

Prayers, worship on 9/11

Fourteen years after the deadly Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack on American soil, people gathered to remember those who lost their lives.

At McKenzie Park in Hermiston, Erin Lovett from New Beginnings Christian Fellowship organized a worship event featuring prayer and music. Jay Barnett, pastor of the church, recounted the events that resulted in thousands of deaths and offered a prayer.

“It’s our responsibility to remember those events and to never let the memory of those who died be forgotten,” he said.

Jacob Looper from Hermiston Assembly of God led the Pendleton Assembly of God band in a series of worship songs.

The group of about 50 people in attendance later joined hands to create a circle, and several prayed for various causes, including Lovett, Barnett and Hector



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Attendees raise their hands and sing along with worship music at an event Friday in Hermiston commemorating the 14th anniversary of the deadly terrorist attack on American soil Sept. 11, 2001.

Ramirez, pastor at Temp-lo Fe, Esperanza Y Amor Iglesia de Dios.

“I think it was a wonderful thing that we could come together, all churches and people, in agreement and honor our veterans and remember 9/11,” Lovett said. “It was an attack on our country, and I think it re-

ally shocked a lot of people that we could be attacked by an enemy. The repercussions of it are still affecting people.”

Labor Commissioner to visit student homebuilders

HERALD STAFF REPORT

Hermiston School District and the Columbia Basin Student Homebuilders Program will host the head of Oregon’s Bureau of Labor and Industries, Commissioner Brad Avakian, on Friday, Sept. 18.

Avakian plans to visit the site of the second student-built home and meet with the students as they work on the project, according to a district press release.

Avakian works to strengthen Oregon’s economy and workforce with smart, targeted investment in career and technical education.

“By investing directly in middle schools and high school career programs, we can provide access ... hands-on learning and tin-

kering that can help (students) discover their talents and passions,” Avakian said in the release.

For the past three years, the commissioner has helped 200 Oregon middle and high schools — serving more than 100,000 students — restore 21st-century shop classes to prepare for careers in field such as renewable energy, advanced manufacturing, construction, agriculture and health-care, the release states.

Avakian previously served in the Oregon Senate and managed a civil rights law practice prior to that.

The second home being built by the students is Fieldstone No. 2. Fieldstone No. 1 was successfully sold this summer to retired Hermiston School District teachers.

en. Heather Cannell, business manager for EOTEC, said the building will be an integral part of the Umatilla County Fair, hosting 4-H entries, horticulture, open class and other exhibits all in one place.

At its last meeting, the EOTEC board discussed the possibility of postponing the Umatilla County Fair and Farm-City Pro Rodeo’s move to the EOTEC grounds until 2017. Chairman Ed Brookshier said he would like to see the board sit down with stakeholders and come up with some answers by the end of September.

Tonight at 6:30 p.m. the EOTEC board and stakeholders will meet at Stetson’s Steakhouse in Hermiston for a work session to discuss the status of construction.

beautiful arena.

And it’s an honor to work at Round-Up, where “everybody who is anybody” in rodeo has performed.

In the end, though, “the job’s the same once the gate opens.”

This year marks Griggs’s 10h year living in Hermiston, after he met his wife Torrie at the Columbia River Circuit Finals and moved to be with her. He said rodeo weeks are busy — he just got back from Lewiston, Idaho, worked the PBR Monday and Tuesday and will be putting in long days the rest of Round-Up week. But at the end of the day, the schedule is worth it to keep the job he loves, working with a network of people who have become lifelong friends.

“There’s a camaraderie in rodeo, probably by far more than any other sport,” he said.

GOVERNMENT MEETINGS CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 16 MORROW COUNTY COURT , 9 a.m., Port of Morrow Conference Room, 2 Marine Drive, Boardman. UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS , 9 a.m. Umatilla County Courthouse, 216 S.E. Fourth St., Pendleton. INTERMOUNTAIN ESD , 6:30 p.m., district office, 2001 S.W. Nye Ave., Pendleton. UMATILLA COUNTY FAIR BOARD WORK SESSION , 6:30 p.m., Stetson's Steakhouse, 1619 N. First St., Hermiston. (541-567-6121). BOARDMAN PLANNING COMMISSION , 7 p.m., Boardman City Hall, 202 N. Main St. OREGON TRAIL LIBRARY DISTRICT , 7 p.m., district office, 200 S. Main St., Boardman. UMATILLA HOSPITAL DISTRICT , 7:30 p.m., Umatilla Medical Clinic, 1890 Seventh St.	MONDAY, SEPT. 21 WESTLAND IRRIGATION DISTRICT , 1 p.m., district office, 77096 Highway 207, Echo. ECHO SCHOOL DISTRICT , 6 p.m., Echo School, 600 Gerone St. UMATILLA-MORROW HEAD START , 6:30-8:30 p.m., 110 N.E. Fourth St., Hermiston. (Leanna 541-564-6878). TUESDAY, SEPT. 22 IONE SCHOOL DISTRICT , 3:30 p.m. work session, 4:30 p.m. board meeting, Ione Schools, 445 Spring St. WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23 MORROW COUNTY COURT , 9 a.m., Pioneer Annex conference room, 150 Rock St., Heppner. HERMISTON LIBRARY BOARD , 4-5 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave. (541-567-2882).	467-2161). UMATILLA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION , 6:30 p.m., Umatilla County Justice Center, 4700 N.W. Pioneer Place, Pendleton. MONDAY, SEPT. 28 UMATILLA BASIN WATERSHED COUNCIL , 6 p.m., Stafford Hansell Government Center, 915 S.E. Columbia Drive, Hermiston OR Pendleton City Hall community room, 501 S.W. Emigrant Ave. HERMISTON CITY COUNCIL , 7 p.m., Hermiston City Hall, 180 N.E. Second St. IRRIGON COMMUNITY PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT , 7 p.m., Irrigon Fire Station, 705 N. Main St., Irrigon. MORROW COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT , 7 p.m., Pioneer Memorial Hospital, 564 E. Pioneer Drive, Heppner.
THURSDAY, SEPT. 17 HERMISTON IRRIGATION DISTRICT , 4:30 p.m., district office conference room, 366 E. Hurlburt Ave. ECHO CITY COUNCIL , 7:30 p.m., 20 S. Bonanza St.	THURSDAY, SEPT. 24 OREGON WHEAT COMMISSION/OREGON WHEAT GROWERS LEAGUE JOINT MEETING , 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Discovery Center, 5000 Discovery Drive, The Dalles. Lunch will be served. (Diana Thompson 503-	TUESDAY, SEPT. 29 MORROW COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION , 7 p.m., Heppner City Hall, 111 N. Main St., Heppner.



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ia this spring at a rodeo in Lynden, Washington, and was out for six weeks. The injury was the latest in a long ledger of hospital visits, including three broken legs, broken ribs, stitches, torn-up shoulders and a punctured lung.

Griggs does what he can to keep the cowboys from the same injuries, rushing toward a bucking bull and waving his arms to distract it when a bucked-off rider needs an escape.

“I feel very responsible,” he said. “If a guy gets run over, even if it was out of my hands, I still feel responsible. It’s my job to stop the wreck before it happens.”

Griggs said every rodeo is different. Hermiston is a “really neat setting,” he said, with a great board and

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