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Tuesday, adding the assault is in the first degree because of the level of injury and the use of a weapon. The criminal mischief relates to damage to the patrol car, and the final two charges relate to the attack on Cpl. Gill.

Taylor pleaded not guilty during his arraignment.

Taylor is no stranger to the criminal justice system. His record includes:

- In May 2014, he pleaded guilty to attempted unlawful use of a firearm and was serving three years probation on that charge.

- On Oct. 17, 2015, he pleaded not guilty for DUI. The case is pending.

- On Feb. 26 of this year, he was arrested for driving while suspended and pleaded not guilty. That case is also pending.

Heathman is a known alias for Taylor, according to Hermiston Police Chief Jason Edmiston.

Taylor is scheduled for a hearing April 4 for 11 charges on four pending cases, including probation violation, attempted murder, DUI and driving while suspended. Trial on the attempted murder and related charges is tentatively set for May 10, according to Primus.

As of Tuesday, Taylor was incarcerated at the Umatilla County Jail on a bail of \$230,000.

BMCC approves contractor for Hermiston Ag center project

HERMISTON – Blue Mountain Community College has selected an Enterprise-based company to build the new Precision Irrigated Agriculture Center in Hermiston.

The project is being funded

through a \$23 million bond voters approved in May 2015.

The BMCC Board of Education approved issuing an intent to award a contract to Wellens Farwell Inc, of Enterprise.

BMCC received five bids for

the project.

The Precision Irrigated Agriculture center, slated for property off Feedville Road in Hermiston, will be the first of three major bond construction projects to break ground for BMCC. BMCC

expects to issue a bid request for construction of its Workforce Training Center in Boardman in April, followed by the updated Facility for Agricultural Resource Management (FARM) on the Pendleton campus.

Good Shepherd earns gold seal for MRI program

Good Shepherd Health Care System's diagnostic imaging department was awarded a Gold Seal of Accreditation in magnetic resonance imaging by the American College of Radiology.

The gold seal represents the "highest level of image quality and patient safety" for MRI tests, according to a news release from Good Shepherd.

To receive the seal the hospital went through a peer-reviewed evaluation by board-certified physicians and medical phys-

icians. The evaluation examined image quality, personnel qualifications, facility equipment, quality control procedures and quality assurance programs. The accreditation also comes with a comprehensive report that the department can then use to continue improving its practices.

Director of Diagnostic Imaging Robert Rose, Radiologic Technologist (RT), R, CT, MR, said in a news release from Good Shepherd that the designa-

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— Robert Rose
Director of Diagnostic Imaging

tion is "quite the accomplishment and something our community should be proud of."

"This designation requires an in-depth review by the ACR of the quality and safety of the service

we provide with MRI. In addition, each of our technologists and radiologists have to complete mandatory continuing education credits which give them the knowledge and ability to provide the best service possible for our community," he said.

The diagnostic imaging department also had a gold seal accreditation from the American College of Radiology for its computerized tomography (CT) scans and mammography.

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foot daylight basement would cost roughly \$80 per square foot to build, adding somewhere in the ballpark of \$480,000 to the project that would not be covered by the grant.

However, as Parks and Recreation director Larry Fetter put it, "We get one shot to put a basement in and that's now."

The basement could be used for storage or future expansion, he said. The grant dictates that the center be used only for people

age 60 and older for the first five years, but after that the city plans to use the building in the evenings for activities such as recreational classes. At that point the basement could be finished and used for classroom space or another great hall.

Mayor David Drotzmann said his support of building a basement depended in part if the rest of the project could be built within the \$2 million grant budget or if the city would also be asked to help with costs like landscaping and infrastructure.

Fetter said everyone working on the project

was aware that they were "beyond the envelope right now" but they were still looking at ways to cut down on the cost, which could include the removal of some elements presented Monday.

"We would like the opportunity to work through that," he said.

City councilors agreed that they would possibly be interested in the city paying for a basement, but before they made a decision they would need clearer numbers and details, as well as an idea of where that money would come from out of the city's budget.

Appleby said the idea on Monday was just to get feedback, but she could come back at the beginning of May with more precise numbers. She said the plan was to have final blueprints completed and bids sent out in time to start construction in October. She said construction would take be-

tween nine and 12 months.

The current senior center is located on the Umatilla County Fairgrounds, which will be turned over the Hermiston School District at the beginning of 2017.

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The department will also upgrade the other signs along Orchard and Highland to meet current size and reflectivity standards.

The entire \$71,700 project will be paid for by ODOT.

At a city council meeting Monday night, city manager Byron Smith said the lights will be similar to the lighted pedestrian-crossing signs installed at crosswalks on Highland next to Hermiston High School to

remind cars to look for students crossing the road.

When asked whether the school district supported the lighted stop signs near the high school and West Park Elementary, Hermiston School District operations manager Mike Kay said any efforts to improve

pedestrian safety there would be helpful.

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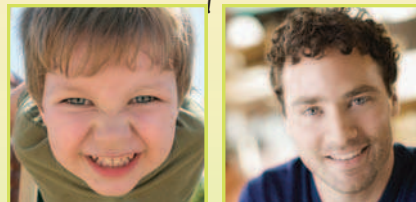
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