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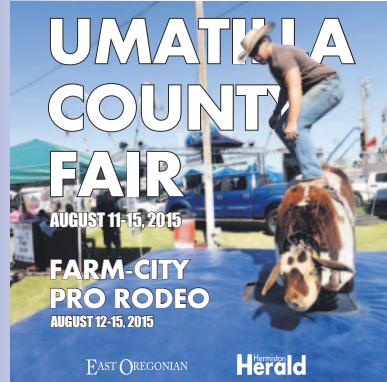
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**Fair section inside today**

The 100th anniversary edition of the Umatilla County Fair runs next week and today's issue of the Hermiston Herald included a special section previewing this year's fair.

The 24-page section is your guide to the action and events on tap for the 2015 Umatilla County Fair. It includes a map of the grounds, a day-by-day schedule, a parade route map and details about the entertainer scheduled to appear on the main stage.

Start planning your fair adventures today and we'll see you at the fair.



PHOTO COURTESY ADAM SIMS

**Photographer reception planned at library**

HERALD STAFF REPORT

The Hermiston Public Library will host a reception for photographer Adam Sims from 4-6 p.m. Thursday.

He started studying photography in 2007. Although he was unable to take formal classes in college because of his schedule, he learned through tutorials, books, critiques and practice.

"I believe my interest in photography branched off from my interest in video recording lighting and other subjects," he said. "I have always been someone that loved to be outdoors, and I feel like photography really gave me a way to interact with the beauty that is out there."

Sims uses different software to edit RAW photo files to highlight details he saw in the scene.

His work is on display at the library throughout the month.

**Anderson leaving Umatilla County Fair**

By JADE McDOWELL  
Staff Writer

Umatilla County Fair manager Peggy Anderson will manage her last fair for the county next week before heading to her native Josephine County to take a similar position there.

The Umatilla County Board of Commissioners announced Anderson's planned departure Tuesday and said that her replacement would likely be a part-time position in light of the fair moving to the Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center next year.

Fair board director Don Miller said Anderson's position as manager has included taking care of the fairgrounds, but moving to EOTEC with a manager of its own might mean the new manager doesn't need to work full-time all year long.

"Looking at the budget, it makes it very difficult to consider a status quo," he said.

Miller said Anderson has been an asset to the fair and the board is sad to see her go, but they also support her in taking an opportunity she is excited about in the area where she is originally from.

"She has given us adequate notice to continue to make the fair a success and implement a smooth transition in whatever direction we decide to go," he said.

Anderson has managed the Umatilla County Fair since 2006. During her nine-year tenure attendance at the fair grew by 20 percent and cash sponsorships increased by \$130,000 a year, according to the county.

## NEIGHBORS TAKE NIGHT OUT TO COMBAT CRIME



STAFF PHOTO BY SEAN HART

Preston South poses for a selfie with Hermiston Crime Prevention Officer Erica Sandoval at an ice cream social block party Tuesday in Hermiston. Berek South found the medallion hidden by Sandoval to earn the party in conjunction with National Night Out. The South family, including Matt and Rondi and their children, Berek, Hailey and Preston, and Anthony Mendoza participated in the search for the medallion.

**Block parties encourage communication**

By SEAN HART  
Staff Writer

A Hermiston neighborhood became even closer Tuesday.

After the South family found the medallion hidden by Hermiston Crime Prevention Officer Erica Sandoval, members of the Hermiston police and fire departments and city officials hosted an ice cream social at their home on Southwest Joshua Drive for National Night Out.

A variety of other neighborhoods also hosted their own block parties for the event that encourages neighbors to get to know each other in hopes of reducing crime. Sandoval said National Night Out helps establish communication, so neighbors feel more inclined to look out for each other.

"It's a really great opportunity for neighbors to get out and meet each other," she said. "It helps fight crime when you start taking own-



STAFF PHOTO BY SEAN HART

Hermiston Crime Prevention Officer Erica Sandoval, right, talks with a neighbor who attended an ice cream social block party at the home of the South family on Southwest Joshua Drive during National Night Out Tuesday. Officers, firefighters and city officials hosted the ice cream social after the South family found the medallion hidden by Sandoval.

ership of your neighborhood."

Rondi South said searching for the medallion was a fun family activity, and the party brought the neighborhood closer together.

"I actually know everybody that did show up," she said. "We've lived here for eight years, so you see everybody, but I guess there are two or three that this is the first time

I've chatted with them."

South said the neighbors all keep an eye on the neighborhood, which makes it a better and safer place to live.

Neighbor Virginia Hoeye agreed. She said neighbors will watch other people's houses when they travel and pick up newspapers so nobody knows they are gone.

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"I have never seen any (crime) happen in the 15 years I have lived here in this neighborhood," she said. "Nobody has ever hurt anybody. Nobody has ever broken into a house. And that's why I like it. I think a lot of people know that people watch out for other people, so they figure, 'I don't think we're going to try it.'"

Hoeye said the community held a block party about 14 years ago, but many of the residents have since moved. She said the party this year provided a great opportunity for the neighbors to interact.

Neighbor Hannah Garver said the neighborhood is nice because people do look out for their neighbors.

"We kind of keep an eye on everything for the most part," she said. "I think because of the fact that we are out so much and we do watch, I haven't heard of anything really bad (happening here). I think just making yourself present kind of helps reduce a lot of that too."

**City ready to hire architect for new senior center**

By JADE McDOWELL  
Staff Writer

The city of Hermiston is ready to start moving forward in earnest on a new senior center.

Hermiston Parks and Recreation director Larry Fetter said a grant administrator has been hired and the City Council will be asked to approve a contract with Lenity Architecture, with offices in Salem and Bend, on Monday.

Construction on the Harkenrider Center, named for former mayor and long-time councilor Frank Harkenrider, is expected to start in the spring. According to Lenity's website, the company works extensively in designing senior housing and com-

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**Camera rules for cops could deter use**

By SEAN HART  
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What began as an effort to require officers to use body cameras may actually prevent some agencies from implementing the technology.

In a legislative compromise, a proposal to mandate that officers wear body-mounted cameras and record their entire shifts instead became strict regulations for agencies that already voluntarily use the cameras.

House Bill 2571 requires these agencies, including Hermiston, to set policies for officers to record the entirety of most interactions with people and retain the data for at least 180 days. The bill also exempts most of the recorded video from public records laws and requires the editing of any videos that are disclosed to render any faces unidentifiable.

Hermiston Police Chief Jason Edmiston said the new regulations will deter other agencies from implementing body cameras, but he said his department will continue to use them. He said, although the bill was a "good compromise" compared to the initial proposals, he was not "overly happy" with it.

The department began mandating that patrol officers wear

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