

HERMISTON

Man smashes police department window

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A Hermiston man broke the glass window in front of the Hermiston Police Department Wednesday night then demanded to be arrested.

Hermiston police obliged and arrested Peyton F. Hobbs, 24, of Hermiston for criminal mischief.

According to a press release from Hermiston police, at about 5:45 p.m. Capt. Scott Clark heard the loud crashing sound of the window being smashed. He walked out and encountered Hobbs, who has a history of mental illness and is well known to the police and the Hermiston community.

In his press release, Edmiston expressed displeasure that Hobbs' problems have not been addressed.

"I am not a politician as I am appointed in my position and I often walk a fine line of trying to ensure I am not projecting any of my personal beliefs into messages that disseminate from this agency," he wrote. "However, Mr. Hobbs is very well known to this department, other police departments, and many city departments within Hermiston. He has an extensive history of creating disturbances triggering certain procedures to take place with our city hall and library



Photo courtesy Hermiston Police Department
A man with mental health issues was arrested for breaking the glass in front of the Hermiston Police Department Wednesday.

staff should he arrive at their locations. He is a person who has severe issues that are not being addressed."

Edmiston noted that he "can say with 100 percent absolute certainty this crime could have been prevented if we had adequate mental

health services in Umatilla County."

Edmiston said that Hobbs has disrupted multiple city council meetings and "makes outrageous claims about having associations with people in the music industry and most recently

professed the landmark Butte of Hermiston was actually a living person waiting to arise to fend off alien invaders."

Edmiston wrote that he is not targeting Hobbs or the family, but he is "incredibly frustrated with the lack of accountability on display with certain social services. The family member I spoke with was very receptive, sad, and just as frustrated with the "system" as well because they know how kind and respectful Peyton is when on the medication he so desperately needs."

Edmiston said he has looked to other organizations for help with Hobbs, but "there comes a point where a person must say enough is enough. I instructed our officers to request a mental health provider respond to our station to assess Peyton tonight. Instead, we were told he would be evaluated tomorrow at the jail."

Edmiston said he spoke with Umatilla County Sheriff Terry Rowan, who said he agreed Hobbs does not belong in jail. But Rowan said that Hobbs needed to be taken there for an evaluation scheduled for Thursday.

According to the release, the specialty glass will cost between \$1,000-\$2,000 to replace. In the meantime, the window has been boarded up.

Pendleton man arrested for poaching in Umatilla County

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A Pendleton man was arrested Saturday on multiple misdemeanor poaching charges, including illegally taking four deer and two elk in Umatilla County.

Joseph Reide St. Pierre, 18, was the subject of a months-long investigation by the Oregon State Police Fish & Wildlife Division in Pendleton, according to a press release from the agency. OSP was first alerted to possible illegal hunting by St. Pierre in September 2017.

St. Pierre was booked into the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton, and arraigned Monday on counts relating to animals killed, illegal hunting practices and trespassing. The animals, killed as far back as the fall of 2016, include a large mule deer buck, three large whitetail bucks and two antlerless elk, according to the release.

Below are the charges he faces and the number of counts of each:

- Unlawful take of buck deer, closed season (4)
- Unlawful take of antlerless elk (2)
- Unlawful waste of game animal (2)
- Hunting on the cultivated lands of another (3)
- Unlawful discharge of a firearm across a public way (2)
- Hunting prohibited method: Shotgun with shot restrictions

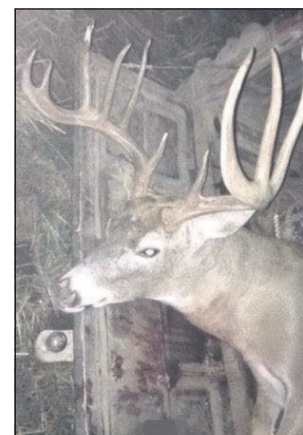


Photo courtesy Oregon State Police
Joseph St. Pierre, 18, from Pendleton, has been charged with multiple fish and game violations for poaching animals in Umatilla County.

- Exceeding annual elk bag limit
- Second degree criminal trespass
- Criminal trespass while in possession of a firearm
- Unlawful discharge of a firearm from a motor vehicle
- Hunting with the assistance of artificial light
- Aiding another in committing wildlife violation, unlawful take of a buck deer (2)

Anyone with more information that could help the investigation can call 1-800-452-7888 or talk to troopers Tom Juzeler or Ryan Sharp at 541-278-4090.

The Oregon Hunters Association offers financial rewards of up to \$1,000 for tips that lead to arrests or citations of poachers.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day events unite community

By TAMMY MALGESINI
East Oregonian

Several local entities in Pendleton and Hermiston invite the public to participate in celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. Day Monday, Jan. 15.

In Pendleton, a program featuring spoken words and music takes center stage at 6:30 p.m. at Great Pacific Wine & Coffee Co., 403 S. Main St. Coordinated by the Baha'i Community in Pendleton, the organizers invite everyone to join the musical celebration of King's life and beliefs.

One of the fundamental principles of the Baha'i faith, said Dan Haug, is unity of mankind. He said King was an amazing individual who stood firm in addressing racial inequality.

"We'll sing a lot of songs that most of the people know," Haug said. "Politically, there's a lot of divisiveness — we hope to focus on what brings us together."

In its third year at Great Pacific, Haug is grateful that Carol Hanks and Ken Schulberg are again opening the doors to host the event. He said the neutral venue is non-threatening. Sometimes, Haug said, it's harder to bring people in when events are held at a church.

"We're all about music, anyway," Schulberg said. "And especially with music that brings people together."

Also in Pendleton, a Martin Luther King Day of Service is planned at Pendleton Center for the Arts,



File photo
Kathy Beck, Erin McCusker, Margaret Mayer and Georgina Johnson perform "Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Around" during a 2017 Martin Luther King Jr. Day in Pendleton. This year's event, also hosted by Great Pacific Wine & Coffee Co., is Monday and features spoken word and music.

214 N. Main St. People ages 12-and-older are invited to help. The bulk of the activities are taking place from 10 a.m. to noon, however, additional skilled labor is needed earlier.

Service opportunities include cleaning walls and baseboards, washing windows, scrubbing tables, patching and painting walls — basically sprucing up the place. Materials and supplies will be provided. Those planning to help are encouraged to wear comfortable work clothes and close-toed shoes.

A complimentary pizza lunch will be served at noon. To ensure there's enough food, those planning to participate are asked to RSVP via director@pendletonarts.org or 541-278-9201.

In Hermiston, the Black International Awareness

Club is heading up a Peace Walk and program to help bring awareness to the principles Martin Luther King Jr. stood for, said John Carbage, the group's president.

"If you don't remember our history, we are doomed to repeat it," he said. "We don't even want to go back to that time in history."

The event begins with a Peace Walk at 11 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 191 E. Gladys Ave. The short stroll will end in front of Hermiston City Hall. The gathering will include the singing of the national anthem and a short speech, Carbage said.

Then, the group will return to the church for an indoor program featuring several local pastors, as well as Rev. Robert Eadie of Greater Faith Missionary Baptist Church.

Kennewick woman in jail for embezzling \$100,000

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A Kennewick woman is in jail for embezzling more than \$100,000 from her longtime Hermiston employer Columbia Chiropractic.

Ann Marie Denney, 48, was taken into custody on Jan. 4 and charged with a variety of counts of theft.

Denney had worked at the business for about 10 years and is believed to have taken the money over the course of several years. According to Hermiston Police Captain Travis Eynon, the money was discovered missing after Denney left the company and the business conducted an audit of its books.

Umatilla County District

Attorney Dan Primus said Denney was first arrested in October 2017.

Denney had an arraignment on November 13 but failed to appear. She was re-arrested last week and has a hearing Jan. 22.

Primus said there no additional charges were filed against Denney.

She was charged in October with seven counts of identity theft, six counts of theft

in the first degree, and five counts of aggravated theft in the first degree. The dates of those incidents ranged from January 2014 to September 2016. Separate charges state that she stole money in increments of anywhere from \$1,000 to \$10,000 or more during that time.




Denney

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Blue Mountain trails plan to be revealed in Walla Walla

After three rounds of meetings to collect input, the Walla Walla Community Council is ready to unveil its Blue Mountain Region Trails plan.

The plan to connect northeast Umatilla County with Walla Walla and Columbia counties in Washington with hiking, biking and other non-motorized trails has been under development for the past year with collaboration from cities, counties, health departments, ports, state and federal agencies.

According to a Community Council press release, the meeting will be at the Walla Walla County Fairgrounds Community Building, 363 Orchard St., on Jan. 22 at 5:30 p.m.

Food and Spanish translation will be provided at the meeting as the Community Council gives a short presentation on the plan's findings and recommendations.

City schedules meeting for fire station update

PENDLETON — With an architect, general contractor and construction manager already hired, the city of Pendleton is ready to share more information on the

development of its new fire station. Attendees to a Feb. 6 community meeting will receive an update on the construction timeline, the floor plan and a rendering of the new fire station, which will be located in the old St. Anthony Hospital parking lot on Southeast Court Avenue.

The audience will get presentations from Mackenzie, the Portland firm that's designing the station, and McCormack Construction, the general contractor and construction manager for the project.

The new fire station is the centerpiece of a \$10 million bond the city passed last May that will replace the fire department's aging main station on 911 S.W. Court Ave. The city expects to break ground on the new station in May.

Pendleton Fire Chief Mike Ciraulo will also give an update on fire bond projects to the Pendleton City Council in an upcoming meeting on Tuesday.

Both meetings will be at Pendleton City Hall, 500 S.W. Dorion Avenue. The Feb. 6 informational meeting will be in the Community Room at 5:30 p.m. while Ciraulo's update on Tuesday will be in the council chambers at 7 p.m.

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