

PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

TUESDAY

•The Morrow County Sheriff’s Office at 1:32 a.m. received a report of a possible prowler outside a residence on Southeast Idaho Avenue, Irrigon.

•A caller on Whitehouse Road, Echo, told the Umatilla County Sheriff’s Office at 7:24 a.m. he read a post on Facebook about a kidnapping of a small girl in Walla Walla and may have spotted the car associated with the suspects. The sheriff’s office checked, and Walla Walla did not get any report like that. The woman said she still wanted law enforcement to check the area.

•A man at 9:23 a.m. reported people near his property on Southeast Division Road, Irrigon, were trying to dump a camp trailer. A Morrow County sheriff’s deputy found the people and gave them a warning.

•The Umatilla County Sheriff’s Office at 9:30 a.m. received a report of theft of copper wire and truck radiators from Buwalda Scrap Yard on Lauback Street, Hermiston.

•A Milton-Freewater man at 12:10 p.m. reported the theft of a car battery and an air wrench from Terry’s OK Tire Store, 214 N Main St., Milton-Freewater.

•A caller at 2:51 p.m. reported a dog with a broken leg was in the yard at 1105 S.E. Alexander Ave. The police did not find the dog.

•An Irrigon woman at 3:20 p.m. reported the theft of her dog. The Morrow County Sheriff’s Office responded and found the dog was at Pet Rescue Humane Society of Eastern Oregon, Hermiston, and told the dog owner to contact the city regarding licensing the dog, then contact Pet Rescue.

•An Athena man at 4:26 p.m. reported he misplaced his Ruger P94 .40 caliber handgun.

•A woman at 5:28 p.m. asked Pendleton police to check on her 84-year-old in-laws who she has not been able to reach on the phone for three days.

•A man at 7:52 p.m. on Highway 730 in Irrigon called law enforcement and said he was intoxicated, trying to get to Boardman on foot and scared for his life and wanted to go to a detox center. Oregon State Police sent a trooper from Hermiston to find the man.

•A Umatilla resident at 8:20 p.m. reported she was in a closet because her husband was intoxicated and threatened to harm her.

•A Ukiah woman at 9:22 p.m. reported receiving more harassing phone calls, this time from a male who said she hit his car, and then from a female stating she was “getting perverted messages.”

•A caller at 9:32 p.m. claimed to be the victim of an assault on the 200 block of South Main Street, Pendleton, and the assailant took off west on Dorion Avenue. Police were not able to find a suspect.

ARRESTS, CITATIONS

•Milton-Freewater police arrested Victor Manual Didoro, 24, of 30 N. Shepard, Kennewick, for felony attempt to elude, reckless endangerment, reckless driving and misdemeanor attempt to elude.

•Hermiston police arrested Otoniel Espain Torres, 23, of Hermiston, on probation violation warrants and for possession of methamphetamine and resisting arrest.

•Morrow County Sheriff’s Office arrested Russell Gene Whitbeck, 55, of Irrigon, for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

•Hermiston police arrested Kaelia Breeze Lault, 24, of 1179 W. Joseph Ave., Hermiston, for driving under the influence of intoxicants, possession of methamphetamine and possession of heroin.

•Milton-Freewater police Tuesday arrested George Lee Petty Jr., 68, of 642 Pierce St., Milton-Freewater, for unlawful sexual penetration, sexual abuse and rape, all in the first degree. The *East Oregonian* has requested more information from police about what led to the arrest.

OBITUARIES

Kenneth Alvin Hansell

Walla Walla

August 1, 1928-December 9, 2015

“Gone Fishing”

Kenneth Alvin Hansell was born August 1, 1928, in The Dalles, Oregon. He was the third son born to Ray and Flossie Hansell. Kenny spent most of his life living on the Mountain Ranch on Weston Mountain and in Athena, Oregon. He has spent the last five years residing at The Washington Odd Fellows Home in Walla Walla, Washington, where he peacefully passed away December 9, 2015.



Hansell

In 1957 he met Kathryn Kay Moore at PGG in Athena. They were married February 22, 1958. Daughters Kelly, Shannon and Patty soon followed.

Kenny started working for Hansell Farms when he was in high school. He “retired” in 1991 having worked for only one employer. He had a strong work ethic, which has been passed down to his children and grandchildren.

While his work ethic was strong, he always found time to hunt and fish. He taught his fishing knowledge to his daughters and grandchildren. Many memories have been made hunting and fishing with him. Another passion of Kenny’s was playing cards with family and friends. He was an amazing pinocle player, loved playing Pitch with his friends and family and he’d play card games with the grandchildren. He had a great appreciation for flowers and spent many hours cleaning out flower beds, pruning roses and enjoying the beauty of his well-kept yard.

Kenny took good care of his friends and widows in the community by giving them fresh fish and bags of walnuts, trimming their trees, and was basically “on call” and eager to help when needed.

Kenny is preceded in death by his father and mother, Ray and Flossie Hansell, and his twin brothers Roderick and Rodney Hansell. He is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Kathryn Hansell of Walla Walla, Washington, and daughters Kelly Maynard of Puyallup, Wash-

ington, Shannon Hansell of Echo, Oregon, and Patricia Abel of Salem, Oregon. He has 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Kenny loved God, his wife, his daughters, his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He loved to play cards, eat good food, read, listen to music, nap, tell or hear a good joke, time on the tractor and time on the river.

He was deeply loved and will be greatly missed.

His funeral service will be held Saturday, December 19, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. at the Athena Christian Church, Athena, Oregon.

Our family would like to thank Dr. Wilcox, the staff at Washington Odd Fellows and Walla Walla Community Hospice for their loving, compassionate care. Remembrances may be made to the Athena Christian Church building fund, Washington Odd Fellows or Walla Walla Community Hospice.

UPCOMING SERVICES

THURSDAY, DEC. 17

FARROW, ROBERT — Funeral service at 11 a.m. in the chapel at Burns Mortuary, 336 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Burial will follow at Skyview Memorial Park, 70116 S. Highway 395, Pendleton.

GISINGER, ANNA — Recitation of the rosary at 7 p.m. in the chapel at Burns Mortuary, 336 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton.

FRIDAY, DEC. 18

GISINGER, ANNA — Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Mary’s Catholic Church, 800 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton, with a luncheon following at the parish hall. Burial will follow at 2 p.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery.

OBITUARY POLICY

The East Oregonian publishes paid obituaries. The obituary can include small photos and, for veterans, a flag symbol at no charge. Obituaries may be edited for spelling, proper punctuation and style. Expanded death notices will be published at no charge. These include information about services. Obituaries and notices can be submitted online at www.eastoregonian.com/obituaryform, by email to obits@eastoregonian.com, by fax to 541-276-8314, placed via the funeral home or in person at the East Oregonian office. For more information, call 541-966-0818 or 1-800-522-0255, ext. 221.

MEETINGS

THURSDAY, DEC. 17
HERMISTON IRRIGATION DISTRICT, 4:30 p.m., district office conference room, 366 E. Hurlburt Ave.

UMATILLA COUNTY SPECIAL LIBRARY DISTRICT, 5:15 p.m., Pendleton City Hall second floor jury room, 501 S.W. Emigrant Ave.

PENDLETON PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Pendleton City Hall council chambers, 501 S.W. Emigrant Ave.
ECHO CITY COUNCIL, 7:30 p.m., 20 S. Bonanza St.

FRIDAY, DEC. 18
No meetings scheduled

MONDAY, DEC. 21
WEST EXTENSION IRRIGATION DISTRICT, 9 a.m., Irrigon Fire Department, 705 N.E. Main St. (Lisa Baum 541-922-3814).

WESTLAND IRRIGATION DISTRICT, 1 p.m., district office, 77096 Highway 207, Echo.

ECHO SCHOOL DISTRICT, 6 p.m., Echo School, 600 Gerone St.

HELIX CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Helix City Hall, 119 Columbia St.

PENDLETON YOUTH COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Intermountain ESD office, 2001 S.W. Nye Ave.

LOTTERY

Tuesday, Dec. 15 Mega Millions 18-25-47-51-61 Mega Ball: 5 Megaplier: 5 Estimated jackpot: \$74 million	Estimated jackpot: \$13,000 Pick 4 1 p.m.: 2-7-7-1 4 p.m.: 6-9-1-0 7 p.m.: 1-0-5-2 10 p.m.: 6-1-6-5
Lucky Lines 02-08-09-14-FREE-18-22-25-30	Wednesday, Dec. 16 Pick 4 1 p.m.: 9-3-1-4

HERMISTON

Long-time volunteers serve free Christmas dinner

By TAMMY MALGESINI
East Oregonian

When Dick Hensley glances down the hot line at the Community Fellowship Dinner, the Hermiston man sees a lot of familiar faces.

“I think the most fun of it is looking down the line and seeing your whole family there,” Hensley said.

Dick, his wife, Dottie, and the rest of the Hensley clan have been mainstays in helping on the hot line during the free meal, which is offered during Thanksgiving and Christmas. Spread across Eastern Oregon, their adult children come from Cove and Boardman to continue the tradition of volunteering at the dinner.

Cathy Stolz, owner of the Chuckwagon Cafe, was recruited years ago to help with the event because of her knowledge of food handling and use of her warmer equipment. While supervising the hot line for more than



EO file photo

Joe Svatonksy bags up a to-go order during the 2014 Christmas Community Fellowship Dinner at the Hermiston Senior Center. Everyone is welcome to enjoy the free meal, which is held on Christmas Day.

two decades, Stolz said the Hensley family have been great volunteers serving on the first shift for years.

“They know how to do it and when their shift is over, they put their aprons on their replacements and pass on the

information of what to do,” Stolz said. “It takes care of itself, I just basically show up.”

Before insurance regulations were tightened up, Hensley said some of his grandchildren stood on

Community Fellowship Dinner

The second Community Fellowship Dinner of the season is coming up and volunteers are needed.

The free meal is served on Christmas Day — Friday, Dec. 25 — from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hermiston Senior Center, 435 W. Orchard Ave., which is located on the Umatilla County Fairgrounds. People wanting to help are asked to call Laurie Ball-Kiser by Sunday at 541-567-8600.

In addition, everyone is invited to show up and help with the set-up party, which is Thursday, Dec. 24 from 1-4 p.m. at the senior center.

For more information, meal delivery or a ride to the dinner, call the First Christian Church at 541-567-3013 between 8 a.m. to noon or 1-3 p.m. On Christmas Day, calls need to be made to the senior center at 541-567-3582.

buckets because they weren’t tall enough to reach the food warmers. Now, the younger ones help bus tables or serve desserts until they reach the age of 16 and can join the rest of the family on the hot line.

Laurie Ball-Kiser, who has coordinated the twice-yearly meals for a quarter of a century, can’t even imagine a holiday season without the

free meals. People, she said, shouldn’t have to spend the day alone.

The event began in a private home in 1988 with 30 people. Over the years it has grown to serving upwards of 800 meals with 300 volunteers.

Ball-Kiser and Stolz have seen many multi-generational families volunteer year after year. In addition, Stolz said

everyone from blue collar workers to attorneys and doctors have rolled up their sleeves and helped with the meal.

“I continue doing it because it is so rewarding on so many levels,” Stolz said. “I get back way more than I give at these events.”

Stolz enjoys being a part of making sure people don’t have to be alone on the holiday and can enjoy a nice meal. The smiles, kind words and heart-warming stories are worth dedicating her time to it, she said.

Hensley agreed, saying it’s a family tradition.

“And it’s a way to teach the family how to give back to the community,” he said.

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PENDLETON

Library provides holiday fun

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Several Christmas-related activities are coming up at the Pendleton Public Library. All activities are free of charge — some require pre-registration.

First up is tonight’s Teen Gift Making Party. Youths are invited to make some nice presents for friends and family beginning at 5 p.m. in the Community Room. Registration is not required.

The Pendleton Friends of the Library Holiday Book Sale is Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the library. Including a variety of genres, the gently used holiday books can make nice literary gifts for Christmas.

Christmas on the Prairie features pioneer crafts and activities with a Christmas theme. The event is Monday at 4:30 p.m. in the Commu-

nity Room. Registration is required.

During the upcoming DIY@the Library, participants will make Gifts in a Jar. The class is Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the library’s meeting room. All supplies are provided for each participant to make two unique jars. Registration is required.

A Children’s Gift Making Party is Wednesday, Dec. 23 at 4:30 p.m. in the library’s children’s area. Among the items kids can make are ornaments, silhouette Christmas trees and a hot cocoa kit. Registration is required.

The Pendleton Public Library is located at 502 S.W. Dorion Ave. For activities in the Community Room, the entrance is at 501 S.W. Emigrant Ave. For more information, call 541-966-0380 or visit www.pendletonlibrary.weebly.com.

SUBMIT COMMUNITY NEWS

Submit information to: community@eastoregonian.com or drop off to the attention of Tammy Malgesini at 333 E. Main St., Hermiston or Renee Struthers at 211 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton. Call 541-564-4539 or 541-966-0818 with questions.

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