

Accident turns into happy ending for dog in Hermiston

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A stray dog was run over by a car March 26 in Hermiston, but the injury ended up saving the life of the dog and her then-unborn pup.

Late week, Hermiston Pet Rescue and Fuzzball Animal Rescue responded to a call about a small dog that had been hit by a car on Southwest 11th Street and Hermiston Avenue.

Robin Barker, a board member with Fuzzball Animal Rescue, said when they went to pick up the dog, a Chihuahua, they noticed there was milk leaking.

"At first we thought she had pups nearby, but it turned out she was pregnant," Barker said.

The pup was too big for the dog to deliver, and the veterinarian at Oregon Trail Vet Clinic ended up having to do an emergency C-section. They also had to amputate the dog's leg, as it had shattered when she was hit.

"The guy who hit her was so upset," Barker said. She said several people, including the person who hit her and people from nearby businesses, immediately stopped and tried to find the dog, but she ran into a nearby field.

Barker said this is not an uncommon problem in Hermiston.

"The stray population and roamers are a huge problem," she said. "We have another one in rescue

who got hit and has a double fracture."

Barker said after some initial shock and uncertain moments, both the mother and her pup are doing well and are expected to survive and recover.

"How she survived, I'll never know," Barker said. They will both be in foster care for the next two months, while the mother heals.

Barker said they haven't quite figured out a name for either dog yet, but they have some ideas.

"We're thinking 'Xena' for the mom, like Xena: Warrior Princess," she said. And for her pup, they're thinking "Marvel."

"Like a miracle," she said.

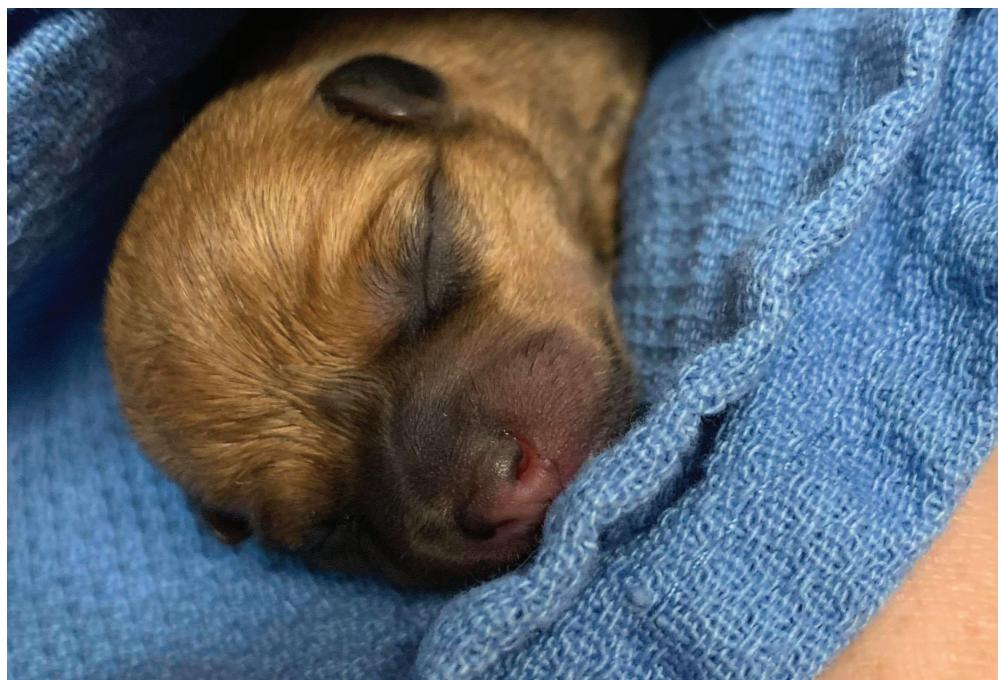


Photo contributed by Robin Barker

This pup was born after his mother, hit by a car in Hermiston, had an emergency C-section.

Meat processors show peppers Follett's with awards

Follett's Meat Company of Hermiston brought home the bacon during the 2019 Northwest Meat Processors Association Convention and Trade Show, held March 28-30 at Anacortes, Washington.

Owner Justin Follett and manager Travis Calhoun were excited to receive grand champion for their pepper jerky. In addition, the crew from Follett's received reserve grand champion for its pepper bacon and champion for the company's jalapeño cheese summer sausage.

Calhoun said the contest includes meat processors from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana. In each of the categories that Follett's won, Calhoun said they were competing against at least 20 or more other products.

"We have great workmanship, great leadership and a great product," Calhoun said. "We have excellent attention to detail and



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Justin Follett, far right, owner of Follett's Meat Company of Hermiston, brought home three awards from the 2019 Northwest Meat Processors Association Convention and Trade Show.

we always strive to have our products up to standards."

Family-owned and operated since 1921, Follett's Meat Company is based in Hermiston. It provides custom meat processing for beef, pork, lamb and wild

game that offers both stationary and mobile slaughter.

Follett's is open Monday through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 31019 Follett Lane, Hermiston. For more information, call 541-564-2780.

Stanfield Police chase ends when suspects get stuck on waterlogged road

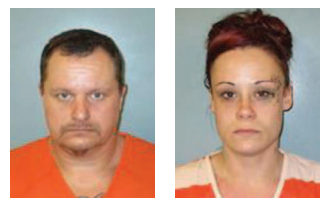
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A man and woman on the run from the law picked the wrong escape route last week.

Stanfield Police arrested Kelly Ray Chapman, 37, and Rebecca Ann Mayes, 27, after their car got stuck on flooded and muddy roads west of town on March 26.

Stanfield Police Chief Bryon Zumwalt said he recognized Chapman on one of the side streets in Stanfield, and tried to pull him over because he had a warrant. Zumwalt said he ended up following Chapman for about 13 miles.

"He went out some county and gravel roads,



Chapman

Mayes

and ended up on Highway 320 — the Echo-Lexington Highway," he said. Zumwalt said that Oregon State Police set up spike strips on the road, but Chapman went off-road and avoided them. He ended up on Highway 207, and Zumwalt was in the same area.

Zumwalt went into the Space Age gas station off Highway 207 to see if Chapman had stopped in there. As he did, he got a

call from a resident that Chapman's car was stuck in the high water on Noble Road, just off Highway 207.

Stanfield Police arrested both Chapman and Mayes and lodged them in the Umatilla County Jail, where they were charged with parole violation.

After Chapman was arrested, he was also charged with one count of attempt to elude.

Chapman has had a history of encounters with local law enforcement, with almost 20 incidents in the past 10 years, including robbery, identity theft, drug possession, assault and fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer.

Elvis rocks Stanfield Moose Lodge

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The Stanfield Moose Lodge couldn't help falling in love with Elvis impersonator Mark Stevenz.

Stevenz performed to a full house on Saturday night as part of the lodge's effort to attract new membership and raise money for the charitable causes Moose International supports, from Christmas baskets for local families in need to Mooseheart, a children's home in Chicago.

Stevenz started his career as an impersonator 12 years ago, when he sang an Elvis song at a karaoke bar in Vancouver, Washington. A local theater group was there, and approached him about playing Elvis in an upcoming play.

"They said 'Try to look like Elvis,' so I started growing out my hair and grew these little bitty sideburns," he said.

Stevenz loved the experience so much he started moonlighting as the King at weddings, nursing homes and birthday parties. Eventually he booked enough gigs to quit his day job in construction, and moved on to performing at resorts and casinos, including a two-year stint in Cancun, Mexico. He even appeared on the television show "America's Got Talent," and he and his wife Nicky were featured in an episode of House Hunters International.

"Elvis is my hero," he said. "I get to portray one of my heroes in life, and make people happy doing



Staff photo by Jade McDowell

Elvis impersonator Mark Stevenz hands out roses during a performance at the Stanfield Moose Lodge on Saturday night.

it."

Stevenz said he watches at least one Elvis video per day to "stay sharp" and has picked up a lot of moves and tips for hair and makeup from fellow impersonators at Elvis competitions over the years. While he has placed in several competitions, he said his favorite award has been the "Heart of the King" at the Penticton ELVIS Festival in British Columbia, Canada.

"I'm really proud of receiving that from my fellow Elvis brothers," he said.

On Saturday night he performed a two-hour show at the Stanfield Moose Lodge, complete with the sideburns and white fringed jumpsuit. The show mixed rock and roll classics like "Blue Suede Shoes" and "Jailhouse Rock" with soulful ballads like "Kentucky Rain" and "In the Ghetto."

He worked the crowd, making jokes between songs and frequently leaving the stage to kiss hands, cheeks and babies or pose for a photo. During "It's Now or Never" he handed out long-stemmed red roses to women in the audience.

"You've been a fantastic audience, and I really appreciate it," he told the crowd.

Beverly Stewart, a member of the Women of the Moose for 35 years, was the one who got Stevenz to come to Stanfield after her granddaughter told her about seeing him perform.

"I thought, 'I've got to get him to the Moose Lodge,'" Stewart said. "I called him up and he was all for it."

During intermission she said she thought he had done a wonderful job so far.

"I'm telling you, everyone loves him," she said.

PET OF THE WEEK

Patch came into rescue after Pet Rescue contacted us about a dog brought into the shelter with a broken leg. He needed surgery for a double fractured leg and now has a fixator on his leg for 8 weeks. He is approx. a year old. Very sweet, playful little guy. Loves both cats and dogs. He will be up for adoption once healed. If you are interested in Patch please fill out an application. We can arrange for meets during his recovery time.

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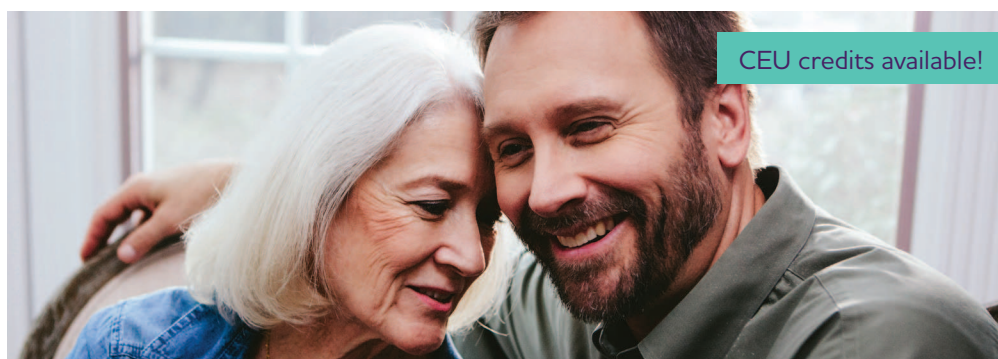
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