

# Warming station becomes cooling station

■ Pendleton warming station serves 11 visitors as informal cooling station

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The Pendleton Warming Station changed its middle name this week, at least informally.

The warming station operates as an oasis to the homeless on frosty winter nights. But as triple-digit temperatures arrived this week, the shelter doubled as a cooling station.

Heat waves are particularly dangerous for homeless people. They often lack water, sunscreen and shade and already may suffer

from health problems that are exacerbated by the scorching heat. Dehydration and heat exhaustion are a risk to those who often don't have access to air conditioning.

Back in the early days of Neighbor 2 Neighbor, the nonprofit that oversees the warming station, a day center operated in the basement of the United Methodist Church on the most frigid nights of winter and hottest days of summer. Rev. Sandra Kimbrow, pastor at the Methodist church at the time, started the day center and monitored it. When Kimbrow moved away from Pendleton, the day center fizzled because of a shortage of volunteers.

Recently, the organization's board toyed with

the idea of re-starting a daytime cooling station, now that the organization has matured and refined its purpose. The mission, Neighbor 2 Neighbor Executive Director Dwight Johnson said, is basically to get people off the streets in dangerous weather.

"Since we had a heat advisory, we thought this would be a good time for a trial run," Johnson said.

It was a last-minute decision, he said, made the day before after securing enough volunteers. The word went out on the organization's website and by word of mouth. Open from 1-5 p.m., it would provide a respite during some of the hottest hours of the day. By 2 p.m., seven people had wandered into the build-

ing at 715 S.E. Court Ave. Outside the temperature neared the day's high of 103 degrees.

Zachary Chase sat in the air conditioning, chatting with two volunteers in the reception area. His skin looked flushed. He had been thrilled to hear about the cooling station and made a beeline for the place.

"It was awesome considering the weather is in triple digits," Chase said.

He said he tries to drink enough fluids, but knows he doesn't. On a recent hot day, Chase said he started feeling "dreadful," with heart palpitations and light-headedness. He thought it might be heat stroke. Going inside stores isn't really an option since he doesn't have much

money and non-paying customers can't stay long.

If not for the cooling station opening Tuesday, he likely would have headed for the river.

Next to Chase sat Bryan Miller, who said he learned of the cooling station by chance.

"I was walking into town from where I camp and saw David out front," Miller said. David is David Williams, treasurer of the Neighbor 2 Neighbor board. Miller returned later when the cooling station opened. Miller, who sported baggy orange shorts, camouflage shirt and a ball cap, said he would have gone to Stillman Park to find shade if not for the cooling station.

There, the men found air conditioning, water and

Gatorade, and the chance for a refreshing shower.

A few other men sat in a multipurpose room watching television. One napped on the floor.

Johnson said the sleeping area used during the winter will stay closed. That would necessitate more cleaning and oversight and he doesn't want to burn out his stable of volunteers. The organization depends on them in the winter. Two are needed to staff the facility at all times of operation.

The facility has been offering showers from 1-3:30 p.m. every other Wednesday. Each person signs their name on a list and receives a token good for six minutes of showering.

The cooling station had 11 visitors on Tuesday.

## OREGON IN BRIEF

From wire reports

### Judge: Activist violated probation for contact with minors

PORTLAND — A judge has found that a Portland activist violated his probation for sex crimes after he was seen with a 15-year-old boy.

Washington County Circuit Judge Janelle Wipper made the finding in the case of Micah Rhodes Tuesday after a hearing in which witnesses said Rhodes was with the boy during a protest outside an ICE facility in Portland.

Rhodes was ordered to stay away from anyone under 18 after he was convicted of sexual abuse for having illicit sexual contact with a 17-year-old girl in Washington County and a 17-year-old boy in Multnomah County in 2014 and 2015.

Judges decided not to sentence Rhodes to prison and instead ordered five years of probation.

The Oregonian/OregonLive reports Wipper will decide on Rhodes' penalty on Wednesday.

### Oregon boys charged in fire that destroyed 4 mobile homes

MADRAS — A central Oregon sheriff says two boys, ages 10 and 7, started a fire that destroyed four mobile homes in Madras.

Jefferson County Sheriff Jim Adkins tells KTVZ the boys admitted setting a fire with lighters, and it "got away from them."

The boys were issued citations in lieu of custody for reckless burning and illegal burning. They were released to their parents.

Adkins says 17 people living in three mobile homes have been displaced by Tuesday's fire. The other place was unoccupied. There were no injuries.

The boys, who are friends, live several homes down from the ones that burned at Tops Trailer Court.

It was the fifth fire at the trailer park in the past five years.

### Pilot unhurt in hard landing of new plane at Oregon airport

BEND — A small plane sustained damage in a hard landing at Bend Airport.

KTVZ-TV reports the 75-year-old pilot was returning to the airport from Hood River on Tuesday after taking delivery of his new plane. A strut failed as he touched down, causing the wing and tail to strike the runway.

The pilot escaped injury. Sgt. Kent Vander Kamp of the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office says the plane — a 2018 Cub Crafter FX280 — had moderate damage.

### Arrested Oregon deputy accused of stealing shotguns

SALEM — Police say the Marion County deputy arrested last week is accused of stealing five shotguns from a deceased man's home.

The Statesman Journal reports 49-year-old Sean Banks was booked into the Linn County Jail on theft and official misconduct charges.

According to charging documents, Banks took the shotguns while on duty after a Keizer woman contacted him in October 2015 because she was uneasy about leaving guns unsecured inside the Salem home of her deceased father.

Salem police found the suspicious firearms transactions while conducting a separate forgery investigation into Banks.

Marion County Sheriff Jason Myers says he learned of the Salem police investigation in March. Banks has been placed on administrative leave.

Banks is scheduled to appear in court in September.

### 'Men' axed from seal at South Eugene High

EUGENE — South Eugene High School's new team name, the Axe, became a little more official this week — at least from the outside of the building.

Crews on Monday replaced the former "Axemen" seal that adorned the front of the building with an updated "Axe" sign. The team name change was announced in February after some said that the Axemen name, which dated back more than 90 years, was sexist and excluded those who don't identify as male.

District spokeswoman Kerry Delf said Monday that the outdoor moniker change is just one of many that already have taken place at the school. Indoor wallpaper that features the old Axemen name has been removed, and banners in the gym have been updated or are in the process of being updated.

About two-thirds of the school's team uniforms featured the Axemen name and will be replaced, including 120 men's and women's cross-country singlets. The singlets will cost the district about \$2,250. It's unclear exactly how many team uniforms across all sports are being replaced.

"It takes a lot of lead time to get new athletic uniforms," Delf said.

Most uniforms were not immediately updated, with the exception of the softball team. The new uniforms will feature either "Axe" or "South Eugene."

"Uniforms and many other materials would be replaced or replenished over time, regardless of this change," Delf said.

Other school materials and items that have been or will be replaced include school letterhead, class ring designs and graduation certificates.

Historical items such as yearbooks and trophies will not be changed retroactively, according to Delf.

The school colors, school symbol and other aspects of the brand will remain the same, despite the name change, Delf said.

It's unclear how much the entire replacement process will cost the district. The sign alone was \$986.

### Shipbuilder cited for 16 workplace hazards

PORTLAND — Shipbuilder Vigor Marine Inc. has been cited for 16 health and safety violations after employee complaints at the company's Portland location.

The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration said Tuesday it is proposing more than \$370,000 in fines.

The company allowed employees to work on energized circuit boxes, didn't do fitness testing before providing respirators and didn't have an adequate program to protect workers' hearing. It also did not ensure workers wore seatbelts while operating trucks.

Health and safety agencies in the states of

Oregon and Alaska have also issued citations.

Vigor Marine has 15 business days to comply, request a conference with the agency or contest the findings.

Jill Mackie, Vigor spokeswoman, says the company has already fixed the issues and is committed to safety.

### Portland man gets 10 years in prison for toddler's death

PORTLAND — A Portland man who pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the death of his girlfriend's 2-year-old son has been sentenced to a decade in prison.

Taylor Kraig made no statement at Tuesday's

sentencing in Multnomah County.

The toddler, Zackariah Daugherty, died in August 2016 from injuries he sustained while Kraig was caring for him. The toddler's mother, Amanda Daugherty, was working that day.

The mother attended the sentencing, but was too distraught to read her statement.

The statement read by the prosecutor said: "I will never understand why he had to be taken from me. I know he lives on because I see pieces of him everywhere I go. I just wish he was actually here with me. Without my Zack, I will never be the same."

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