

REAL Oregon accepting applications for Class 3

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SALEM — A program designed to incubate new leaders in Oregon agriculture and natural resources management is seeking applications for its third class, scheduled to begin in November.

REAL Oregon (Resource Education and Agricultural Leadership) is seeking applications from natural resource professionals from around the state for Class 3. Participants have the chance to learn about farming, fishing and forestry over a series of five sessions held statewide, while also networking with professionals in the field.

REAL Oregon is designed to help members grow into leaders through training in board governance, communication, conflict resolution, public policy work, critical thinking, government interaction, media relations, public speaking and presentations.

Greg Addington, REAL Oregon's director, expects continued interest in the program



Capital Press Photo/George Plaven, File
Greg Addington, director of REAL Oregon, says the leadership program is recruiting applicants for its third class, which begins in November.

this year.

"The application deadline for program consideration is July 25 and we

expect it to again be competitive," he said.

The cost of the program is \$2,500.

Addington said it's important for interested parties not to wait until the last minute, adding, "Applicants need to give themselves some time. A short essay is required as well as reference letters."

Application packages and additional information can be found on the organizations website at www.realoregon.net. The REAL Oregon board of directors will review application materials in August and announce members of Class 3 in September.

REAL Oregon alumni are serving on various boards and commissions and have been recruited for other industry and service-related organizations. In addition, many alumni have pledged their support to help with future classes and even serve on the organization's governing board.

"I hope it's a testament to what we put together that people want to come back and help make this program even better," said Bill Buhrig, REAL Oregon board chair.

Heppner man in Baker County Jail after vehicle thefts

Colby James Hedman faces multiple charges after alleged vehicle thefts

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BAKER CITY — A Heppner man arrested near Baker City Monday night on charges of stealing two vehicles and attempting to elude police is a suspect in a Walla Walla, Washington, murder investigation, according to a press release issued this afternoon by the Walla Walla Police Department.

Colby James Hedman, 23, is being held at the Baker County Jail on two counts of unlawful use of a motor vehicle, attempting to elude police, reckless driving, two counts of criminal trespassing and one count of hit and run with property damage.

Walla Walla police identified the homicide victim as Kyle Jordan Martz, 35, an employee at Whitman College.

An autopsy will be scheduled by the Walla Walla County Coroner's office to determine cause of death, the press release said.

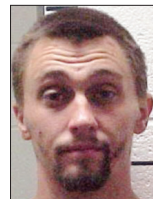
The Walla Walla investigation began around 6 p.m. Monday when police responded to a report of a missing roommate from a residence in the 300 block of South Fourth Avenue in Walla Walla. While searching the property, Martz's body was located and his vehicle was found to be missing.

Approximately five hours later, Oregon State Police notified Walla Walla investigators that the victim's vehicle had been found in the Baker City area and that Hedman was being held at the Baker County Jail.

Walla Walla Police detectives responded to Baker City and determined that Hedman was a suspect in the homicide. Hedman is

believed to be a transient, the press release stated. Police do not believe Hedman and Martz knew each other.

Hedman was arrested in Baker City after Robert Borders, of Baker City, reported the theft of a tan Ford pickup shortly before 11 p.m. Monday from his home, according to state



Hedman

court documents and a news release from Baker County Sheriff Travis Ash. Deputies responded to Borders' home and found Hedman on the freeway side of Old Trail Road, where he failed to follow commands from the deputies and fled on foot.

Oregon State Police and Baker City Police responded and helped deputies search for Hedman. But he circled around and returned to Borders' home, according to the sheriff, and took a yellow Jeep Wrangler. One of the deputies noticed the vehicle speeding away and followed it on Old Trail Road.

Hedman drove through a fence separating the freeway and Old Trail Road, then drove to the freeway onramp at Chandler Lane crossing at milepost 298, about 5 miles north of Baker City. Ash reported Hedman tried to turn west onto the eastbound travel lanes, but two state police troopers used their cars to block Hedman's progress down the highway.

The police cars and the Jeep sustained minor damage in the collision, and Hedman suffered minor injuries from broken glass, according to Ash. The troopers took Hedman into custody without further incident at 11:10 p.m. Authorities rerouted eastbound traffic through a short detour during the investigation.

Hermiston City Council votes to pursue local improvement district

By JADE MCDOWELL
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HERMISTON — The Hermiston City Council voted Monday to begin the process of pursuing a local improvement district that would pay for improvements to the South Hermiston Industrial Park.

The LID would cover neighboring properties along Campbell and Penney drives, requiring them to pitch in to pay to pave the remainder of Campbell Drive, install

water and sewer mains in the area and create what would essentially be a new road — called Southeast 10th Street — connecting East Penney Avenue to Highway 395 across from Bellingers. The road, which would create access to a piece of industrial land owned by the Port of Umatilla, only exists on paper right now.

The city plans to pursue a federal grant to pay for about half of the project and the city and Umatilla County will contrib-

uted a combined total of 10%, leaving property owners to contribute about 40% of the cost. Assistant city manager Mark Morgan said if the city fails to get the grant it does not plan to pursue the district after all.

If 60% of affected property owners formally reject the plan before or during an Aug. 12 hearing, it would also be blocked from going forward. On Monday, no property owners expressed opposition and Port of Umatilla

manager Kim Puzey expressed support.

The city council also adopted a strategic plan on Monday for the Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center. Some of the priorities in the plan include securing water rights for the site, updating the overall site plan, beautification, improving security, building storage and office space for the Umatilla County Fair, improving the RV park, adding a multi-sports facility and developing a marketing plan.

SUPPORT GROUPS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

- OPEN AA MEETING**, 12 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, 241 S.E. Second St., Pendleton. Coffee is provided. (Ed 541-207-2548)
- OPEN AA MEETING**, 12 p.m., complex, 680 W. Harper Road, Hermiston. (800-410-5953)
- AL-ANON**, 5-6 p.m., St. John's Episcopal Church, 665 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston.
- GRIEFSHARE**, 6-7:30 p.m., New Hope Community Church, 1350 S. Highway 395, Hermiston. (Terri or Beth 541-667-3543 or 541-564-2595)
- NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS**, 6:30 p.m., Helping Hand, 346 S.E. Second St., Pendleton.
- WOMEN'S OPEN AA MEETING**, 6:30 p.m., complex, 680 W. Harper Road, Hermiston. (800-410-5953)
- NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS**, 7 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, 241 S.E. Second St., Pendleton.
- OPEN AA MEETING**, 7 p.m., Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center, 73265 Confederated Way, Mission. (800-410-5953)
- H.O.W. OPEN AA MEETING**, 8 p.m., complex, 680 W. Harper Road, Hermiston. (800-410-5953)

THURSDAY, JULY 11

- OPEN SUPPORT GROUP**, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Bowman Building, 17 S.W. Frazer Ave., Pendleton. (541-276-6671 or 541-379-1589)
- NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS**, 10:30 a.m., Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, 241 S.E. Second St., Pendleton.
- OPEN AA MEETING**, 12 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, 241 S.E. Second St., Pendleton. Coffee is provided. (Ed 541-207-2548)
- AS BILL SEES IT AA MEETING**, 12 p.m., complex, 680 W. Harper Road, Hermiston.
- LOST AND FOUND YOUTH OUTREACH**, 3 p.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Help for youth 12-18 facing challenges. (Leslie 541-276-3987)
- HEALTHY CHOICES AA MEETING**, 5-6:30 p.m., St. Anthony Hospital conference room 1, 2801 St. Anthony Way, Pendleton. (541-207-2548)
- WOMEN FOR SOBRIETY SUPPORT GROUP**, 5:30-7 p.m., First Christian Church, 516 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater. New members welcome. (Kimberlie Krieg 541-861-3283)
- TOPS**, 6 p.m., Peace Lutheran Church, 210 N.W. Ninth St., Pendleton. 6 p.m. weigh-in, 6:30-7:30 p.m. meeting. (Heather Endersby 541-969-6997)
- CELEBRATE RECOVERY**, 6-9 p.m., First Assembly of God Church, 1911 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton. 6-7 p.m. large group, 6-8 p.m. Celebration Place (children K-5), 7-8 p.m. open share group, 8-9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe social time (all ages). Christ-centered 12-step program for those with hurts, habits and hangups. Childcare is available for children ages 1-5. (541-276-6417)
- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/SEXUAL ASSAULT WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP**, 6-7:30 p.m., call for location, Pendleton. Sponsored by Domestic Violence Services. (541-276-3322)
- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/SEXUAL ASSAULT WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP**, 6-7:30 p.m., call for location, Hermiston. Sponsored by Domestic Violence Services. (541-567-0424)
- NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS**, 6:30 p.m., Helping Hand, 346 S.E. Second St., Pendleton.

BRIEFLY

Hermiston man dies in motorcycle crash

HERMISTON — A Hermiston man died Monday when the motorcycle he was riding collided with a pickup. Oregon State Police also reported it is investigating whether alcohol use was a factor in the crash.

State police troopers from the Pendleton Area Command and other emergency personnel responded to the report of the crash at 4:21 p.m. on Highway 207 near milepost 4.

The preliminary investigation revealed David Wayne Morgan, 75, of Hermiston, was driving north on the highway in a gray 2013 Dodge pickup towing a horse trailer when he turned left onto the Circle K convenience store. Nathaniel John Bloomer of Hermiston was heading south on a 1984 Yamaha XT2 motorcycle and struck the side of the trailer.

Bloomer died from his injuries at Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston,

according to state police. He was 56.

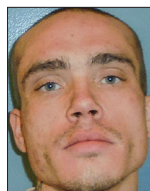
Personnel from the Oregon Department of Transportation, Umatilla County Fire District No. 1 and the Umatilla County Sheriff's Office also responded. Authorities closed the highway for approximately one hour following the crash.

Hermiston police seek public's help finding offender

HERMISTON — Hermiston police are asking the public for help finding Austin Lonnie Black after he ran from officers and dropped a gun that fired.

Police want to arrest Black on a probation violation warrant and weapon offenses, according to Hermiston police Lt. Randy Studebaker, but he took off Monday from police.

"We believe that during



Black

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Toy Story 4 (PG)
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Candle lighting ceremony and the Blessing of the Clans	Entertainment, Dancing,
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