

PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

TUESDAY

8:49 a.m. - Thieves stole "no trespassing" banners that were 6 feet long by about 3 feet wide from Oregon Trail Road, Echo.
 9:27 a.m. - Keystone RV Co., Pendleton, was the target of a former employee. A manager for the company reported the ex-employee has been charging items on Keystone's account.
 10:24 a.m. - A Milton-Freewater man reported the theft of tools and mechanical diagnostic machines from a shed on the 100 block of North Main Street.
 10:32 a.m. - An Echo woman on North Thielsen Street reported someone damaged her back door knob in an attempt to break in.
 11:02 a.m. - Irrigon residents placed a couch on the side of Northeast Fourth Street more than two weeks ago, and a neighbor asked Morrow County code enforcement to talk to the couch owners to remove it.
 12:16 p.m. - A Pendleton business on Southeast Byers Place told police it fired an employee last month and she has yet to return a company vehicle.
 12:21 p.m. - An Irrigon resident reported her stolen vehicle was recovered, but she found items in it that were not hers.
 12:25 p.m. - A Mississippi woman asked the Umatilla County Sheriff's Office to check on her father in Athena because his girlfriend called and screamed she was going to beat her father with a stick while he slept.
 1:16 p.m. - A couple who were to remove items from a trailer in a "lock up storage" area at Vista Mobile Home Park, 1800 N.E. 10th St., Hermiston, instead locked themselves inside the trailer all night. The manager called the Umatilla County Sheriff's Office for help, and a deputy gave the man and the woman a warning.
 1:55 p.m. - A female driving a motorcycle crashed into a tree at the Morrow-Grant County Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Park, 33 miles southwest of Heppner on Highway 207. Fire, ambulance and police services from Heppner responded, and an ambulance took the female to Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston.
 4:28 p.m. - A Hermiston woman on East Joy Lane called 9-1-1 after her husband hit and bit her.
 9:15 p.m. - An older man in Irrigon called and asked for the day and month. A dispatcher told him it was March 8, 2016.
 10:05 p.m. - Law enforcement responded to a call about a burglary in progress at a home on Southwest Kinkade Road, Boardman. Police did not find any suspects at the scene.

ARRESTS, CITATIONS

•Pendleton police arrested Steven M. Ruiz, 43, of 130 S.W. Court Ave., No. 105, Pendleton, for violating a restraining order and tampering with a witness.
 •The Umatilla County Sheriff's office arrested Troy Charles Doss, 52, of Kennewick, for driving under the influence of intoxicants.
 •Pendleton police arrested Christopher Michael Charlo, 28, of College Place, for domestic violence fourth-degree assault and strangulation. That led to the Umatilla County District Attorney's Office charging Charlo with assault, attempted assault, strangulation, physical harassment and menacing, all related to domestic violence against two victims.

OBITUARIES

Marjorie Loraine Rogers

Pendleton
March 31, 1921-March 6, 2016

Marjorie L. Rogers, 94, went to Heaven on March 6, 2016, at CHI St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton. A memorial service will begin at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, March 12th at the Pendleton Free Methodist Church, 1711 S.W. 44th Street. A family graveside service at Olney Cemetery will be held prior to the memorial service. Sign the online condolence book at www.burnsmortuary.com. Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is handling arrangements.



Rogers

Marjorie was born on March 31, 1921, the eighth child of Oliver and Maggie Fleshman in La Grande. She attended school in a one-room schoolhouse. Then she went to the big school in town. She graduated from La Grande High School.

At the age of 18, Marjorie met the love of her life, William Rodney Rogers from Hermiston, at Cove Church Camp. They dated for three years. When horseback riding he said, "Let's get hitched as those old nags are." They got married on August 16, 1942,

in La Grande. Marjorie and Rodney had three children, "the three Rs": Rodney II, Renee and Richard. They lived in Pilot Rock and Pendleton. They were married for 62½ years.

Marjorie worked as a telephone operator, at the Sherwood School and as a homemaker. She was a wonderful cook, good mother and good teacher. She enjoyed gardening. She loved her family and was very much loved by her family.

As a member of the Pendleton Free Methodist Church she enjoyed her church family, especially the Thursday ladies Bible study group.

Marjorie's parting words were "Thumbs UP to Jesus. I'm going to Heaven."

Marjorie outlived all of her brothers and sisters. She is survived by Rodney II and Toni Rogers of Pendleton, Renee and Pete Banning of Greenville, N.C., and Richard and Cristy Rogers of Pendleton, seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren, as well as many nieces and nephews.

DEATH NOTICES

Sondra A. 'Sandy' Fortney-Harrison

Hermiston
Feb. 10, 1937-March 5, 2016

Sondra A. "Sandy" Fortney-Harrison, 79, of Hermiston died Saturday, March 5, 2016, at her home. She was born Feb. 10, 1937, in Caldwell, Kan. A private family celebration will be held. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Sign the online guest book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

UPCOMING SERVICES

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

SALLEE, GRACE — Graveside services at 1 p.m. at the Milton-Freewater Cemetery.

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

No services scheduled

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.

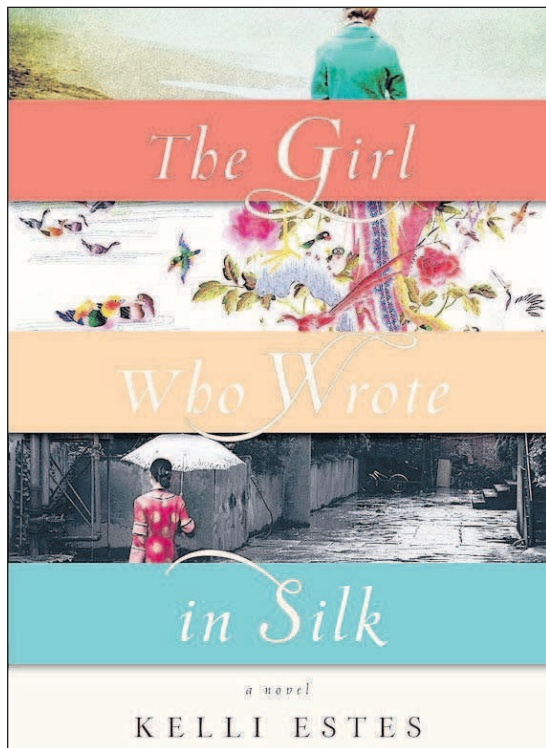
MEETINGS

THURSDAY, MARCH 10
BOARDMAN RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, 1 p.m., 300 S.W. Wilson Lane.
HERMISTON PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE, 5:30 p.m., Hermiston City Hall, 180 N.E. Second St.
FOREST RESILIENCY PROJECT PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SESSION, 6-9 p.m., Pendleton Convention Center, 1601 Westgate.
ATHENA CITY COUNCIL, 6:30 p.m., Athena City Hall, 215 S.

Third St.
UMATILLA SCHOOL DISTRICT, 7 p.m., district office, 1001 Sixth St.
UMATILLA-MORROW COUNTY FARM BUREAU, TBA. Call Julie Spratling at 541-457-6045 for more information.
FRIDAY, MARCH 11
EASTERN OREGON TRADE & EVENTS CENTER AUTHORITY BOARD, 7 a.m., Stafford Hansell Government Center, 915 S.E. Columbia Drive, Hermiston.

HERMISTON

Historical novel stitches together story of two women



Contributed photo
Seattle-area author Kelli Estes will make a pair of presentations in the Hermiston area including a book-signing and discussion Monday, March 14 at Hermiston Church of the Nazarene.

By **TAMMY MALGESINI**
East Oregonian

A Seattle area author, whose debut book appeared on the USA Today Bestsellers list in December 2015, will participate in a book signing and presentation in Hermiston.

Kelli Estes knew little about Chinese culture prior to writing "The Girl Who Wrote in Silk," a historical fiction novel that alternates chapters with a story in the present day. Before spending hours in front of her keyboard, Estes read everything she could get her hands on about Chinese culture, embroidery and immigration in the 19th century. In addition, she visited several museums and attended a special dinner hosted by the Wing Luke Museum.

Estes was appalled learning about the brutal deaths of Chinese people being smuggled by boat through the San Juan Islands. Researching the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, she read about the intense anti-Chinese sentiment in the United States,

which led to whole communities of Chinese being driven out, Chinatowns burned to the ground, beatings, lynchings and massacres.

"I decided right then that it was up to me to write about it so this shameful and important part of our history isn't forgotten," Estes said.

Inspired by a souvenir from China — an embroidered silk sleeve — the author weaves together the tales of two women, which includes tragedy, romance and mystery. Rich with symbolism and beauty, Estes said using embroidery was the perfect way to stitch together the past and present in telling the stories of Mei Lein and Inara Erickson.

Although an avid reader, Estes didn't view writing as a viable profession. Earning a business degree from Arizona State University, she worked as a buyer/contract administrator at

Boeing before picking up a pen. Estes used to think authors were magical beings born with special powers. When Carolyn Landwehr Estes — who is now

Estes' sister-in-law — mentioned she was writing a book, it opened up Estes' world. Landwehr Estes was the first person the would-be author had met who professed to be a writer, yet she appeared normal, not like the fabled creatures of Estes' imagination.

Estes enjoys everything about writing — from living inside a world created in her mind to the knowledge that her stories connect with people. In addition, she likes the laid-back perks of the job.

"I love that I can work in sweat pants with no makeup on," she said.

"The Girl Who Wrote in Silk" is Estes' sixth full-length manuscript. The first five are all unpublished. She said she might

revise a couple of them with the intention of publishing.

"Some will never see the light of day but I cherish them for teaching me how to write," she explained.

When promoting her book, Estes especially enjoys connecting with students. With so much emphasis on STEM — science, technology, engineering and math — she said kids that are drawn to the arts aren't always validated. Estes seeks to inspire students to dream big and to pursue what interests them.

Altrusa International of Hermiston is hosting the author, who will speak to students at Armand Larive Middle School. The public is invited to Estes' presentation Monday at 7 p.m. at Hermiston Church of the Nazarene, 1520 W. Orchard Ave. The event is free, although people are encouraged to bring a book to donate to Altrusa's Little Red Library at Belt Park.

For more information, call Armchair Books at 541-276-7323 or visit www.kelliestes.com.



Estes

BRIEFLY

Exhibits offers visitors to 'Explore Evolution'

MISSION — The work of scientists who are making leading discoveries about the evolution of life is featured in a new exhibit at Tamastslitk Cultural Institute.

Explore Evolution opens Friday with free admission from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the museum, located off Highway 331 near Wildhorse Resort & Casino in Mission.

From rapidly evolving HIV to whales that walked, the public is invited to learn about evolution in organisms ranging from the very smallest to the largest. The exhibit focuses on seven research projects that have made a

major contribution to the understanding of evolution. The interactive exhibit gives visitors an opportunity to experience how scientists conduct research on evolution.

The exhibit runs through May 28. Tamastslitk is open Monday through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Regular admission rates are \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors, \$6 for youths ages 6-17, free for ages 5 and under or \$25 for a family of four. Also, there's no charge for First Fridays.

For more information, call 541-429-7700 or visit www.tamastslitk.org.

Fundraiser to benefit two families

STANFIELD — A lasagna dinner and dessert auction is being sponsored by the Stanfield Fire Department to help two families who lost possessions in a December fire at the Stage Gulch RV Park in Stanfield.

While three families were impacted by the fire, two — John and Charlene Marcum and Earnest Casey and Ricque Baker — still live in the area and are trying to secure new homes and replace belongings.

The event is Friday from 5-7 p.m. at the Stanfield Community Center, 225 Roosevelt St. The cost is by donation at the door.

For more information, contact cheryltucker@q.com.

Folklife network announces local programs

A public folklorist of more than 20 years will present programs in Heppner and Pendleton.

As part of Oregon Folklife Network's Keepers of Tradition in Morrow and Umatilla Counties, Debbie Fant will be on hand Friday at 6:30 p.m. at St. Patrick Senior Center, 190 N. Main St., Heppner; and Saturday at 5:30 p.m. in the Foundation Room at the Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. The events are free and open to the public.

Fant, who has a master's degree in anthropology and folklore from the University of Texas, has conducted fieldwork, directed festivals, edited publications and curated exhibits.

Headquartered at the University of Oregon, the Oregon Folklife Network consists of statewide culture and heritage partners that are committed to documenting, supporting and celebrating our diverse cultural traditions. For more information, contact 541-346-3820, ofn@uoregon.edu or visit <http://ofn.uoregon.edu>.

Festival seeks youth talent

HEPPNER — Organizers are seeking youths with talent, including dancing, singing, playing instruments and more.

Tryouts for the St. Patrick's Day Youth Talent Show are Sunday at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 525 N. Gale St., Heppner. All youths are welcome to audition.

The actual show is being held during Heppner's Wee Bit O'Ireland Celebration. Youths will perform Saturday, March 19 at 6 p.m., also in the parish hall. The event is not judged.

For more information, call or text Leanne Lindsay at 541-379-6331.

Veterans' services offices offer help

Assistance with completing applications for benefits, advocating on behalf of veterans and other services are available through accredited officers with the Umatilla County Veterans' Services Office.

Glenn Scott is assigned to the Hermiston office and Stan Getz is available in the organization's Pendleton and Milton-Freewater locations. Some of the benefits they assist veterans with are services connected to compensation, non-service connected pensions, widow's benefits, burial benefits, war veterans' and widow's property tax exemption, medical benefits, home loan eligibility certificates and discharge upgrades.

Veterans and/or their loved ones can schedule appointments in the local offices. The location and hours are:

•Hermiston: Monday through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. 435 E. Newport Ave., Suite A (541-667-3125).
 •Pendleton: Monday through Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 17 S.W. Frazer Ave., Suite 282 (541-278-5482).
 •Milton-Freewater: Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 707 E. Broadway Ave. (541-278-5482).

Toastmasters meets in Umatilla

UMATILLA — A supportive learning environment providing members with an opportunity to develop communication and leadership skills is available in Umatilla.

Columbia River Toastmasters meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.



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in the Umatilla Rural Fire Protection District's McNary fire hall, 305 Willamette St., Umatilla. Everyone is invited to attend to learn more about the organization and membership. Toastmasters International is a nonprofit educational organization that began in 1924. For information, including how to find other groups, visit www.toastmasters.org.

WILDHORSE RESORT & CASINO
3/9 - 3/10
Cineplex Show Times
\$5 Classic Movie 3/16 12:00 PM THE PURPLE ROSE OF CAIRO
ZOOTOPIA (PG)
 2D: 4:40 7:10
 3D: 9:40
LONDON HAS FALLEN (R)
 4:50 7:20 9:50
GODS OF EGYPT (PG13)
 2D: 6:40
 3D: 4:00 9:30
DEADPOOL (R)
 5:00 7:30 10:00
TRIPLE 9 (R)
 4:10 6:50
HOW TO BE SINGLE (R)
 9:20
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LOTTERY
Tuesday, March 8
Mega Millions
 27-37-54-66-69
 Mega Ball: 5
 Megaplier: 5
 Estimated jackpot: \$157 million
Lucky Lines
 04-06-10-15-FREE-19-21-28-30
 Estimated jackpot: \$13,000
Pick 4
 1 p.m.: 0-9-9-3
 4 p.m.: 9-7-2-0
 7 p.m.: 8-7-4-6
 10 p.m.: 8-7-6-9
Wednesday, March 9
Pick 4
 1 p.m.: 0-6-1-7