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Hermiston man charged with assault, vehicle theft

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A Hermiston man was arrested Thursday morning after a crime spree that included two stolen cars and an assault.



Cody Stackhouse, 26, was taken into custody on charges of fourth-degree assault, attempted robbery, two counts of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and at least five counts of hit and run.

Hermiston Police Chief Jason Edmiston said in an email that the investigation was ongoing and not all of the victims had been interviewed, but it appeared the suspect had stolen a car in the county's jurisdiction Thursday morning, abandoned it, stole a second one and then drove it into the city.

Edmiston said Stackhouse then crashed into several vehicles within the city limits, coming to a stop at the intersection of Northeast Seventh Street and Catherine Avenue.

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TODAY'S WEATHER



Partly cloudy
 High: 76° Low: 50°

OUTLOOK

- **SUNDAY**
Showers early
High: 74° Low: 49°
- **MONDAY**
Mix of sun and clouds
High: 78° Low: 52°

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Stanfield PD staying competitive

Public safety fee generates almost \$45,000 for officer salaries

BY SEAN HART
 HERMISTON HERALD

Stanfield Police Department is up to full staff after the city implemented a public safety fee a year ago to provide higher officer salaries.

Lt. Monty Toombs said the \$5 monthly fee charged on all residential and business utility bills in the city has helped the department offer more competitive wages.

"The public safety fee was just something to help us better provide for the community of Stanfield and to help us retain officers," he said. "That was kind of the problem, even before I came here, that everyone else was paying so much more than we were paying."

Before the salary increase, raw recruits earned \$28,200 per year, compared

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SPD Statistics



Stanfield Police Department has been more active this year at full staff after two officers completed field training.

Following is a comparison of incidents from August through October 2014, when the new officers were away at the police academy, and from February through April of this year, when the new officers were actively patrolling:

- Total incidents increased from 579 to 1,160.
- Officer-initiated incidents increased from 352 to 908.
- Traffic stops increased from 229 to 703.
- Total officer reports increased from 42 to 69.
- Total arrests increased from 14 to 24.
- Total citations increased from 101 to 106.

McBride served on security detail for presidential helicopter

Last day in Marines spent 'hanging out' with George W. Bush

BY SEAN HART
 HERMISTON HERALD

In his previous police experience, Stanfield officer Ryan McBride served on the security detail for the United States president's Marine One helicopter.

McBride, 35, said he joined the Marine Corps after high

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SEAN HART PHOTO
 Stanfield police officer Ryan McBride traveled to 15 countries with the president of the United States.



JESSICA KELLER PHOTO

Special Olympics athlete Lyall Arey tosses the bocce ball during a practice recently. Bocce is one of three Special Olympics sports in which Arey competes, and he takes pleasure in both the competition and the company of his friends.

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A place to SHINE

Local Special Olympics athletes excel in sports, life

BY JESSICA KELLER
 HERMISTON HERALD

Hermiston's Lyall Arey is like many 22-year-olds — he has a job, does some volunteer work, enjoys movies, spending time with friends and playing sports — in fact, he's a three-sport athlete.

Arey's experience with athletics, however, differs from those of other athletes, even that of his Hermiston/Pendleton Special Olympics team peers.

Because Arey has autism, he has trouble communicating, and he actually does not speak much at all.

When Arey is playing bocce, basketball or bowling, however, his challenges and those of his teammates do not matter, which is what, coach Kristi Smalley said, makes Special Olympics so, well, special.

She said, at its core, Special Olympics is a training and athletic competition program for people with mental or developmental disabilities, but the organization is really much more than that.

"I think it really allows the opportunity to celebrate the uniqueness, the talents of our population," Kristi Smalley, Arey's coach, said of the organization.

Instead of focusing on what people with mental or developmental disabilities can't do, Special Olympics shines the spotlight on what the athletes can and do accomplish, she said.

"Special Olympics gives this population the opportunity to show they can handle much more than we think they can," Smalley said.

In the five years that Arey has participated in Special Olympics, Smalley said he has really excelled, both as an athlete and socially.

Elementary students learn about model aviation

Hermiston-area club flies remote-controlled planes for STEM education

BY SEAN HART
 HERMISTON HERALD

Local elementary students excitedly watched and cheered as Hermiston-area model airplane club members demonstrated remote-controlled aviation Friday.

The presentation, hosted by the Columbia Aeromodellers club, not only introduced the students to the world of radio-controlled

airplanes, it was also a learning experience for many.

Tina Ridings, coordinator of the McNary Heights after-school Science, Technology, Engineering and Math program, said the model airplane demonstration, which all of the students enjoyed, was a way to expose the students to just another application of STEM education.

"A lot of people associate (STEM) only with robotics,

and it's not — it's so much more," she said. "We try to open and engage these kids in a lot of different things. Because so many things are focused on computers and technology nowadays, some kids get it, some kids don't. They can understand that this is another avenue that they can experience that will still expand their learning but not be so intense that it

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Columbia Aeromodellers member Jimmy Creason prepares to fly a radio-controlled model airplane Friday near McNary Dam.

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