on a transport bus in Eastern Oregon and attacked another inmate.

Jen Black, communications manager for the Oregon Department of Corrections, said no one was injured during the brief clash.

The transport bus with three corrections staff and 29 inmates left Wednesday morning from Coffee Creek Correctional Facility, the department's inmate intake center in Wilsonville, heading for Two Rivers Correctional Institution, Umatilla. Around 9:20 a.m., one inmate freed his hands from metal cuffs and committed the assault.

"Because of a fight on the bus, the transport officers pulled over and notified the Oregon State Police, which is standard operating procedure," Black said.

The bus stopped on the shoulder of Interstate 84 near milepost 147 in Morrow County, where a state

trooper and a unit from the Morrow County Sheriff's Office responded to assist. Oregon State Police Sgt. Seth Cooney said the corrections staff took control of the situation, and the police escorted the van to the state prison.

The department reported its transports in 2018 traveled 726,345 ground miles, 50,517 air miles and transferred 19,551 inmates, but fights on the rides are rare.

"I talked with our transport manager who has been in the role for the past three years," Black said. "He told me that this was the first time in three years that an altercation on the bus has occurred."

The corrections department did not release the names of the inmates involved due to safety and security reasons.

"Our first priority at the Oregon Department of Corrections is to operate safely and securely for our staff and all of the men and women in our custody, during transportation and in our institutions," Black said.

REGION BRIEFLY

Sheriff's deputies rescue 10-year-old boy in Umatilla County

Two Umatilla County Sheriff's Deputies rescued a 10-year-old boy on Saturday after he was injured while riding a snowmobile at Jubilee Lake in the Blue Mountains.

The boy was thought to have a broken leg and was transferred to a Walla Walla hospital.

According to a Umatilla County Sheriff's Office press release, the boy had ridden over a berm, become airborne and fallen down a 15- to 20-foot embankment. His snowmobile struck a tree, and he was thrown from the machine.

The two deputies, Rick Carter and Jonathan Roberts, were on a snowmobile patrol in the area when they found the accident. It had occurred just a few minutes before the deputies arrived, and the boy's parents were with him. The boy was lying in the trees and was in a lot of pain.

While the deputies were trying to rescue the boy, two young men stopped by and helped. The four men together used a winch on the sheriff's office utility task vehicle to slowly pull the boy up the embankment. They transported the boy in the UTV for 15 miles, and an ambulance met them at the highway to take the boy to a hospital in Walla Walla.

The sheriff's office said the help of the two citizens allowed the deputies to concentrate on getting medical help for the boy, and thanked them for stopping.

HERMISTON — An ensemble of the Inland Northwest Musicians will perform a free concert in Ione.

The Willow Creek Symphony performance is Saturday at 4 p.m. at Ione Community School, 445 Spring St. The program includes "Sounds of Simon and Garfunkel," "March of the Bowmen," "Swedish Polka" and "Midnight Beguine." A reception will follow the concert.

The symphony is under the direction of R. Lee Friese, music director/conductor, and Ralph Werner, associate conductor. The symphony features student and adult musicians from across the region. Also, several members of the Inland Northwest Orchestra will join the ensemble for the upcoming performance.

Founded in 1999, Inland Northwest Musicians is committed to providing live musical performances to rural audiences. There is no admission charge for concerts, however, donations are greatly appreciated.

For more information, contact 541-289-4696, inwm@machmedia.net or visit www.inlandnorthwestmusicians.com.

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Reckless Kelly to headline Wheatstock

Pre-sale tickets now available for Aug. 17 music festival

By TAMMY MALGESINI
East Oregonian

Wheatstock Music Festival is pulling out all the stops in preparation for the 12th annual event.

Organizers announced that Reckless Kelly, an Americana band out of Austin, Texas, is headlining the show. The Saturday, Aug. 17 music festival will be held at Quantum 9 Arena in Helix.

"This is really exciting," said DuWayne Dunlap. "It's going to be one of our best years yet."

Dunlap and the rest of the festival's board anticipate brisk ticket sales. The first 500 tickets are available for \$20 each (through June 30) — then, the price increases to \$30. Tickets at the gate are \$35. Admission is free for active military personnel and kids 12 and under. Also, VIP



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Pre-sale tickets for this summer's Wheatstock Music Festival are now available. Headlining the 12th annual event is Austin, Texas-based Americana band Reckless Kelly.

packages are available for \$99, which includes a general admission ticket, a meet-and-greet with headliners, an event T-shirt and an autographed poster.

Reckless Kelly is led by co-founders and frontmen Cody and Willy Braun. The brothers were raised in the White Cloud Mountains of central Idaho before moving to Bend, where they sowed their musical oats at open mic nights at a Lebanese restaurant.

With tenacity as rugged as the terrain they grew up in, a falling out with a couple of Prairie Mutts bandmates sent the brothers packing. In October 1996, Cody and Willy, along with drummer Jay Nazz, reformed as Reckless Kelly and migrated to Texas where they found a home in the gritty outlaw country music scene in Austin.

Cody and Willy — along with their younger brothers, Gary and Micky, who

later formed Micky and the Motorcars — got their start in their father's band, Muzzie Braun and the Boys.

They played everywhere from school assemblies and cowboy gatherings to the Grand Ole Opry and "The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson." Learning the ropes from Papa Braun, the boys wrangled in a taste for musical success by sharing the stage with the likes of Johnny Cash, Merle Haggard and Glen Campbell.

Wheatstock was founded with the purpose of raising money for the Helix School District music program. The festival continues to support that effort as well as donating proceeds to Divide Camp, a wilderness retreat for combat veterans in the Wallowa Mountains.

Stay tuned — five more musical acts will be announced. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.wheatstock.org or search Facebook for Wheatstock Music Festival.

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COMING EVENTS

FRIDAY, MARCH 15
WEE BIT O' IRELAND, 10 a.m.-11:59 p.m., various venues, downtown, Heppner. Annual salute to Morrow County's Irish ancestry includes parade, races, games and Ceili, car show, remembrance walk/run, historical tours, live music, fireman's breakfast, road bowling and more. Details available on the Heppner Chamber website or on Facebook. (Sheryll Bates 541-676-5536)
BOOK SALE, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Umatilla Public Library, 700 Sixth St., Umatilla. Hardback volumes are 50 cents and paperbacks are 25 cents. (541-922-5704). Also Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
FAMILY FRIDAY NIGHT, 4-7 p.m., Hermiston Community Center, 415 S. Highway 395, Hermiston. Inflation fun and activities for all ages. Concessions available for cash purchase. \$7 per person, pre-register at bit.ly/hermistonrecreation.
VFW BINGO, 6 p.m., Hermiston VFW, 45 W. Cherry St., Hermiston. Doors open at 6 p.m., games begin at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome. (541-567-6219)
"KACT, THE CHANNEL THAT WILL STEAL YOUR HEART", 6-8 p.m., Irrigon High School, 315 E. Wyoming Ave., Irrigon. The Irrigon High School Drama Club presents sketches and commercials written, directed and performed by the students. Pasta dinner featuring different types of pasta, sides and dessert. Tickets are \$5 at the door. (Linda Pedro 541-922-5551).

Also on Saturday from 6-8 p.m.
A FLAIR FOR THE DRAMATIC, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Vert Auditorium, 480 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. The Oregon East Symphony and Chorale will perform a selection of choruses from popular operas including "HMS Pinafore," "Aida," "Il Travatore" and "Nabucco." The Pendleton Men's Chorus also will perform. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors and \$15 for students, available at the OES office, Pendleton Art + Frame or online at BrownPaperTickets.com. (JD Kindle 541-276-0320)
RECDAWG NIGHT, 8-11 p.m., Hermiston Community Center, 415 S. Highway 395, Hermiston. Obstacle course, Mario Cart, ping pong, corn hole, tournament play and more. Concessions available for cash purchase. \$5 at the door, teens only.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16
WEE BIT O' IRELAND, 8 a.m.-11:59 p.m., various venues, downtown, Heppner. Annual salute to Morrow County's Irish ancestry includes parade, races, games and Ceili, car show, remembrance walk/run, historical tours, live music, fireman's breakfast, road bowling

and more. Details available on the Heppner Chamber website or on Facebook. (Sheryll Bates 541-676-5536)
ECHO RED 2 RED XC BIKE RACE, 8 a.m., downtown, Main and Dupont streets, Echo. Day of race registration and packet pickup from 8-10:30 a.m., race begins at 11 a.m. Online registration available at <https://racesonline.com/events/echo-red-2-red-xc-mtb-race>. (Brian Cimmiyotti 509-374-8424)
SEED SHARE EXPO, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. Annual event provides seeds to help start a garden (bring some to share), plus door prizes, displays, demonstrations and activities for the whole family. Free for all ages and skill levels. (Amanda Wodlee 423-488-1530)
TILLER'S FOLLY, 7:30-9:30 p.m., St. Patrick's Catholic Church parish hall, 525 N. Gale St., Heppner. Irish songs and stories about them from a premier Northwest Celtic trio. Free admission. Refreshments available. (Sheryll Bates 541-676-5536)
MASTERS OF ILLUSION, 8-10 p.m., Wildhorse Resort & Casino, 46510 Wildhorse

Blvd, Pendleton. The amazing team of magicians from the TV show "Masters of Illusion" will perform some of the greatest illusions of our time right before your eyes. Tickets are \$49 general admission, \$59 premium or \$69 up close, available at wildhorseresort.yapsody.com. (Ticket information 800-654-9453)

SUNDAY, MARCH 17
PAUL GORHAM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., Pendleton Masonic Lodge, 1350 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for ages 6-12. Call-in orders welcome. Donations accepted; proceeds benefit scholarships for local students. (Marty Patterson 541-278-0995)

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