

Collision leads to arrest on DUI, assault charges

Police say Breckheimer injured himself while detained and flung blood on officers



Breckheimer

When he slammed his head into the divider between the front and back seats, causing a 1.5-inch laceration on his forehead, the report states.

While being moved to the medical vehicle, Breckheimer shouted obscenities and flung his head from side to side, getting blood on officers and medical personnel, according to the report. He was transported to Good Shepherd Medical Center for treatment and evaluation.

The report states Breckheimer later consented to a blood draw at the hospital and a Breathalyzer test at HPD, which showed a blood alcohol content of .13 percent. He was processed and transported to the jail without further incident.

Edmiston said the assault charge was related to injuring another individual while driving drunk. The criminal mischief charge, he said, was related to a wall that was damaged during the wreck and the clean-up required on the police vehicle.

Officers are trained to wear protective equipment, Edmiston said, and none of Breckheimer's bodily fluids entered their systems. He said, when that occurs, the officers must be treated at the hospital with medication that makes them sick, similar to chemotherapy. An HPD officer was poked with a used hypodermic needle last week and is still recovering from the required medication, he said.

According to the report, Breckheimer was found unconscious in his 1992 silver Jeep Cherokee after crashing into the back of a 2003 white Subaru Legacy driven by Sean Murray, who suffered a large laceration to the back of his head. Edmiston said Murray, 24, Heppner, was taken to the Heppner hospital by his family.

The report states, when Breckheimer awoke, he appeared intoxicated and became combative when citizens tried to help him. He was detained for his safety in the back of a Hermiston Police Department vehi-



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This property wall near Theater Lane and Prickly Pear Drive was damaged in a collision that led to the arrest of William Breckheimer, 20, Hermiston, for driving under the influence of intoxicants and assault for injuring another driver.

District earns eighth consecutive financial award

The Hermiston School District business office received notification that it has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for the district's 2013-14 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a district and its management. The certificate is awarded primarily to government units whose CAFRs meet the highest standards in government accounting and financial reporting. The CAFRs are judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

This is the ninth time the Hermiston School District has been recognized for its CAFR and the eighth consecutive year. The district was previously honored for the

2012-13, 2011-12, 2010-11, 2009-10, 2008-09, 2007-08, 2006-07 and 2004-05 school years.

"Being recognized with the GFOA Certificate of Achievement for a ninth time is evidence of the HSD Board of Education and business department's commitment to excellence in reporting transparency and financial accountability," HSD Deputy Superintendent Wade Smith said in a press release. "I am extremely proud of the financial stewardship exhibited by the board and business department. This honor establishes an unsurpassed standard of excellence."

The Government Finance Officers Association of the U.S. and Canada is a nonprofit professional association that serves approximately 17,500 government finance professionals. The GFOA established the CAFR Program in 1945 to encourage and assist state and local governments to go beyond the minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principles to prepare comprehensive annual financial reports that evidence the spirit of transparency and full disclosure and then to recognize individual governments that succeed in achieving that goal.

Library kicks off summer reading program

Children, teens and adults can still register

BY JESSICA KELLER
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The Hermiston Public Library's summer reading programs have started or start today, but children, teens and adults can still sign up to participate.

The library was a hotbed of activity Monday and Tuesday, with children registering. Latecomers, however, can still sign up for the free program at the library until July 2.

The programs typically run about six weeks and all center around the theme of heroes this year, Library Director Marie Baldo said.

"Traditionally the intent of a summer reading program is to keep the kids reading over the school break, so when they return to school they are at the same reading level or higher as when they left," she said.

The Hermiston library also offers a teen program, currently underway, to encourage teen reading, as well one for adults, who, Baldo said, got jealous and wanted one, too.

The summer programs are partly funded through the state's "Ready to Read" grants, which are given to libraries for just that purpose, Baldo said, although the Hermiston library always spends more than it receives. Some money is also used to purchase prizes for children.

To choose books for the summer reading program, Baldo said she takes into consideration what the library already has in stock and what can be added.

"It's a way to plus up things, and they're all books recommended by other libraries," Baldo said.

She said she purchased 98 books this year just for the children's program, as well as literature required for children participating in Battle of the Books next school year.

"All in all, I'd say we probably purchased 120 books of new material just between the three programs," Baldo said.

This year's children's theme is "Every Hero has a Story." While some of the activities involve superheroes, Raquel Rodriguez, coordinator for



JESSICA KELLER PHOTO

Amy Warner of Hermiston registers her children Quinn, left, Avery, center, and Cade, not pictured, for the Hermiston Public Library summer reading program Monday.

the children's program, said she has organized presentations involving everyday heroes in the community, who will speak to the children about what they do. Other activities include movies, treasure hunts and searches, where children receive a clue at the library about a certain business in Hermiston and then go to the business with an adult to receive a reward. The first search is from noon to 1 p.m. today.

"We do it to promote our businesses and to give kids something fun to do," Rodriguez said.

Children registered in the program receive prizes each day they attend and collect tickets to draw for other prizes. Those who meet the reading guidelines and complete reading logs by Aug. 6 will be rewarded with a pool party at the Hermiston Aquatic Center Aug. 7. To meet their goals, second-graders and younger must read 30 picture books, and children in third-grade and up have to read at least five chapter books.

Teen Program — "Unmask"

Although the program began June 15, teens can still sign up through mid-July. The program wraps up with a party July 31. To participate, teenagers sign a pledge agreeing to read a certain number of books or pages. Activities, which are open to everyone, are also scheduled each week. The next activity is Super Hero "Jeopardy" from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday. There is also an Interactive Bulletin Board, where teens are challenged to answer dif-

Adult program: "Escape the Ordinary"

The adult summer reading program, which ends in August and has a different theme each month, "will explore and celebrate a variety of heroes, superheroes, extraordinary people and places," according to the brochure. Adults who participate receive a list of recommended books for each month from which to choose, as well as quizzes and other activities in their packet. Activities, which are open to the public, are

ferent questions. Teens receive tickets for every activity they attend, which they can enter into a drawing to win a Kindle at the end of the program. Also part of the summer reading program is a summer book group. This month, the teens are reading "Lost Heroes" by Rick Riordan, who wrote the popular Percy Jackson series, and in July "Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children" by Ransom Riggs will be discussed.

Hermiston Public Library information

For more information on any of the programs or the activities scheduled, visit www.hermistonlibrary.us, call 541-567-2882 or visit the library, 235 E. Gladys Ave, Hermiston. The library is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. It will be closed July 3 and July 4 for the Fourth of July holiday.

also scheduled.

June's theme is travel, and The Hermiston Travel Club will present at noon June 27, and a Classical Heroes quiz is due that day, as well. July's theme is Superheroes, and a Superhero Mystery Party will take place at noon July 18. August's theme is Everyday Heroes, with a program slated for Aug. 22. The adult summer program concludes Aug. 29.

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