

COMING EVENTS

FRIDAY, JUNE 3
FREE FIRST FRIDAY, all day, Tamastlikt Cultural Institute, 47106 Wildhorse Blvd. (off Highway 331 near Wildhorse Resort & Casino), Pendleton. (541-966-9748).
ADULT OPEN GYM, 6-7 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave. Half-court basketball. (541-276-8100).
BARKING LOT SALE & RAFFLE, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., 645 E. Sunset Ave., Hermiston. Benefits spay and neuter services, vet bills and preparing animals for adoption at Fuzzball Animal Rescue. Donations of sale items and cash welcome. (Robin 541-908-1403).
OLD IRON SHOW, 8 a.m. to dusk, Roy Raley Park, 1205 S.W. Court Ave., Pendleton. View farm equipment and other vehicles of yesteryear.
RUMMAGE & WHITE ELEPHANT SALE, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Umatilla Presbyterian Church, 14 Martin Drive. Kraft table, toys and games, clothing, white elephants and more.
WALKING FOR WELLNESS, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave. (541-276-8100).
HEPPNER FARMER'S MARKET, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Heppner City Park. Food, craft and garden vendors. (541-676-8957).
STORY TIME, 10:15-11 a.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave. (541-567-2882).
TODDLER STORY TIME, 10:15-10:45 a.m., Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave. (541-966-0380).
PENDLETON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 noon, Pendleton Senior Center, 510 S.W. 10th St. Costs \$3.50 or \$6 for those under 60. Pool, puzzles, crafts, snacks, Second

Time Around thrift store 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For Meals On Wheels, call 541-276-1926. (541-276-7101).
PENDLETON FARMERS MARKET, 4 p.m. to dusk, 300 block South Main Street, Pendleton. Browse fresh produce, meats, baked goods and plants, locally crafted jewelry and items for the home. EBT, debit and credit cards welcome. (pendletonfarmersmarket.net).
VFW BINGO, doors open at 6 p.m., games start at 7 p.m., Hermiston VFW, 45 W. Cherry St.
UMATILLA COUNTY PIONEER DAYS CORONATION, 6:30 p.m., Weston Memorial Hall, 210 E. Main St. Meet JoAnn Fox and Valerie Smith, the queens of the Pioneer Days Picnic, and parade grand marshal Bob Smith. (Jack Jaspersen 541-969-8294 or Becky Buckles 541-969-0730).
SATURDAY, JUNE 4
UMATILLA COUNTY PIONEER DAYS PICNIC, 5:30 a.m. to midnight, most activities in Elliott Park, Weston. Firemen's breakfast from 5:30-9:30 a.m.; kids' parade at 9:45 a.m.; main parade at 10 a.m.; craft vendors, live entertainment, games and activities for all ages, food vendors and barbecue cook-off from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; queen and grand marshal presentation at 11 a.m.; barbecue beef lunch at 11 a.m. (served while food lasts); car show (11 a.m. to 4 p.m.); historical buildings tours (11 a.m. to 2 p.m.); alumni dinner at 6:30 p.m.; street dance with live music by Tylor & the Train Robbers from 9 p.m. to midnight. (Jack Jaspersen 541-969-8294 or Becky Buckles 541-969-0730).
FAMILY FISHING EVENT, 7 a.m. to noon, Twin Pond, Ukiah. ODFW will provide some loaner gear and tips to beginning anglers.

Free competitive events for youths 16 and under, including biggest fish and casting contests; those 12 and older must have an angling license (not sold at the event). Hot dog lunch for all participants. (541-427-3231).
PANCAKE BREAKFAST, 7-10 a.m., Stanfield Community Center, 225 W. Roosevelt. Costs \$5 for full breakfast/\$3 for light meal. (541-449-1332).
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HERMISTON'S OWN FARMERS MARKET, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., McKenzie Park, 300 S. First St., Hermiston. Food, crafts, live music, art.
JUNE CRUISIN, 8 a.m. setup and registration, 10 a.m. show begins, South Main Street, Pendleton. Vehicles on display from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; poker walk from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; \$100 roll from 1-2 p.m.; marshmallow spitting and hucap toss contests at 2 p.m.; show results, prizes and awards at 3 p.m. 50/50 drawing and raffle tickets. (541-429-8784).
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looms and other tools and share fellowship and expertise. (541-278-9201).
BINGO NIGHT @ THE GRANGE, 6:30-8:30 p.m., White Eagle Grange, 43828 White Eagle Road, Pendleton (between Pendleton and Pilot Rock on Highway 395 South). Cards are 50 cents each per game with prizes; progressive jackpot game at 7:30 is \$1 per card with 50/50 prize; final blackout game at 8:15 p.m. is \$1 per card with jackpot prize. Popcorn and beverages are available for a donation. All ages welcome. (Gail 541-276-3778).
OLDIES NITE @ THE LIBRARY, 7 p.m., Wesley United Methodist Church fellowship hall, 816 S. Main St. BJ the DJ spins tunes of Ray Charles, with The Frogs providing snacks. (Bob Jones 541-938-7028 or dubuquer@charter.net).
SATURDAY, JUNE 5
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"HISTORIC HOMES OF NORTH MAIN STREET" WALKING TOUR, 12:30 p.m., Brownfield Park, corner of Main Street and Byers Avenue, Pendleton. Local historian Keith Mays will discuss the history and architecture of the grand homes of the

North Hill. Cost is \$5 per person. (541-276-8206).
"RELIVING RADIO, THE WAY RADIO WAS," 2-3 p.m., McKay Creek Estates, 1601 Southgate Place, Pendleton. Dick Karman brings samples of the entertainment, commentary, news and variety that make up the time-treasured memories of radio from the 1920s to the 1950s. Questions, stories and memories are encouraged. Free, but RSVP requested. (541-276-1987).
SISTERS IN SONG SPRING CONCERT, 4 p.m., Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St. Concert includes lullabies, love songs and mountain ballads. Tickets are \$10, available at the door or by calling 541-278-9201.
ADULT OPEN GYM, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave. Free access for ages 16 and up. (541-276-8100).

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PARENTS TALK BACK
Judge and attack: Our human and animal instincts

The death of a silverback gorilla quickly led to a national referendum on a mother's parenting, a police investigation into her family and an angry mob sending her death threats on social media.



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Parents talk back

The mother, outed by social media vigilantes, nearly lost her 3-year-old child after a moment of distraction. Since then, she has become the target of those who say she should have been shot instead of the endangered ape.
The Cincinnati police said on Tuesday that they are investigating the family of the preschooler who slipped through a three-foot rail and fell into the moat of the gorilla enclosure at the Cincinnati Zoo on Saturday. Harambe, the lowland gorilla, approached the child, eventually dragging him through the water. Zoo officials say the child's head banged against the concrete, and they fatally shot the gorilla to save the child's life.

The human gut reaction after hearing this news should be grief and anger at the untimely and unnecessary loss of a majestic creature — one held captive by humans. It was my instinctive response, as well. I tweeted on Sunday: "It takes considerable effort to scale a zoo's gorilla enclosure. Requires a lot of parental negligence for that to happen."

But I had rushed to this judgment before I had seen the actual barrier or knew much about the parent's behavior in that moment of the child's escape. I'd fallen into that easy trap of casting blame and judging a person in a flash of anger.

Later, I saw a photo of the barrier in question and realized that it wouldn't have taken much for a determined, impulsive preschooler to dash through the moat in the amount of time it would take a parent to turn around and attend to another child in her care.

This is when human higher-order thinking should kick in. It's rational after a tragedy to question if it could have been prevented. It makes sense to question whether a three-foot rail and four-foot hedge was enough of a barrier between humans and 450-pound beasts at a zoo, which has a responsibility to adequately protect both visitors and animals.

And it is that uniquely

human ability to self-reflect that allows us to remember a moment when we may have been that parent who looked away for a second while a quick-footed child darted away. We've all likely seen children run across a parking lot dangerously, or through a store, while their parents appear distracted.
Even animals can exhibit empathy.

Those quick to criticize zoo officials and experts for killing the gorilla might pause to consider how they would want those officials to respond if it had been their child or grandchild or nephew who accidentally fell into that enclosure.
"But that would never be my child!" the rationalizing human brain responds. "A 'good' parent like me would never take her eyes and hands off a slippery 3-year-old at a zoo," it says, in that self-soothing, illusion-of-control way. The ability to judge the mistakes of another allows a person a sense of superiority, which can feel like a protective shield against freak accidents like this.

Taking refuge in a social media mob provides more than just an outlet for outrage; there's safety for the accusers in that mob. Together, its members share the sense that their superior judgment and actions would never allow such a tragedy to occur. And in an age where we are confronted daily with how little is in our control, social media offers an anxious subconscious a way to calm itself through blame: The more we blame this other person, the less likely it seems such horrible accidents could befall us.

A petition created on Change.org demands that the child's parents be "held accountable," and more than 350,000 people have signed it so far. A logical follow-up is to ask what accountability looks like in a situation like this. What sort of punishment fits the crime, if one has been committed, in such a case?

For those who blithely said "shoot the mother instead" — even the gorilla, in its confused and startled state, showed more restraint. Now, who is behaving like animals?

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Friday Morning

Table with 12 columns (Station, Time, Program) for Friday Morning. Rows include FOX, KPTV, KEPR, KOIN, KNDU, KGW, KVEU, KATU, KTNW, OPB.

AFTERNOON

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EVENING

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NIGHT OWL

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