

BOARDMAN

Man jailed after slashing family members



By PHIL WRIGHT
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Boardman police arrested one man early Saturday after he slashed family members. Daniel Salinas, 26, faces two counts of attempted murder and more.

Boardman Police Chief Rick Stokoe said police Sgt. Phil Morris received a call Friday at about 11:20 p.m. about a disturbance at Wilson

Road Mobile Home Park, 600 Wilson Road Southwest, Boardman. A female and two males met the sergeant and said their brother caused their injuries. Stokoe said two of them suffered cuts, and while their wounds were not life-threatening they required medical help.

An ambulance took one victim to Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston, where he received treatment,

and Morrow County Emergency Medical Services treated the other victim at the scene.

Salinas fled the trailer where the quarrel occurred, Stokoe said, so officers checked his trailer, but he was not there, either. Stokoe said Morrow County sheriff's deputies and Oregon State Police troopers responded to help, and Hermiston police talked to the victim at the

hospital.

Officers questioned multiple people, Stokoe said, but Salinas remained in the wind until he returned to his trailer Saturday at about 4:30 a.m. The officers went in and arrested him.

Stokoe said Salinas faces the following charges: two counts of attempted murder, two counts of second-degree assault, three counts of menacing, two counts of

unlawful use of a weapon and felon in possession of a weapon. Police also arrested him on two Umatilla County warrants.

The arrest included a burglary charge, but Stokoe said police dropped that because Salinas was a family member with legal access to the residence.

Salinas remains in the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton. His bond is \$239,500.

HEPPNER

La Grande woman finds support through MS Walk

By TAMMY MALGESINI
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Emily Nash recalls the precise moment her life changed forever.

The La Grande woman had experienced vision loss and eventually ended up at Oregon Health & Science University. After five days of medical testing, a physician told Nash at 10:45 a.m. on July 11, 2012, that she had multiple sclerosis.

Although life-changing, the diagnosis was a bit of a relief. Initially, Nash said, medical professionals thought she might have brain cancer.

"They did a ton of tests," Nash said. "I was happy I didn't have cancer."

Fast forward nearly three years later and Nash is captain of Team Em Dogg, a name that fell in her lap after a friend was listening to music by the rapper Snoop Dogg. Among Nash's team members during Saturday's Eastern Oregon MS Walk was Kelsey Hasenbank. The Pendleton woman joined more than two dozen other friends and family members in supporting Nash during the fundraiser in Heppner.

"I never knew I had so many people in my life that



Staff photo by Tammy Malgesini

People welcome participants at the finish of Saturday's Eastern Oregon MS Walk in Heppner.

care," Nash said. "It's pretty phenomenal."

Nash has participated in the Eastern Oregon MS Walk each year since her diagnosis. She said networking at the event and through the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been beneficial.

"On the outside we look fine," Nash said about many people with MS. "But on the inside, our body is fighting itself."

Multiple sclerosis is an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system. Symptoms range from numbness and tingling

to blindness and paralysis.

Merilee McDowell, who spearheaded the fundraising walk in Heppner 17 years ago, is thrilled people are still committed in the effort to help eradicate multiple sclerosis. She said it's important to raise money for research and to provide support to others. In addition, McDowell said the walk provides an opportunity to catch up with others in the community.

"I get to see people here that have MS and are still doing good," said McDowell, who was diagnosed with the disease in 1977.

Despite the wind and some sprinkles, 64 people participated in the walk. The group's goal is to raise \$14,000. Donations can still be made at www.walkms.org by scrolling to Oregon and clicking on the Heppner event. For more information, contact McDowell at 541-571-5853 or meri0120@gmail.com.

For more about multiple sclerosis, visit www.defeatMS.com.

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PENDLETON

Happy Canyon honors dealer, actor

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The Happy Canyon Board of Directors honored two longtime volunteers Monday at its annual appreciation dinner at the Pendleton Convention Center.

Those who visit Goldie's Saloon after the Happy Canyon Indian Pageant and Wild West Show will recognize Bruce Reynolds, who has volunteered as a craps dealer there for about 45 years.

"He's been dealing craps there as long as I've been alive," said Happy Canyon Director Corey Neistadt. "He's trained so many others."

His decades-long run started almost accidentally when Reynolds first visited the charity casino. When his dealer had some trouble remembering how to do payoffs, Reynolds offered some advice. The dealer invited him to come around the table and help him out.

"He asked permission and I went around, put on a red vest and worked the rest of the week," Reynolds recalled. "I have been working the craps table ever since."

Most of his hours spent running the craps table went smoothly, he said,

though he once had to deal with a player who quickly added to his pile of chips after throwing a winning roll with the dice.

"I refused to pay the larger bet," Reynolds said. "He was going to come around the table to get me."

Security escorted the man out of the building.

Volunteer T.C. Conner offered his services as an actor in the Wild West show. He started as a young boy, playing the part of "boy dancer." He graduated to war party member, scout and an Indian who is shot, falls backward over some scenery, gets caught up and hangs upside down. Conner continues to act in the annual production, which runs for four days.

Jason Hill, president of the Happy Canyon board, presented the awards to Reynolds and Conner.

"We are very proud to have two individuals like T.C. and Bruce volunteer year after year to make our event a memorable time for the people that come hoping to have an enjoyable evening," Hill said. "We are very lucky to have them."



Reynolds



Conner

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Eppenbachs named outstanding Irrigon citizens

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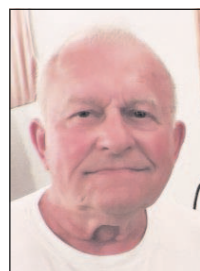
Irrigon residents came together Friday to celebrate some of the community's most outstanding volunteers, students and business leaders during the Chamber of Commerce's annual "Time to Shine" awards banquet at Stokes Landing Senior Center.

"It takes a team to run a village," said chamber president Phyllis Danielson. "This is to remind everyone in our community that the level of volunteerism is absolutely vital."

The award for outstanding citizens was presented to Don and Donna Eppenbach for their countless hours of volunteer work, even after retirement. The couple, both 79, spends much of their time cooking and cleaning dishes at the senior center, as well as lending a helping hand to the chamber, emergency assistance center and Multicultural Arts Center.

Don is a former mayor and city administrator, while Donna worked as postmaster and has lived in Irrigon almost her entire life.

"I haven't found another place I'd rather go," she said. "We couldn't do any of this



Don Eppenbach



Eppenbach



Orozco



Searles



Mendoza

without the help we get."

Isabel Orozco, 18, received the award for Youth of the Year for her accomplishments both in and out of the classroom. A senior at Irrigon Junior-Senior High, Orozco has amassed 41 college credits and served as a member of the National Honor Society. Principal Craig Benson described her "as academically sound as they come," and "an asset to any classroom."

Orozco has also helped volunteer blood drives for the American Red Cross and served as Key Club president. She plans to attend Oregon State University where she will major in pharmacy.

Benson also presented the award for Educator of the Year, which went to music teacher Jeff Searles. Searles is credited for essentially building the music program at Irrigon Junior-Senior High, and recently took band students from Irrigon,

Boardman, Ione and Arlington to Disneyland for a performance.

"He's worked to turn that program into one of the finest in Eastern Oregon," Benson said.

Business of the Year was presented to Citlali Mendoza on behalf of the Irrigon branch of the Bank of Eastern Oregon, for their work in local schools and contributions to the chamber and other community organizations.

Volunteer of the Year Angela Schneider-Lepez was not present to accept her award, but was recognized by Danielson for her years working with the local Boy Scouts, Watermelon Festival and the North Morrow Community Foundation.

"I'll tell her about your applause, and I'll really lay on the guilt," said Danielson to laughs from the crowd.

Finally, Irrigon Fire Chief Larry Burns ran down a list of volunteers with the district

and their years of service — some spanning decades. He said his crew is outstanding, and commendable for what they do.

"These are volunteers. They don't get paid," Burns said. "They get up at 2 a.m. and do what they need to do. And they do a good job."

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