

PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

WEDNESDAY

6:10 a.m. - Milton-Freewater police took a report of a burglary at a house on the 100 block of Northeast 14th Avenue. 10:12 a.m. - An Athena resident on East Currant Street, Athena, reported a burglary. 11:05 a.m. - A crisis team responded to a disturbance at Friday House, the adult foster care facility at 953 S. Main Place., Pendleton. About two hours later, Pendleton police responded to a report of a resident who was violent and threatened staff. Police made one arrest on a misdemeanor. 1:39 p.m. - The owner of some property on North Ott Road asked the Umatilla County Sheriff's Office for information about an eviction and a marijuana grow. 1:53 p.m. - Pendleton police received a complaint from a resident of Southwest Goodwin Avenue about neighbors driving on the caller's property and yelling profanities at her children. 2:43 p.m. - A caller reported someone within the last couple of days kicked in the front door of the blue building at the old Floyd's Truck Ranch, 74141 Barnhart Road, Pendleton, which is next to the defunct Rodeo City Inn. 3:17 p.m. - Someone reported the theft of mailboxes from the 43000 block of Southwest Gateway Avenue, Pendleton. 3:22 p.m. - A Heppner man told the Morrow County Sheriff's Office he has a no-contact order with a woman, but she sent him messages on social media, and he did not want to get into trouble because she is contacting him. 4:42 p.m. - A Milton-Freewater man on the 800 block of Evans Street reported a burglary and the theft of multiple items. He said the crime happened last Thursday. 7:44 p.m. - Someone dumped lubricant oil into the bowl at the Echo Skatepark, 10 W. Main St., Echo.

ARRESTS, CITATIONS

•Pendleton police arrested Delbert Edwin Ferraris, 30, of 72490 Billy Road, Pendleton, for possession of methamphetamine. Umatilla County Circuit Court records show he began serving 18 months probation on Aug. 2 for a reckless driving conviction. •The Morrow County Sheriff's Office at 6:08 p.m. received a report of domestic violence at a home on Depot Lane, Irrigon. Deputies arrived and arrested Kristi Marie McNamee, no age or address provided, for fourth-degree assault and harassment. •The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office arrested Heather Marie Clapper, 31, no address provided, for second-degree vandalism and the domestic violence charge of felony fourth-degree assault.

COMING EVENTS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

**PRESCCHOOL STORY AND CRAFT TIME, 10:30 a.m.,** Milton-Freewater Public Library, 8 S.W. Eighth Ave., Milton-Freewater. (Lili Schmidt 541-938-8247)
**BOARDMAN SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 p.m.,** Boardman Senior Center, 100 Tatone St., Boardman. Cost is \$4 for seniors 55 and over or \$5 for adults. (541-481-3257)
**HERMISTON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 p.m.,** Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church parish hall, 565 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston. Cost is \$4 for adults, free for children 10 and under, \$4 for Meals on Wheels. Extra 50 cents for utensils/dishes. Bus service to parish hall by donation. (541-567-3582)

South Main Street, Pendleton. Local produce, baked goods, crafts, jewelry, live music, food vendors and more. (Cheryl Montgomery 541-969-9466)

**VFW BINGO, 6 p.m.,** Hermiston VFW, 45 W. Cherry St., Hermiston. Doors open at 6 p.m., games begin at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome. (541-567-6219)

SATURDAY, SEPT. 2

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST, 7-10 a.m.,** Stanfield Community Center, 225 W. Roosevelt, Stanfield. Costs \$5 for full breakfast/\$3 for light meal. (541-449-1332)
**POW SATURDAY BIKE RIDE, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.,** Chamber of Commerce Parking Lot, 108 S.W. Frazer Ave., Pendleton. Weekly bike ride by Pendleton on Wheels. Rides are open to the public, as far and at a speed comfortable for you. (Christine 734-755-7034)

**L'IL LUCKS OPEN GYM, 8:30 a.m.,** Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. For students in first-third grades.
**HERMISTON FARMERS MARKET, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.,** Festival Plaza, Northeast Second Street and Main, Hermiston. Local produce, baked goods, crafts, jewelry, art, live music, food vendors and more.
**FREE FOR ALL, 9:30-10:15 a.m.,** Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Free art classes for children up to age 12. Children under 8 should be accompanied by an adult. (Roberta Lavadour 541-278-9201)
**YARN CLUB, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.,** Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-2882)
**HIP & HANDMADE, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.,** Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Free drop-in project class for adults. (Roberta Lavadour 541-278-9201)
**SATURDAY SPIN-IN, 1-4 p.m.,** Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. For spinners, knitters, weavers, felters, fiber enthusiasts and folks who are just fiber-curious. Drop-ins welcome. (Roberta Lavadour 541-278-9201)
**KIDZ POW WOW, 1-4 p.m.,** Tamastlikt Cultural Institute Living Cultural Village, 47106 Wildhorse Blvd., Pendleton. Open to all native and non-native youth up to age 12. Kids can participate in various dance styles and listen to the music for each. No regalia necessary. Every child registered will receive a prize. Free. (541-429-7700)

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 3**
**FAMILY BREAKFAST, 8:30-9:15 a.m.,** First Christian Church, 516 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater. Cost is by donation. Everyone welcome. (541-938-3854)
**ADULT OPEN GYM, 6:30 p.m.,** Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Half-court basketball. Adults only.

**MONDAY, SEPT. 4**
**TOT TIME, 10 a.m.,** Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. For children ages 0-5.
**PRESCCHOOL STORY TIME, 10:30 a.m.,** Athena Public Library, 418 E. Main St., Athena. For ages birth to 6. (541-566-2470)

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 1**
**HEPPNER FARMERS MARKET, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.,** Heppner City Park, 444 N. Main St., Heppner. Local produce, crafts, baked goods and more. (Don or Jo Ann Shannon 541-676-8957)
**FREE FIRST FRIDAY, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.,** Tamastlikt Cultural Institute, 47106 Wildhorse Blvd., Pendleton. Free admission all day. (541-966-9748)
**STORY TIME, 10:15 a.m.,** Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-2882)
**PENDLETON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 p.m.,** Pendleton Senior Center, 510 SW 10th St., Pendleton. 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, 4-7 p.m.,** 300 block,

DEATH NOTICES

Roy W. Hamblen

College Place, Wash.
May 28, 1941 - Aug. 28, 2017

Roy W. Hamblen, 76, of College Place, Wash., died Monday, Aug. 28, 2017, at his home. He was born May 28, 1941. Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home in Milton-Freewater is in charge of arrangements.

Yvonne K. Weatherford

Hermiston
Jan. 7, 1938 - Aug. 29, 2017

Yvonne K. Weatherford, 79, of Hermiston died Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2017, in Hermiston. She was born Jan. 7, 1938, in South Dakota. A private family gathering will be held. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

UPCOMING SERVICES

THURSDAY, AUG. 31

**FERGUESON, BARBARA** — Celebration of life service at 4 p.m. in the chapel at Burns Mortuary, 685 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston. A gathering will follow at the Cozy Corner Tavern, 198 E. Main St., Hermiston.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 1

**BROWN, ELANA** — Funeral services at 10:30 a.m. at the Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home, 902 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater. Concluding services and interment will follow at the Milton-Freewater Cemetery.
**STRAUGHAN, JOHN** — Graveside services at 1 p.m. at Olney Cemetery, Pendleton.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Swenson scores education scholarship

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Nels Swenson has been selected for the Upper Division Agricultural Education Scholarship from the National Association of Agricultural Educators. Swenson is studying agricultural education at Oregon State University. He is a graduate of Pendleton High School.

NAAE awards the \$1,500 scholarships to help offset expenses during recipients' student teaching experiences. Twenty-two students from across the United States were selected based on their academic performance as well as on leadership and service activities.

The funding for the NAAE Upper Division Scholarship program comes from Growth Energy, Herman & Bobbie Wilson, National Geographic Learning | Cengage Learning, and donations by NAAE members.

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

7 p.m., Umatilla City Hall council chambers, 700 Sixth St., Umatilla. (541-922-3226)
**PILOT ROCK CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m.,** Pilot Rock City Hall council chambers, 143 W. Main St., Pilot Rock. (541-443-2811)
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**
**MORROW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, 10 a.m.,** Bartholomew Government Building upper conference room, 110 N. Court St., Heppner. (Roberta Lutzer 541-676-5613)
**PENDLETON FAÇADE COMMITTEE, 3:30 p.m.,** Pendleton City Hall administrative conference room, 500 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. (Julie Chase 541-966-0204)
**HERMISTON AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, 4 p.m.,** Hermiston Airport lounge, 1600 Airport Way, Hermiston. (541-567-5521)
**WALLOWAS MANAGEMENT UNIT PLANNING PUBLIC MEETING, 5:30-7:30 p.m.,** Oxford Suites, 1050 N. First St., Hermiston. The Oregon Parks & Recreation Department will hold a public meeting to begin the planning process for the Wallowas Management Unit. (Ian Matthews 503-986-0744)
**BLUE MOUNTAIN BOARD OF EDUCATION, 6 p.m.,** Blue Mountain Community College Pioneer Hall boardroom, 2411 N.W. Garden Ave., Pendleton. (Shannon Franklin 541-278-5951)
**CONDON CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m.,** Condon City Hall, 128 S. Main St., Condon. (541-384-2711)
**UMATILLA RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, 7 p.m.,** Umatilla Fire Department, 305 Willamette St., Umatilla. (541-922-2770)

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

THURSDAY, AUG. 31-FRIDAY, SEPT. 1

No meetings scheduled

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**
**HEPPNER PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m.,** Heppner City Hall, 111 N. Main St., Heppner. (541-676-9618)
**WESTON PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m.,** Memorial Hall, 210 E. Main St., Weston. (541-566-3313)

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**
**PENDLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT WORK SESSION, 8 a.m.,** Pendleton School District office, 107 N.W. 10th St., Pendleton. (541-276-6711)
**UMATILLA MORROW RADIO & DATA DISTRICT, 1:30 p.m.,** Boardman City Hall, 200 City Center Circle, Boardman. (Shawn Halsey 541-966-3774)
**WESTON LIBRARY BOARD, 5:30 p.m.,** Weston Public Library, 108 E. Main St., Weston. (541-566-2378)
**IRRIGON PLANNING COMMISSION, 6 p.m.,** Irrigon City Hall, 500 N.E. Main St., Irrigon. (541-922-3047)
**MEACHAM VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, 6 p.m.,** Meacham Fire Department, Meacham. (541-786-2069)
**BOARDMAN CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m.,** Boardman City Hall, 200 City Center Circle, Boardman. (541-481-9252)
**STANFIELD CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m.,** Stanfield City Hall council chambers, 160 S. Main St., Stanfield. (541-449-3831)
**UMATILLA CITY COUNCIL,**

U.S. clears breakthrough gene therapy for childhood leukemia

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON

Opening a new era in cancer care, U.S. health officials on Wednesday approved a breakthrough treatment that genetically engineers patients' own blood cells into an army of assassins to seek and destroy childhood leukemia.

The Food and Drug Administration called the approval historic, the first gene therapy to hit the U.S. market. Made from scratch for every patient, it's one of a wave of "living drugs" under development to fight additional blood cancers and other tumors, too.

Novartis Pharmaceuticals set the price for its one-time infusion of so-called "CAR-T cells" at \$475,000, but said there would be no charge for patients who didn't show a response within a month.

"This is a brand new way of treating cancer," said Dr. Stephan Grupp of Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, who treated the first child with CAR-T cell therapy — a girl who'd been near death but now is cancer-free for five years and counting. "That's enormously exciting."

CAR-T treatment uses gene therapy techniques not to fix disease-causing genes but to turbocharge T cells, immune system soldiers that cancer too often can evade. Researchers filter those cells from a patient's blood, reprogram them to harbor a "chimeric antigen receptor" or CAR that zeroes in on cancer, and grow hundreds of millions of copies. Returned to the patient, the revved-up cells can continue multiplying to fight disease for months or years.

It's a completely different way to harness the immune system than popular immunotherapy drugs called "checkpoint inhibitors" that treat a variety of cancers by helping the body's natural T cells better spot tumors. CAR-T cell therapy gives patients stronger T cells to do that job. "We're entering a new frontier in medical innovation with the ability to reprogram a patient's own cells to attack a deadly cancer," said FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb. The first CAR-T version, developed by Novartis and the University of Pennsyl-



Brent Stirton/Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp. via AP
In this 2015 photo, human T cells belonging to cancer patients arrive at Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp.'s Morris Plains, N.J., facility. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved the first treatment that genetically engineers patients' own blood cells into an army of leukemia-fighting assassins.

vania, is approved for use by several hundred patients a year who are desperately ill with acute lymphoblastic leukemia, or ALL. It strikes more than 3,000 children and young adults in the U.S. each year and while most survive, about 15 percent relapse despite today's best treatments.

In a key study of 63 advanced patients, 83 percent went into remission soon after receiving the CAR-T cells. Importantly, it's not clear how long that benefit lasts: Some patients did relapse months later. The others still are being tracked

to see how they fare long-term.

Still, "a far higher percentage of patients go into remission with this therapy than anything else we've seen to date with relapsed leukemia," said Dr. Ted Laetsch of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, one of the study sites. "I wouldn't say we know for sure how many will be cured yet by this therapy. There certainly is a hope" that some will be.

Most patients suffered side effects that can be grueling, even life-threatening. An immune overreac-

tion called "cytokine release syndrome" can trigger high fevers, plummeting blood pressure and in severe cases organ damage, side effects that require sophisticated care to help patients without blocking the cancer attack. The FDA designated a treatment for those side effects Wednesday.

"This is remarkable technology," said Dr. Mikkael Sekeres of the American Society of Hematology. But, he cautioned that CAR-T "isn't a panacea."

Among concerns, sometimes leukemia can develop resistance, and sometimes patients worsen while waiting for their new cells, said Sekeres, who directs the Cleveland Clinic's leukemia program and wasn't involved with CAR-T testing.

"Unfortunately leukemia grows so rapidly that it can evade even the smartest of our technologies," he added.

To better ensure patient safety, the FDA is requiring Novartis to offer CAR-T therapy only through medical centers specially trained and certified to handle the complicated treatment. Novartis expects to have 32 centers around the country, mostly in large cities, running by year's end, with the first 20 offering care within the next month.

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Mega Millions
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Pick 4
1 p.m.: 5-0-2-7
4 p.m.: 9-9-5-7
7 p.m.: 8-1-5-7
10 p.m.: 9-9-5-7
Wednesday, Aug. 30
Pick 4
1 p.m.: 4-7-6-7