

Caledonian athletes show some muscle



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

A competitor in the hammer toss winds up for a throw during Saturday's Caledonian Games in Athena. Other highland events included the caber toss, stone put and sheaf toss, which involves throwing a straw bale over a crossbar with a pitchfork.



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A competitor in the stone put prepares to throw during Saturday's Caledonian Games in Athena. Besides the Highland Games competition, the annual event included Highland dancing, Scottish food, pipe and drum playing and other activities.

Hermiston announces free watermelons

HERMISTON — Hermiston city leaders will be making their annual goodwill pilgrimage to Portland on Aug. 2 to give samples of local produce and network with metro-area leaders.

The event in Portland's Pioneer Square at noon will include giveaways of watermelons and other fresh Hermiston-grown produce, plus a seed-spitting contest between Hermiston and Portland officials.

It is sponsored by the city of Hermiston, the city of Portland and the Greater Hermiston Area Chamber of Commerce, with produce donated by Botsford and Goodfellow, Pollock and Sons, Belling Farms, Walchli Farms and Walchli Organic.

The annual giveaway began in the 1980s when then-mayor Frank Harkenrider loaded up a pickup truck with watermelons and challenged Bud Clark, then Portland's mayor, to a seed spitting contest. After a hiatus in 2007 it was restarted in 2015.

The meeting is at 6 p.m. in the Stanfield Secondary School cafeteria, 1120 N. Main St.

ODOT is funding an improvement project for the highway between Harding Street and Ball Avenue. Improvements will include paving repairs, new wheelchair ramps, bulb-outs and other features to improve pedestrian safety and slow traffic through town.

In June ODOT employees pitched the idea of including a "road diet" that would take the highway down from five lanes to three (one northbound, one southbound and a center turn lane). The change would be designed to encourage vehicles to obey the speed limit and to help pedestrians cross more quickly.

City councilors voted to postpone the decision until they had held a public meeting to gather feedback.

On Thursday, ODOT will give a presentation about the proposed safety improvements and take questions and comments. For questions about the meeting contact city hall at 541-449-3831.

Stanfield open house to discuss Highway 395

STANFIELD — The city of Stanfield and Oregon Department of Transportation will hold a community meeting Thursday to discuss planned changes to Highway 395.

TRCI reports in-custody death

UMATILLA — An inmate at Two Rivers Correctional Institution in Umatilla died early Monday morning, according to a press release from the Oregon Department of Corrections.

Lindsey Llaneza, 65, passed away in the infirmary at TRCI.



Llaneza

Llaneza entered DOC custody on April 15, 2004, from Multnomah County with an earliest release date of June 23, 2021.

Two killed in crash

BAKER CITY — Two Baker City men were killed in a single-vehicle crash early Sunday morning on Highway 30 between Baker City and Haines.

The driver, Jesse Butler, 30, and his passenger, Travis Culbertson, 36, both died in the crash, according to Oregon State Police.

A preliminary investigation by OSP showed that Butler was driving south on Highway 30 when he failed to negotiate a curve near the intersection with Chandler Lane, about 5 miles north of Baker City.

According to OSP, Butler's car, a Chevrolet Malibu, crashed through a guardrail, rolled several times and struck a utility pole.

Butler was ejected from the car and died at the scene, as did Culbertson.

Highway 30 was closed for several hours.

OSP is continuing the investigation, and the agency had no other information this morning.

OSP was assisted at the

crash scene by the Baker County Sheriff's Office, Oregon Department of Transportation, Baker City and Haines fire departments and Oregon Trail Electric Co-op.

Oregon Heritage Commission to meet in Baker City

BAKER CITY — The Oregon Heritage Commission is set to meet in Baker City in late July.

The meeting will start July 28 at 1 p.m. with a tour of heritage sites surrounding the historic downtown.

The following day, a public business meeting will begin at 9 a.m. at the Geiser Grand Hotel, 1996 Main St., Baker City.

The agenda includes reports on 2018 grant and MentorCorps programs, long-term planning, approval of Cultural Trust part-

ner funds and reports by commissioners.

The Heritage Commission is comprised of nine people representing Oregon's heritage and geographical diversity who have been appointed by the governor. There are nine advisory representatives from state agencies and statewide organizations. The mission of the Oregon Heritage Commission is to secure, sustain, and enhance Oregon's heritage by ensuring coordination of heritage initiatives by public and private organizations; advocacy on its behalf; education of the public about its extent and value; and promotion and celebration of its diversity.

Commission meetings are open to the public and their agendas include opportunities for public comment. The meeting site is accessible to people with disabilities. Special accommodations for the meeting — including transla-

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