



MEMORIAL

Candlelight vigil planned for Stanfield teen

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A Stanfield teen died Monday morning at the Kadlec Regional Medical Center in Richland after her car was struck head-on Friday near Walla Walla.

A candlelight vigil for Raychel J. Campana, 17, will be held at 7 p.m. tonight at the Stanfield Secondary School track.



Campana was headed to work in Walla Walla on U.S. Highway 12 near milepost

316 at about 10:59 a.m. when a 1997 Cadillac Seville traveling the other way crossed the centerline and struck her car, according to the Washington State Patrol.

Campana had to be cut from the vehicle at the scene and was taken by helicopter to Kadlec where she later died from her injuries.

Walla Walla resident Kasey R. Parsons, 25, was driving the other vehicle, and 27-year-old Brandon J. Bultman-Lowe of Walla Walla was in the passenger seat.

Parsons and Bultman-Lowe were taken to Providence St. Mary Medical Center and were discharged Saturday, officials said.

All three were wearing seat belts, according to WSP, and what caused the Cadillac to swerve into oncoming traffic is still under investigation.

Campana graduated from Stanfield Secondary School in June and was set to take classes at Walla Walla Community College this fall in pursuit of her goal of becoming a pediatric nurse.

Her boyfriend of a year and a half, Nick Reisenauer, loved her creative and spontaneous nature.

He and Campana had dreams of traveling together.

"I believe God had a plan for her and it may be too soon but life is that way and life isn't perfect," he said.

He said he'll always remember the first time he met her in December 2015 at the Main Street Market in Stanfield, "She was smiling and happy and the most amazing, beautiful girl ever."

Campana worked as a receptionist at the Main Stylin' Nook in Stanfield. A GoFundMe page has also been set up by friends to help fund a celebration of life.



LAST HURRAH AT FARM-CITY

Six area natives close out rodeo arena in style

By **ERIC SINGER**
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Jake Stanley has many fond memories of the rodeo arena on the Umatilla County Fairgrounds.

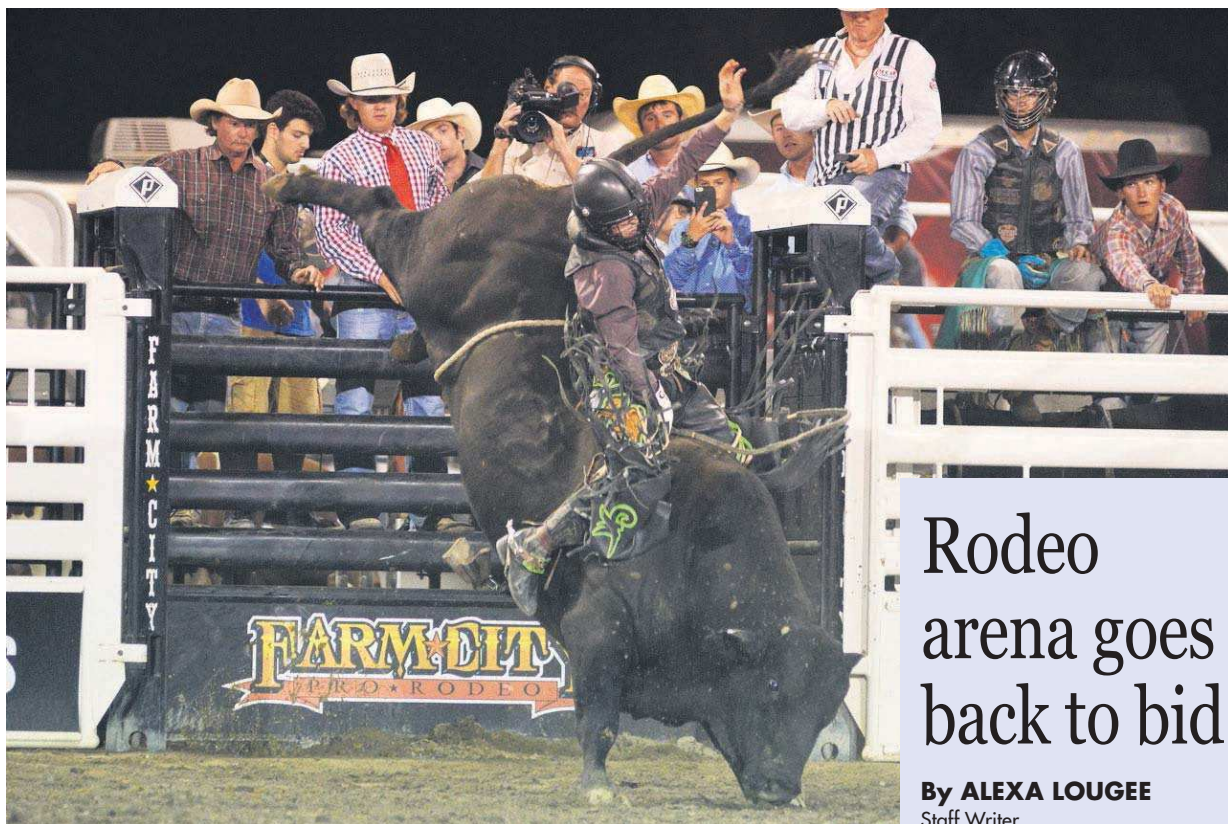
The 33-year-old Hermiston native started his rodeo career competing there while attending Hermiston High School and later on while a part of the Blue Mountain Community College team and now competing as a professional.

"It's home," Stanley said with a smile on Saturday night.

Stanley, who sits in 13th place in the Columbia River Circuit standings, was one of six Hermiston-area residents that hit the dirt at the Farm-City Pro Rodeo Saturday, closing out the final performance at the arena that saw the rodeo grow from a small start to a popular finish over its 28-year tenure. The rodeo is expected to move into a new arena at the Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center south of Hermiston for the 2017 event.

Stanley, along with his heeling partner Bucky Campbell of Benton City, Washington turned in a 5.3 second time in their team roping go, which was the third-best time of the night and seventh-best of the rodeo, though a no-time in their afternoon slack kept them out of the big money.

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Above: Cole Melancon of Liberty, Texas, rides Comatose for 83.5 points in bull riding Saturday at the Farm-City Pro Rodeo in Hermiston.

Top: Callahan Crossley of Hermiston rounds a barrel on her way to a 17.21-second ride in barrel racing Saturday at the Farm-City Pro Rodeo in Hermiston.



Shane Erickson of Terrebonne ropes his calf in 9.3 seconds in tie down roping Saturday at the Farm City Pro Rodeo in Hermiston.

Rodeo arena goes back to bid

By **ALEXA LOUGEE**
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The Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center board agreed to break its rodeo arena bid package into smaller pieces in hopes of getting a bid it can afford by early September.

The board amended the original package by asking for separate bids for restrooms and arena lighting. This means a company will have a base bid that does not include restrooms or lighting, and then two additional bids with those projects separately priced out.

At its last meeting the

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Homebuilding program a pipeline to real jobs

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Real-world experience is already translating into real-world jobs for teenagers involved in the Columbia Basin Student Homebuilding Program.

High school students in the program, which is about to enter its third year, spend the school year constructing a state-of-the-art home under the supervision of mentors from the construction industry. So far at least six students have been hired by industry partners impressed by their work.

Chad Poznanski of CAP Construction said over the course of his time as a mentor for the program he has hired three different students, including Umatilla High School junior Luis Vallejo, who

currently works for him doing painting and other finishing work.

"I was impressed with what they comprehended and their work ethic," Poznanski said. "They wanted to be out there."

He said he would love to see the program extended through a partnership with Blue Mountain Community College for higher education students, because good help is hard to find and Hermiston's growth is pushing a demand for contractors.

The high school program, he said, is a great way for students to get some early experience with construction work and see if there was a particular aspect they wanted to pursue.



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Carlos Hernandez gets ready to clean up tools from a restoration project by O So Kleen, where he was hired for a summer job after catching the eye of owner Dave Smith during the Columbia Basin Student Homebuilding Project.

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