



ABOUT TOWN

Worker rescued from inside onion hopper

A Columbia Basin Spreaders employee got stuck in an onion hopper Tuesday morning and needed rescue.

Emergency crews responded to the call of a male stuck inside a bin near Hermiston at 9:30 a.m.

According to Jim Davis of Umatilla County Fire District 1, the man had apparently been trying to use a stick to unjam the hopper that drops onions onto a conveyor belt. The exact circumstances were unclear to Davis, but somehow the man ended up in the equipment with onions on top of him.

Seven people from the fire district worked to get the man free. Eventually crews had to cut a hole in the onion bin to loosen the onions around him and release the man. He was then taken by ambulance to Good Shepherd Medical Center, though Davis said the employee was doing OK and had no obvious injuries.

Columbia Basin Spreaders declined to comment.

TRCI inmate dies in hospital over weekend

Oregon State Police are investigating the death of a 29-year-old inmate early Sunday at Two Rivers Correctional Institution in Umatilla.

Rigoberto Corona-Avila, of Salem, was taken to a nearby hospital at 3 p.m. Saturday where he died at 6:32 a.m. Sunday.

Neither the hospital where Corona-Avila died nor the cause of death

were listed in a press release from the Oregon Department of Corrections, and a call to the prison wasn't immediately returned.

Corona-Avila had been in custody since Dec. 9, 2010 on two counts of sex abuse — one in the first degree and one in the second — and one count of fourth-degree felony assault. His earliest release date was Jan. 3, 2017, exactly six months after his death.

The release stated that next of kin had been notified but no other details are available.



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HERMISTON HOSTS MOVIE PREMIERE



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Hermiston is among just two dozen cities chosen for the July 8 premiere of "The Dog Lover." A suspenseful drama based on true events, the film is described as a heartwarming tale of family, love and doing what you believe in.

'Jessie' star to greet fans after four showings at Hermiston Cinema

By TAMMY MALGESINI
Community Editor

Actress Christina Moore was once escorted out of the Vatican for creating a scene.

A young fan recognized her and soon Moore found herself being swarmed by kids. Known for her role as Christina Ross — mom to the Ross family kids — in the Disney Channel's award-winning show "Jessie," Moore said she's often recognized by kids between the ages of 5-10.

"Kids think I'm in their house everyday," she said with a laugh. "I'm almost as exciting as Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny and the Tooth Fairy. Almost."

With an appreciation for those who enjoy her work, Moore deems it important to be responsive to her fans. She enjoys opportunities to visit with people, sign autographs and take selfies with them.

People may recall her on "That '70s Show" as the second Laurie Forman. Her 20-year career in Hollywood also includes recurring roles on HBO's "True Blood," CW's "90210" and ABC's "Last Man Standing."

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Christina Moore, actress starring in The Dog Lover will appear for Q&A after four showings during premier at Hermiston Cinema, July 8 and 9

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Funfest adds Flying Dog Show to slate of events

Cool Rides Car Show rolls into McKenzie Park

By ALEXA LOUGEE
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The summer event season continues in Hermiston this weekend with Funfest and the Cool Rides Car Show.

Debbie Pedro, Executive Director at the Hermiston Chamber, invites the community to come out for the fun and enjoy some classic cars on Saturday, July 9.

At Funfest, there are activities and events that will appeal to every member of the family, all of which are free.

Pedro spotlighted the K9 Kings Flying Dog Show, which has been

featured on CBS, Animal Planet, NBC Sports and other national television channels and series. The show, featuring rescue dogs, will have three different showings on Saturday at Sunset Elementary School. The show lasts an hour and admission is free. Shows will start at 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The National Guard is bringing in a rock wall and laser tag for kids, chainsaw carvers will be featured at two locations downtown and the lawn mower drag races will return this year as well.

At 10:45 a.m. the Chamber of Commerce will kick off the city's new "Where Life Is Sweet" branding.



HERALD FILE PHOTO

An artist creates a carving of a tree with chainsaw during a demonstration at the 2015 Funfest on Main Street in Hermiston.

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