

PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

MONDAY

•A Pilot Rock man at 8:29 a.m. asked law enforcement to check on his elderly mother because she is living with his brother, who has “a lot of anger issues,” may suffer from a mental disorder and cannot take care of himself.

•A Pendleton woman at 10:39 a.m. reported the theft of three months worth of food vouchers.

•A woman at about 11:15 a.m. tied a small dog to the top of a trash can at McNary Market, 205 Willamette Ave., Umatilla, then went inside the store. A person then picked up the dog so it would not hang itself and called for law enforcement.

•A Boardman man at 11:20 a.m. told the Morrow County Sheriff’s Office he wanted to file a theft report after he let someone he knows borrow his car under the promise of returning it Sunday, but the person has not. The Morrow County Sheriff’s Office called this a civil problem.

•A Hermiston-area caller at 11:58 a.m. reported her neighbor’s dog on East Columbia Lane is digging under the fence and will charge her if it enters the yard.

•A female at 2:17 p.m. reported her fiancé’s father assaulted her on Christmas.

•A male at 4 p.m. told Umatilla police his mother hit him with a slingshot by the bridge on Stephens and Tucker avenues, Umatilla.

•Pendleton police at 4:21 p.m. checked into a report of a person on Southeast Fourth Street burning a Christmas tree.

•A Milton-Freewater woman on Green Lane at 5:16 p.m. told the Umatilla County Sheriff’s Office she believed her estranged husband took her 9-mm pistol.

•A Pendleton woman at Northwest Bailey Avenue told police at 5:31 p.m. someone left an open can of soda pop in her mailbox. There was no indication if it was full, fresh or frozen.

•The Umatilla County Sheriff’s Office at 7:39 p.m. received an anonymous report of possible animal cruelty or a puppy mill operating on East Second Street, Hermiston.

ARRESTS, CITATIONS

•Pendleton police arrested Vance Tyler Wright, 23, of Pendleton, for fourth-degree assault and second-degree disorderly conduct.

William L. Fenton

Pendleton
1939-2015

Bill passed peacefully Christmas Eve from complications due to vascular dementia.

He was born in 1939 in Hillsboro, Ore., and grew up in Portland. He served in the Army in Germany during the Lebanon Crisis.

Bill graduated from Portland State University with a master’s degree in teaching. He taught science labs at Portland State for several years before moving to Pendleton to run the Visual Aide Department and later the Department of Continuing Education.

He loved hunting, fishing, working on cars/and hanging out with friends at his “mini ranch” and coffee in the mornings with Bruce K. Most of all he loved his family and was happiest when doing

things with them.

Bill is survived by wife of 50 years, Ruth; sons John (Rosemary) of Pendleton and Jason (Tori) of Hines, Ore.; daughter Jenifer (Jed) of Walla Walla, Wash.; grandchildren Riven Fenton of Pendleton, Rylan Fenton of North Carolina, Rachel and Sarah Fenton of Hines, Ore., Jared (Shellie) and Chet Volkman of Walla Walla, and Isabelle and Juliette Chapman of Pendleton; and great-granddaughter Molly Volkman. He is also survived by nieces and nephews, and his faithful lab of six years, Zoey.

No service is planned. Condolences may be posted on the Burns Mortuary website, www.burnsmortuary.com



Fenton

Holly E. (Crane) Rogers

Kennewick, Wash.
September 14, 1965-December 20, 2015

Holly E. Rogers (Crane) was born in Hermiston, Ore., on September 14th, 1965, to parents Lyle and Shirley Crane. She died Sunday, December 20th, 2015, after a long 6-month battle with stomach cancer.

She is survived by her husband Matt L. Rogers, son Taylor Rogers, daughter Hannah Rogers, sisters Monica Bauer and Cathie Lampson, and granddaughter Ellie Rogers.

Holly worked most recently at Ling Medical office as receptionist for 15 years, which she loved. Her greatest joy was raising her children, spending time with them and her husband. She

enjoyed her friendships with so many. She loved to go camping, boating, evenings out, and spending time with family and friends. She will truly be missed. Her wings were ready and our hearts were not.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 2nd, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. at The Living Room Church, 1409 S. Garfield St., Kennewick WA 99337. A luncheon will follow.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Living Room Church building fund.

You are invited to please share a memory on the Tribute Wall at www.muelersfuneralhomes.com



Rogers

DEATH NOTICES

Dawn Donnelly

Pendleton
Oct. 16, 1923-Dec. 28, 2015

Dawn Donnelly, 92, of Pendleton died Monday, Dec. 28, 2015, in Pendleton. She was born Oct. 16, 1923, in New Brunswick, Canada. Arrangements are with Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop.

Della M. Swanson

Pendleton
Dec. 28, 2015

Della M. Swanson, 79, of Pendleton died Monday, Dec. 28, 2015, at a care facility in Union. A full obituary will be published at a later time. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

UPCOMING SERVICES

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 30

ROOD, GRACE — Funeral services at 2 p.m. in the chapel at Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home, 902 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater.

THURSDAY, DEC. 31

BOWMAN, CODY — Celebration of life from 7-9 p.m. at the Pendleton Eagles Lodge, 428 S. Main St., Pendleton.

OBITUARY POLICY

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MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 30

UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, 9 a.m., Umatilla County Courthouse room 130, 216 S.E. Fourth St., Pendleton.

THURSDAY, DEC. 31

No meetings scheduled

FRIDAY, JAN. 1

No meetings scheduled

MONDAY, JAN. 4

HEPPNER PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Heppner City Hall, 111 N. Main St.

LOTTERY

Monday, Dec. 28

Megabucks
02-05-09-12-22-31
Estimated jackpot: \$4.6 million

Lucky Lines
01-05-10-13-FREE-17-23-28-30
Estimated jackpot: \$20,000

Win for Life
31-47-69-75
Pick 4

1 p.m.: 1-0-8-6
4 p.m.: 7-2-7-2
7 p.m.: 8-3-8-1
10 p.m.: 0-4-0-5

Tuesday, Dec. 29

Pick 4
1 p.m.: 8-3-0-6



WILDHORSE RESORT & CASINO

12/30 - 12/31

Cineplex Show Times

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1/6 12:00 PM RAIN MAN

STAR WARS: THE FORCE AWAKENS (PG13)

2D: 12:40* 7:00
3D: 3:50* 10:10

SISTERS (R)
4:20 7:10 10:00

POINT BREAK (PG13)
2D: 1:10* 6:50
3D: 4:00 9:40

DADDY'S HOME (PG13)
12:10* 2:30* 4:50 7:20 9:50

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2:10* 4:30 6:40 9:20

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‘Affluenza’ teen, mother planned flight to Mexico

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A Texas teenage fugitive and his mother attempted to disguise themselves and disappear among the American tourists who flocked to a Mexican resort city for the holidays, but are now in custody and set for deportation to the U.S., authorities said Tuesday.

Tarrant County Sheriff Dee Anderson said 18-year-old Ethan Couch — known for invoking an “affluenza” defense after he killed four people in a drunken driving wreck — and his mother had prepared to be gone awhile, even dying Couch’s blond hair black, before being detained Monday in the Pacific Coast city of Puerto Vallarta.

Couch was on juvenile probation for the wreck when he was 16. During the sentencing phase of his trial, a defense expert argued that his wealthy parents coddled him into a sense of irresponsibility — a condition the expert termed “affluenza.” The condition is not recognized as a medical diagnosis by the American Psychiatric Association, and its invocation drew ridicule.

The sheriff has said he believes the two fled in late November after a video surfaced that appears to show Couch at a party where people were drinking. If found to be drinking, Couch’s probation could be revoked and he could be sentenced to up to 10 years in prison.

Anderson said Couch and his mother apparently crossed the border in her pickup and drove to Puerto Vallarta, though the whereabouts of the truck are unknown. The U.S. Marshals found the two in Mexico, and worked with Mexican agencies to apprehend them. It was not clear whether they had any accomplices.

No immediate charges were planned



Mexico's Jalisco state prosecutor's office via AP

This Dec. 28 photo shows who authorities identify as Ethan Couch, after he was taken into custody in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

for others who may have known about or assisted with the flight plan, Anderson said. He said authorities have no evidence that Couch’s father was involved.

Anderson said an arrest warrant was being issued for Couch’s mother, Tonya Couch, on charges of hindering an apprehension, a third-degree felony that carries a sentence of two to 10 years in prison. Tarrant County District Attorney Sharen Wilson said that at a hearing next month she plans to ask a judge to transfer Ethan Couch’s case to adult court.

Couch would then face up to 120 days in an adult jail, followed by 10-year probation. If he violates probation, he could face up to 10 years in prison per

death, Wilson said.

If the judge declines to transfer Couch to adult court, Wilson will ask that his probation be revoked, in which case he could be held in a juvenile facility until his sentence expires when he turns 19 next April.

Couch’s attorneys, Scott Brown and Reagan Wynn, said in a statement they won’t comment until they speak with him, which likely won’t happen before Couch reaches the U.S.

Ricardo Ariel Vera, the representative of Mexico’s immigration institute in the western state of Jalisco, said the mother and son were being held at immigration offices in the state capital, Guadalajara, and would be returned to the United States aboard a commercial flight to Houston.

“They are going to be sent back to their country, given that they were in Mexico improperly,” Ariel Vera said. “They would have had to enter, for example, as tourists, but they entered without registering.”

He initially said that would happen Tuesday; however, another immigration official who is not allowed to be quoted by name told The Associated Press that there were no seats available on commercial flights and the return would be Wednesday.

Mexico’s Jalisco state prosecutors’ office said its agents had been working with American authorities since Dec. 26 to track down and capture Couch and his mother.

Authorities had begun searching for the pair after Ethan Couch failed to keep a mandatory appointment with his probation officer on Dec. 10, leading authorities to issue the juvenile equivalent of an arrest warrant for him.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Find AA meetings in your area at www.district3AA.org

DAILY

OPEN AA MEETING, 12 noon, 680 Harper Road, Hermiston. (800-410-5953).

OPEN AA MEETING, 12 noon, Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, 241 S.E. Second St., Pendleton. Coffee is provided. (Ed 541-207-2548).

WEDNESDAYS

TOPS, 8:15 a.m. weigh-in, 9 a.m. meeting and program, Oregon Trail Manor, 2430 S.W. Perkins Ave., Pendleton. (541-276-6370).

GRIEFSHARE, 1-3 p.m., Sun Terrace Assisted Living, 1550 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston. (Terri 541-667-3543 or Beth 541-564-2595).

ECHO KIWANIS FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION DAY, 4 p.m., Echo Masonic Lodge hall, 200 S. Dupont St. Last Wednesday.

HARPER ROAD AL-ANON GROUP, 5 p.m., 680 Harper Road, Suite 2 (AA meeting room), Hermiston.

BLUE MOUNTAIN DIABETES CHAMPIONS, 6-7 p.m., St. Anthony Hospital conference rooms 3&4, 2801 St. Anthony Way, Pendleton. For people with Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes and their families/friends. (Melissa Naff

541-278-3249). Third Wednesday, March-October except September

GRIEFSHARE, 6-7:30 p.m., New Hope Church, 1350 S. Highway 395, Hermiston. (Terri 541-667-3543 or Beth 541-564-2595).

WOMEN'S OPEN AA MEETING, 6:30 p.m., 680 Harper Road, Hermiston. (800-410-5953).

OPEN AA MEETING, 7 p.m., Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center, 73265 Confederated Way, Mission (800-410-5953).

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SUPPORT GROUP, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Medical Office Plaza meeting room, 620 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston. For those with MS, family members and caretakers or those who would like to learn more. (Kathy 541-922-2753 or John 541-564-8104). Third Wednesday

OPEN AA MEETING, 8 p.m., 680 Harper Road, Hermiston. (800-410-5953).

THURSDAYS

OPEN SUPPORT GROUP, 10 a.m.-noon, Good Samaritan Ministries, 21 S.W. Frazer Ave. (Bowman Building). (541-276-6671 or 541-379-1589).

REBOUNDERS STROKE SUPPORT GROUP, 1:30 p.m., St. Anthony Hospital conference room 3 or 4, 2801 St. Anthony Way, Pendleton. (Shawna 541-969-1865). First Thursday

LOST AND FOUND YOUTH

OUTREACH, 3 p.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Help for youth 12-18 facing challenges. (Danny 541-379-4250 or Leslie 541-276-3987)

WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES

AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, 4 p.m., Eastern Oregon Center for Independent Living, 322 S.W. Third St., Pendleton. A safe, secure environment to learn skills and develop tools to move forward after abuse and violence. (Linda Valentine 541-276-1037). First Thursday

HEALTHY CHOICES AA, 5:15-6:15 p.m., St. Anthony Hospital conference room 1, 2801 St. Anthony Way, Pendleton. (541-207-2548).

WOMEN FOR SOBRIETY SUPPORT GROUP, 5:30-7 p.m., First Christian Church, 518 S. Main St. (first floor), Milton-Freewater. New members welcome. (Kimberlie Krieg 541-861-3283).

TOPS, 6 p.m. weigh-in, 6:30-7:30 p.m. meeting, First Church of God, 712 S.W. 27th St., Pendleton. (Ruby Gray 541-566-3624 or rubymgray79@gmail.com)

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/SEXUAL ASSAULT WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP, 6-7:30 p.m., Hermiston. Call for location details. Sponsored by Domestic Violence Services. (541-567-0424).

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