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Tyhuis said people also can pick up fall decorations, including corn stalks, gourds and ears of corn. And, there are lots of varieties of pumpkins to choose from, which are available for purchase by the pound.

"It will be fun for people to hunt for that perfect pumpkin," she said.

Moving to Echo nearly three years ago, the Tyhuis family decided to celebrate last year's "adoption month" in a special way. It was the second October since adopting their son, Brent, who will be 4 in the spring.

'We wanted him to have a corn maze. What a gift for a kid and the community," Tyhuis said. "I like that we're not a carnival, we're

The daughter of Lloyd and Lois Piercy, Tyhuis said her family has their own farm and is involved with Echo West Vineyard.

Offering the corn maze and other attractions to the community, Tyhuis said, is a way to help people make the connection from farm to

of the season. It's a fun celebration."

Lifeways provides training for law enforcement

By JAYATI RAMAKRISHNAN STAFF WRITER

What was their reality? It may seem an odd question, but as local law enforcement are learning, it can be an important one.

Last week, Lifeways held a Crisis Intervention Team training for police, parole and corrections personnel about the different ways mental and social disorders can manifest themselves, and how they can better deal with someone having a mental health crisis.

"In the old days we would have just said, 'He's just a knucklehead," said H. O'Brien, a corrections officer at Two Rivers Correctional Institution, Umatilla, for the last 18 years. "Now, we get to figure out some of the specific things that may be going on."

O'Brien was one of 22 people from agencies around the county who took the week-long training, which discussed how officers can better understand and deal with a variety of issues, including autism, personality disorders, mental illness in the elderly, de-escalation of people with psychotic disorders, suicid-

al subjects and addicts. learned a person having a mental health crisis may perceive reality differently than those around them.

'What we see doesn't match up with what they see," said Nancy Jones-Batch, a Lifeways employ-

On Thursday, the trainees heard from presenters about personality disorders, and about things they might

encounter with people on the autism spectrum. Jones-Batch went over the different clusters of personality disorders — suspicious, anxious, and impulsive/emotional. She talked about how law enforcement might encounter each disorder, how the person may

act, and the best way for officers to respond. A person with antisocial personality disorder, Jones-Batch said, may be involved in anything from a minor incident to a major crime, and may be looking for high

stimulation or excitement. 'Your communication should be direct," she said. 'Set up options, and be simple and concise.'

Alternatively, she said a person with a narcissistic personality disorder may have an inflated sense of importance, and get angry when an officer doesn't give them special treatment.

"They may be over-familiar, or try to establish you as an equal," Jones-Batch said. She advised officers to be calm and try to talk to the person in a way that shows the mutual benefit of complying with their requests.

Jones-Batch discussed some personality disorders that can be more violent, such as borderline personality disorder. In such a scenario, she said, a person may be angry at getting rejected or betrayed, and of-

just good outdoor fun.'

"It's just fun to see everyone enjoying agriculture," she said. "It's the end

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ficers should speak softly

and create a sense of safety for the person, while setting

Officers also learned

"Personality disorders

about how these disorders

are coping strategies to deal

with childhood experiences," she said. "As a result of chaos or abuse and a

personality disorder, brain

about how to deal with peo-

ple on the autism spectrum

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by Sherri Coronado, who

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2013. Umatilla Police Lt.

Bill Wright, who helps co-

ordinate the training, said it

changes a bit from year to

year, but the core principles

issues they might encounter

in their jobs, the training

covers how law enforce-

ment officers may be affect-

es available for other offi-

cers, and making sure we're

watching out for each oth-

in which trainees will act

out some of the scenarios

they've learned about all

dividual who may be sui-

cidal — that can be really challenging," said Rachele

Burke of Lifeways. "Or how to intervene with

someone who is experienc-

ing acute psychosis or ma-

The course ends with

role-playing exercise,

"We (role-play) an in-

"We talk about resourc-

ed by such encounters.

er," Wright said.

week.

In addition to addressing

them.'

still going on," she said.



An elevated view of the Echo Corn Maze & Pumpkin Patch gives a glimpse of the two miles of pathways within the eight-acre cornfield.

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Nicholson calls it her 'To Go' bag, which includes items needed to make presentations about United Way giving at workplace staff meetings throughout Umatilla and Morrow counties. To schedule a presentation, contact 541-276-2661, 541-215-9677 or unitedwayumco@eoni. com. To donate, text @ myuw to 52014 or visit www.umatillamorrowunitedway.org.

Early visitors to the open house at the former St. Peter's Catholic Church in Echo on Sunday may have missed the highlight of the afternoon. Father Daniel

Maxwell, pastor of Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church in Hermiston, turned in an impromptu performance on the pump organ at historic church building during a visit to the former church near the end of the open house. Maxwell entertained the crowd and got in a quick little workout while playing and pumping the foot pedals on the old organ to made a joyful noise.

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