

PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

FRIDAY

4:18 a.m. - An employee of Union Pacific Railroad reported a fire under a wood chip dispenser at Blue Mountain Lumber, 44112 Rieth Road, Pendleton.
 12:39 p.m. - Pendleton police received a call from a woman who was having a house inspected on Southwest Court Avenue. She said the building inspector told her a previous contractor had vandalized the property.
 4:26 p.m. - The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office took a theft report for a Wii stolen from a residence on Cactus Drive, Hermiston.
 5 p.m. - A resident of Southwest 11th Street, Pendleton, reported someone vandalized her hot tub the previous night.
 5:19 p.m. - A portable generator was reported stolen from a residence on Holdman Road, Helix.
 8:40 p.m. - A resident of Klickitat Street, Umatilla, reported two men on his patio trying to get into the house through his sliding glass door.

SATURDAY

12:48 a.m. - Umatilla County sheriff's deputies and Pendleton police broke up a fight between seven men in front of the Packard Tavern, 118 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton.
 3:01 a.m. - The Morrow County Sheriff's Office investigated an accident at the intersection of Wilson Lane and Laurel Road, Boardman. A man called to say they had missed a stop sign and hit a transformer and a fence. The driver was cited for failure to obey a traffic control device. No one was injured.
 5:46 a.m. - Pendleton police received a call from a resident of Southwest Goodwin Avenue who said someone was taking a shower in her bathroom and she didn't know who it was.
 6:18 a.m. - Someone opened all the mailboxes on Culp Lane, Hermiston. Locked boxes were broken open. The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office took a report.
 7:03 a.m. - The owner of Stapleman Custom Boot Shop, 7 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton, reported the front door glass was broken when he arrived at his shop.
 11:08 a.m. - A resident of the 500 block of Rose Street, Milton-Freewater, reported tires slashed on several vehicles.
 11:33 a.m. - Milton-Freewater police received a report of musical instruments taken from a vehicle in the 200 block of Southeast 12th Avenue.
 2:53 p.m. - A caller reported a commercial tanker truck hauling corrosive liquid was driving dangerously on Interstate 84 eastbound. Oregon State Police were unable to locate the tanker.
 3 p.m. - A guest at Econolodge, 220 Tutuilla Road, Pendleton, reported his room appeared to be broken into, and he requested a Pendleton police officer to respond.
 4:44 p.m. - A saddle was reported stolen from the Horse Plaza, 34287 Diagonal Road, Hermiston.
 8:40 p.m. - Umatilla police were called to Crossroads Truck Stop, 2020 Highway 730, Umatilla, when a woman tried to pay for gas with a counterfeit \$20 bill. The woman claimed she got the bill as change somewhere else.

SUNDAY

Midnight - A man reported he was almost run off the road at Sagebrush and Klaus roads, Hermiston, by a gold Ford F150, a gray car and an older white and blue Bronco. The caller said the vehicles headed toward the Chuckwagon Cafe on Highway 395 North. Umatilla County sheriff's deputies were unable to find any of the suspect vehicles.
 2:17 a.m. - A man riding a bicycle was verbally harassing a woman doing laundry at Umatilla Speedwash, 631 I Street, Umatilla. The woman called from Honey Bunz Hideout, 1201 Sixth St., to request an officer accompany her back to the laundromat to retrieve her clothes, as the man was still there.
 11:24 a.m. - A resident of Villadom Mobile Home Park, 53785 W. Crockett Road, Milton-Freewater, requested extra patrol after his car was broken into and gloves stolen.
 6:34 p.m. - A Weston resident reported a cellphone stolen from his vehicle while parked at Hong's Chinese Restaurant, 14 N. Columbia St., Milton-Freewater.

ARREST, CITATIONS

Friday

•Oregon State Police arrested Eddie Duane Walker, 52, La Grande, for driving under the influence of controlled substances (vicodin), reckless driving and recklessly endangering another.
 •Pendleton police arrested Nicole Marie Roy, 26, address not provided, for aggravated fourth-degree assault.

Saturday

•Milton-Freewater police arrested Jerry Dee Richwine, 52, 54054 Walla Walla River Road, Milton-Freewater, for driving under the influence of intoxicants.
 •Pendleton police arrested Bernabe Guardado Escalante, 28, address not provided, for possession of methamphetamine and felon in possession of a weapon.
 Umatilla Tribal police arrested Jessica Denice Pankey, 32, address not provided, for possession of methamphetamine and on two misdemeanor failure to appear warrants. Jessica Cardenas Pinto, 31, address not provided, was also arrested for possession of methamphetamine at the same location.

Sunday

•Oregon State Police responded to a residence in Pilot Rock after receiving a report of a man and woman fighting with a 3-year-old child present. The woman met a deputy on the front porch stating the man had not been at the house for several days, but another trooper caught the man fleeing from the rear of the residence. Karen Gill, 45, Pendleton, was cited and released for obstructing governmental administration. Daniel Sherman, 38, Pilot Rock, was arrested for violation of a no contact order and lodged at the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton.
 •Pendleton police arrested Max Clinton Wise, 29, 2509 E. L Ave., La Grande, and Sylvia K. Griffen, 62, Dayton, Wash., for DUI. Griffen also was charged with possession of methamphetamine.

#YoungmanOnEllen

Students launch Twitter campaign to get teacher on 'Ellen' show

By **KATHY ANEY**
East Oregonian

Kathryn Youngman's name was all over the Twittersphere on Monday.

The Pendleton High School teacher didn't likely give it much thought since she was busy getting a chemo treatment at the Tri-Cities Cancer Center.

Unbeknownst to Youngman, however, her students launched a campaign this weekend to get their beloved teacher on "The Ellen DeGeneres Show." Youngman has said she would love to meet DeGeneres.

The *East Oregonian* featured the Spanish teacher in a human interest story on Friday about her third battle with cancer. Youngman receives treatments every other Monday, returning to school the next day, despite fatigue and nausea.

The Twitter campaign started gaining traction on Sunday and went crazy on Monday.

"It's blowing up," said Roman Martinez, a student in Youngman's Spanish 4 class.

Martinez, who sent out plenty of his own tweets, noticed with elation that NFL football player Vic Beasley had tweeted twice on the teacher's behalf.

"Please help us get Kathryn Youngman on @TheEllenShow. She's going to beat cancer for the 3rd time all while teaching.



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Spanish language teacher Kathryn Youngman has lost her hair due to chemotherapy treatments she has undergone while battling against breast cancer. This is Youngman's third bout fighting cancer.

#YoungmanOnEllen," tweeted Beasley.

The defensive end for the Atlanta Falcons posted a link to the *East Oregonian* story. Both tweets shared hundreds of times.

"I don't know how he found out about it, but he must have seen one of the tweets and hopped on the bandwagon," Martinez said.

Other athletes joined in, including University of Oregon quarterback Vernon Adams, Oregon State basketball player Tres Tinkle and Olympic beach volleyball player Kerri Walsh.

Martinez also messaged Portland Trail Blazer Damian Lillard, asking him to tweet back. As of Monday afternoon, Lillard hadn't responded, but Martinez holds out hope.

Many of the tweets feature photos of PHS students holding signs with words

of encouragement such as "Fight like a girl," "Heroic" and "Kind."

The students are effusive about Youngman.

"She's always so positive and encouraging about everything," said senior Taryn Sokoloski. "She always makes us feel loved in school and in life. You feel like you have someone on your side."

Substitute teacher Katie Monchalin teaches Youngman's classes on treatment days. Monchalin, also Youngman's niece, watched in awe as students talked up the Twitter campaign and planned other ways to show support. When Youngman returns to class Tuesday, she will find a sea of pink.

"The entire school will wear pink," Monchalin said. "Some tweeted about it, but it's been mostly word-of-mouth and it was on the

morning announcements."

Even PHS rival Hermiston High School has tweeted in support, Martinez noted, and HHS Associated Student Government officers vowed to wear pink in solidarity on Tuesday.

Who knows how long the Twitter campaign will last or whether Ellen will notice. These things tend to ebb and flow and eventually vanish, but on Monday, enthusiasm ran high.

"People put sticky notes with '#YoungmanOnEllen' all over the hallway walls," Monchalin said. "Someone even wrote it with dry erase markers on the bathroom mirrors."

Students are working on a video to send to the "Ellen" show.

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Fire department promotes Baty to firefighter

PENDLETON — The Pendleton Fire and Ambulance Department announced the promotion of paramedic Alex Baty to paramedic/firefighter in a press release Friday.

The release states that the promotion fills a lifelong dream of Baty's to follow in the footsteps of his father, department Capt. Dave Baty.

Baty joined the department in 2010 as a reserve firefighter and EMT and was hired on full-time as a paramedic in 2015.

Baty has an associate's degree in fire science from Portland Community College and an associate's degree in emergency medical services



Baty from Umpqua Community College in Roseburg. Baty's first day as a firefighter will be Feb. 1.

BRIEFLY

Cornet-Windy Ridge salvage logging begins

The Wallowa-Whitman National Forest has started salvage logging on a portion of the Cornet-Windy Ridge fire, which burned more than 100,000 acres last summer.

The first timber sale is for 7.5 million board feet of dangerous tree removal along open roads in the burned area. More than 30,000 acres of the blaze happened on national forest land.

A total of 11 million board feet of wood will be logged

from the fire area in 2016. The first operation will take place in the Dooley Mountain area along Denny Creek Road, Ebell Creek Road and Lower Mill Creek Road.

"We're happy to see the sawyers out here beginning felling operations," said Whitman District Ranger Jeff Tomac. "I'm very proud of how quickly and efficiently my staff worked to accomplish the necessary planning and thankful to the community and other agencies for their support."

For more info, call the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest at 541-523-6391.

Energy upgrades finished at M-F, Athena-Weston schools

By **GEORGE PLAVEN**
East Oregonian

Energy-efficient upgrades are now in place at Milton-Freewater and Athena-Weston schools that will allow the districts to remotely control heating and cooling in every classroom.

Similar controls were installed last year at Morrow County schools. The system uses a Web-based platform where custodians can monitor room temperatures and preset schedules to maximize efficiency.

"Anywhere you can get on the Internet, they can access their controls system," said Cory Wiltshire, project manager with McKinstry in Portland, an energy and facility services contractor.

At Milton-Freewater Unified School District, McKinstry upgraded the controls system at 94-year-old McLoughlin High School and 106-year-old Central Middle School over summer. The total cost was \$260,000, with \$50,000 in incentives provided by Milton-Freewater City Light & Power and the Energy Trust of Oregon.

Controls were also modernized at Weston

Middle School, along with a fluorescent lighting upgrade at Weston-McEwen High School. That project cost \$200,000, with \$7,500 from the Energy Trust of Oregon.

The districts are expected to save a combined \$30,000 annually in energy costs. Wiltshire said the idea is that savings can eventually offset the initial cost of construction.

"The biggest goal for us was to ultimately realize no day-to-day changes in comfort level for the users, the students," he said. "So far, I think we've accomplished that."

Energy and utility costs generally account for 20-40

percent of a school's maintenance and operations budget, according to McKinstry. The company cites a U.S. Green Building Council report that takes student comfort as one factor that can influence achievement in school.

"These improvements not only help our districts stretch their energy dollars on day one, but provide a healthier, more comfortable learning environment for all school occupants," said Lee Hankins, energy business unit manager for McKinstry's Oregon offices.

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