

PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

MONDAY

6:54 a.m. - Pendleton police found graffiti on the city's parkway along the southwest portion of the Umatilla River. At the same time, police received information of criminal mischief at Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution, 2500 Westgate Drive.

9:08 a.m. - A driver eastbound on Interstate 84 near Boardman reported a white semi-tractor with a blue trailer forced them off the road. Law enforcement did not find the semi.

10:34 a.m. - Staff at the United States Postal Service office in Heppner reported a strange smell from the ventilation for the past week or so, and it was getting worse and people felt ill. The Heppner Fire Department responded but did not find the smell or anything else out of the ordinary.

11:03 a.m. - A Milton-Freewater woman on the 200 block of Northwest Eighth Avenue reported juveniles threw food items at her house.

3:59 p.m. - Oregon State Police responded to a report of a woman wearing only a bikini top and lying on the southbound side of Highway 11 near milepost 21. A trooper and sergeant contacted the woman, who was incoherent and distraught. She tried to walk into the road, so the police detained her and contacted the mental health provider Lifeways. The trooper took the woman to a hospital for a mental evaluation and released her to the care of staff there.

4:49 p.m. - Pendleton police responded to a fight at Indian Hills Chevron, 309 S.E. Nye Ave., Pendleton, and issued a warning.

8:02 p.m. - Hermiston police conducted the first of 14 building or area checks before midnight.

8:20 p.m. - The Boardman Rural Fire Protection District received a complaint about an illegal burn on the south side of Parkside Road near Ridge Crest Lane, Boardman. The fire department responded and warned the homeowners for illegal burning.

ARRESTS, CITATIONS

Hermiston police cited Andres Charles Lorenzo, 24, of 1115 S.W. Sandy Drive, Hermiston, for driving under the influence of intoxicants, no driver's license and failure to drive within the lane. Hermiston police reported his blood-alcohol content was .21 percent, almost three times the legal limit of .08 percent.

Pendleton police at 4:40 p.m. responded to a fight at Rodeway Inn & Suites, 205 S.E. Dorion Ave., and arrested John Christopher Pratt, 44, no address provided, on a warrant out of Clackamas County.

Hermiston police arrested Miranda Alicia Longoria, 20, of Hermiston, for third-degree theft and possession of methamphetamine.

Oregon State Police at about 7 p.m. on the eastbound lanes of Interstate 84 near milepost 199 caught a driver in a silver BMW 321 going 105 mph. Police cited Karla Janira Alvarado Figueroa, 18, of Pendleton, for speeding (the speed limit there for passenger vehicles is 70 mph). Police also cited her for failure to properly secure a child passenger for her son in the backseat who was unrestrained. And she received a criminal citation for recklessly endangering another person, her son.

OBITUARIES

Ida Martina Wilson

Pendleton
June 24, 1974 - August 11, 2017

Ida Martina Wilson, 43, passed away at her home in Pendleton on Friday, August 11, 2017. She was born June 24, 1974, in Pendleton, Ore., to Leland and Cheryl Wilson.

She is survived by her siblings Esther Huesties of Pendleton, Oregon, Leland Wilson Jr., Levi Wilson and Rechele Sue Wilson of Pendleton, Oregon; her son Ben Dave Jr. of Pendleton; nieces Diamond and Gladys Wilson and nephew George Wilson of Astoria, and Althea Huesties of Pendleton, Oregon; paternal grandmother Elizabeth Henry; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho.

Her maternal grandparents were the late George and Ida Patrick, and her maternal great-grandparents were Ike and Ada Patrick.

Ida graduated in 1992 from Madison High School

in Portland, Oregon. She moved home and worked many years at Wildhorse Casino as a table games dealer and worked at Mission Market.

She loved joking, laughing, and being around family and friends and she especially loved being around her son Ben.

The Dressing Ceremony was held Tuesday, August 15, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. at Burns Mortuary of Pendleton. Washat Service was held at the Longhouse on Tuesday, August 15, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. Last Seven Songs was held August 16, 2017, at the Longhouse at 7:00 a.m. Interment is at Tutuilla Cemetery. Dr. Ronald Pond and Armand Minthorn officiated the services.

Burns Mortuary is in charge of the services. Sign the online condolence book at www.burnsmortuary.com.



Wilson

UPCOMING SERVICES

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 16

No services scheduled

THURSDAY, AUG. 17

No services scheduled

DEATH NOTICES

Loretta M. Green Donaldson

Walla Walla
Oct. 19, 1939 - Aug. 10, 2017

Loretta M. Green Donaldson, 77, died Thursday, Aug. 10, 2017, in Walla Walla. She was born Oct. 19, 1939, in Pasco, Wash. Funeral and Cremation Care of the Tri-Cities handled disposition.

Stephen George 'Steve' Ireland

Baker City
Oct. 13, 1952 - Aug. 10, 2017

Former Milton-Freewater resident Stephen George "Steve" Ireland, 64, of Baker City died Thursday, Aug. 10, 2017, at his home. He was born Oct. 13, 1952. A memorial service will be held Sunday, Aug. 20 at 3 p.m. in the recreation room at 2970 Walnut St., Baker City. Graveside services will be held Tuesday, Aug. 22 at 10 a.m. at the Milton-Freewater Cemetery. Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home in Milton-Freewater is in charge of arrangements.

Loretta Faye Mason

Milton-Freewater
Oct. 2, 1923 - Aug. 14, 2017

Loretta Faye Mason, 93, of Milton-Freewater died Monday, Aug. 14, 2017, in Milton-Freewater. She was born Oct. 2, 1923. Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home in Milton-Freewater is in charge of arrangements.

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

For a complete listing of regional events, visit easternoregonevents.com

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16
MORROW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, 9 a.m., SAGE Center, 101 Olson Road, Boardman. (541-676-9061)
UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, 9 a.m., Umatilla County Courthouse, 216 S.E. Fourth St., Pendleton. (Doug Olsen 541-278-6208)
INTERMOUNTAIN EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT, 10:45 a.m., IMESD office, 2001 S.W. Nye Ave., Pendleton. (888-437-6892)
STANFIELD IRRIGATION DISTRICT, 12 p.m., district office, 100 W. Coe Ave., Stanfield. (Tiffany Harrell 541-449-3272)
BOARDMAN PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Boardman City Hall, 200 City Center Circle, Boardman. (541-481-9252)
PILOT ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT, 7 p.m., Pilot Rock High

School library, 101 N.E. Cherry St., Pilot Rock. (541-443-8291)
UMATILLA HOSPITAL DISTRICT, 7:30 p.m., Umatilla Medical Clinic, 1890 Seventh St., Umatilla. (541-922-3104)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17
ECHO CITY COUNCIL, 4 p.m., Echo City Hall, 20 S. Bonanza St., Echo. (541-376-8411)

HERMISTON IRRIGATION DISTRICT, 4 p.m., Hermiston Irrigation District office conference room, 366 E. Hurlburt Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-3024)

UMATILLA COUNTY SPECIAL LIBRARY DISTRICT, 5:15 p.m., Pendleton City Hall Community Room, 501 S.W. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton. (Aletha Bonebrake, interim manager 541-519-3255)

PENDLETON PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Pendleton City Hall council chambers, 501 S.W. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton. (541-966-0201)

FRIDAY, AUG. 18
No meetings scheduled

SUPPORT GROUPS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16
TOPS, 8 a.m., Oregon Trail Manor, 2430 S.W. Perkins Ave., Pendleton. 8:15 a.m. weigh-in, 9 a.m. meeting and program. (541-276-6370)
OPEN AA MEETING, 12 p.m., complex, 680 W. Harper Road, Hermiston. (800-410-5953)
GRIEFSHARE, 1-3 p.m., Sun Terrace Assisted Living, 1550 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston. (Terri or Beth 541-667-3543 or 541-564-2595)
AL-ANON, 5-6 p.m., St. John's Episcopal Church, 665 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston.
BLUE MOUNTAIN DIABETES CHAMPIONS, 6-7 p.m., St. Anthony Hospital conference rooms 3 and 4, 2801 St. Anthony Way, Pendleton. For people with Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes and their families/friends. (Melissa Naff 541-278-3249)
GRIEFSHARE, 6-7:30 p.m., New Hope Community Church, 1350 S. Highway 395, Hermiston. (Terri or Beth 541-667-3543 or 541-564-2595)
NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, 6:30 p.m., Helping Hand, 346 S.E. Second St., Pendleton.
WOMEN'S OPEN AA MEETING, 6:30 p.m., complex, 680 W. Harper Road, Hermiston. (800-410-5953)

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, 7 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, 241 S.E. Second St., Pendleton.

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. (Kathy or John 541-922-2753 or 541-564-8104)

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17
OPEN SUPPORT GROUP, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Bowman Building, 17 S.W. Frazer Ave., Pendleton. (541-276-6671 or 541-379-1589)

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 or Leslie 541-379-4250 or 541-276-3987)

HEALTHY CHOICES AA MEETING, 5-6:30 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, 516 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater. New members welcome. (Kimberlie Krieg 541-861-3283)

U.S. vet returns dead Japanese soldier's flag to emotional kin

By MARI YAMAGUCHI
Associated Press

HIGASHISHIRAKAWA, Japan — Tatsuya Yasue buried his face into the flag and smelled it. Then he held the 93-year-old hands that brought this treasure home, and kissed them.

Marvin Strombo, who had taken the calligraphy-covered Japanese flag from a dead soldier on a World War II island battlefield 73 years ago, returned it Tuesday to the family of Sadao Yasue. They had never received any of his remains or belongings — until that moment.

The soldier's sister, Sayoko Furuta, 93, sitting in her wheelchair, covered her face with both hands and wept silently as Tatsuya placed the flag on her lap. Strombo reached out and gently rubbed her shoulder.

"I was so happy that I returned the flag," Strombo said. "I can see how much the flag meant to her. That almost made me cry ... It meant everything in the world to her."

The flag's white background is filled with signatures of 180 friends and neighbors in this tea-growing mountain village of Higashishirakawa, wishing for Yasue's safe return. The signatures helped Strombo find the flag's rightful owners.

"Good luck forever at the battlefield," a message on it reads. Looking at the names and their handwriting, Tatsuya Yasue clearly recalls their faces and friendship with his older brother.

The smell of the flag immediately brought back childhood memories. "It smelled like my good old big brother, and it smelled like our mother's home cooking we ate together," Tatsuya Yasue said. "The flag will be our treasure."

The return of the flag brings closure, the 89-year-old farmer told The Associated Press at his 400-year-old house. "It's like the war has finally ended and my brother can come out of limbo."

The return of the flag Tuesday came on the anniversary of the end of World War II when Japan prays for its war dead. It also comes during the Japanese "obon" week when the spirits of the dead are believed to visit their families. Yasue said he hoped the flag's return conveys the message of peace and reconciliation and that he wants to keep telling younger generations his story so the tragedy should never be repeated.

Tatsuya Yasue last saw his



AP Photo/Eugene Hoshiko

WWII veteran Marvin Strombo, right, and Tatsuya Yasue, 89-year-old farmer, hold a Japanese flag with autographed messages which was owned by his brother Sadao Yasue, who was killed in the Pacific during World War II, during a ceremony in Higashishirakawa, in central Japan's Gifu prefecture Tuesday. Strombo has returned to the fallen soldier's family the calligraphy-covered flag he took from the man's body 73 years ago.

brother alive the day before he left for the South Pacific in 1943. He and two siblings had a small send-off picnic for the oldest brother outside his military unit over sushi and Japanese sweet mochi. At the end of the meeting, Sadao whispered to Tatsuya, asking him to take good care of their parents, as he would be sent to the Pacific islands, harsh battlegrounds where chances of survival were low.

A year later, Japanese authorities sent the family a wooden box with a few stones at the bottom — a substitute for his body. They knew no details of Sadao's death until months after the war ended, when they were told he died somewhere in the Mariana Islands presumably on July 18, 1944, the day Saipan fell, at age 25.

"That's all we were told about my brother. We never knew exactly when, where or how he died," he said. The family had wondered whether he might have died at sea. About 20 years ago, Tatsuya Yasue visited Saipan with his younger brother, trying to imagine what their older brother

might have experienced.

So Strombo was able to give Yasue's family not just a flag, but also some answers.

He said he found Sadao Yasue's body on the outskirts of Garapan, a village in Saipan, when he got lost and ended up near the Japanese frontline. He told Yasue's siblings their brother likely died of a concussion from a mortar round. He told them that Sadao was lying on the ground on his left side, looking peacefully as if he was sleeping and without severe wounds.

Strombo also delivered a little hope that Sadao Yasue's body might one day be recovered, given that he remembered those details and the location was on land rather than at sea.

The remains of nearly half of the 2.4 million Japanese war dead overseas have yet to be found. It's a pressing issue as the bereaved families reach old age and memories fade.

Allied troops frequently took the flags from the bodies of their enemies as souvenirs, as Japanese flags were quite popular and fetched good prices when

auctioned, Strombo said. But to the Japanese bereaved families, they have a much deeper meaning, especially those, like Yasue, who never learned how their loved ones died and never received remains. Japan's government has asked auction sites to stop trading wartime signed flags.

Strombo said he originally wanted the flag as a souvenir from the war, but he felt guilty taking it, so he never sold it and vowed to one day return it.

He had the flag hung in a glass-fronted gun cabinet in his home in Montana for years, a topic of conversation for visitors. A U.S. Marine, he was in the battles of Saipan, Tarawa and Tinian, which chipped away at Japan's control of islands in the Pacific and paved the way for U.S. victory.

In 2012, he was connected to the Obon Society, an Oregon-based nonprofit that helps U.S. veterans and their descendants return Japanese flags to the families of fallen soldiers. The group's research traced it to the village of 2,300 people in central Japan by analyzing family names.

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