

DEATH NOTICES

Robert C. West

Lonerock
Sept. 5, 1926 - Jan. 18, 2018

Robert C. West, 91, of Lonerock died Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018, in The Dalles. He was born Sept. 5, 1926, at Eastside, Ore. Arrangements are pending at Sweeney Mortuary of Condon.

Jan Edward Zindell

Hermiston
July 6, 1936 - Jan. 18, 2018

Jan Edward Zindell, 81, of Hermiston died Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018, at his home. He was born July 6, 1936, in Grand Coulee, Wash. Services are pending with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

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MEETINGS

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MONDAY, JAN. 22

NIXYA AWII COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD, 4:30 p.m., Nixyaawii Community School, 73300 July Grounds Lane, Mission. (541-966-2680)

UMATILLA BASIN WATERSHED COUNCIL, 6 p.m., Pendleton City Hall community room, 501 S.W. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton. (Michael T. Ward 541-276-2190)

MILTON-FREEWATER CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Milton-Freewater Public Library Albee Room, 8 S.W. Elgth Ave., Milton-Freewater. (541-938-5531)

HERMISTON CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Hermiston City Hall council chambers, 180 N.E. Second St., Hermiston. (541-567-5521)

IRRIGON COMMUNITY PARKS & RECREATION DISTRICT, 7 p.m., Irrigon Fire Station, 705 N. Main St., Irrigon. (541-922-3047)

MORROW COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT, 7 p.m., Lexington Town Hall, 425 F St., Lexington. (541-676-9133)

TUESDAY, JAN. 23

OREGON WATER COALITION ANNUAL MEETING, 7:30 a.m.-12 p.m., Hermiston Agricultural Research & Extension Center, 2121 S. First Street, Hermiston. Annual meeting will feature updates on local water issues as well as a two-hour "water rights bootcamp" led by attorney Laura A. Schroeder of Schroeder Law Offices. (Marika Sitz 541-969-8938)

IONE SCHOOL DISTRICT, 3:30 p.m., Lone Community School, 445 Spring St., Ione. (541-422-7131)

MORROW COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Port of Morrow Riverfront Center, 2 Marine Drive, Boardman. (Stephanie Loving 541-922-4624)

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 24

BUTTER CREEK IRRIGATION DISTRICT, 8 a.m., River Point Farms conference room, 28790 Westport Lane, Hermiston. (Bonnie Kyger 509-820-3202)

ECHO IRRIGATION DISTRICT, 8:30 a.m., River Point Farms conference room, 28790 Westport Lane, Hermiston. (Bonnie Kyger 509-820-3202)

MORROW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, 9 a.m., Bartholomew Government Building upper conference room, 110 N. Court St., Heppner. (Roberta Lutcher 541-676-9061)

HERMISTON LIBRARY BOARD, 4 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-2882)

WESTON CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING, 6 p.m., Memorial Hall, 210 E. Main St., Weston. An executive session will be called during the meeting. (Debi Russell 541-566-3313)

THURSDAY, JAN. 25

SALVATION ARMY ADVISORY BOARD, 12 p.m., Salvation Army, 150 S.E. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton. (541-276-3369)

MILTON-FREEWATER LIBRARY BOARD, 4 p.m., Milton-Freewater Public Library, 8 S.W. Eighth Ave., Milton-Freewater. (541-938-5531)

UMATILLA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION, 6:30 p.m., Umatilla County Justice Center, 4700 N.W. Pioneer Place, Pendleton. (541-278-6252)

FRIDAY, JAN. 26

EASTERN OREGON TRADE & EVENT CENTER AUTHORITY, 7 a.m., EOTEC main building, 1705 E. Airport Road, Hermiston. (541-289-9800)

LOTTERY

Thursday, Jan. 18

Lucky Lines
02-05-11-13-FREE-19-21-25-32
Estimated jackpot: \$25,000
Pick 4
1 p.m.: 0-3-5-7
4 p.m.: 9-1-5-4
7 p.m.: 2-0-5-8
10 p.m.: 8-1-0-1

Friday, Jan. 19

Pick 4
1 p.m.: 5-7-6-0

Good dog, bad dog ... Delta wants to know before you board

By DAVID KOENIG
AP Airlines Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Delta Air Lines will soon require owners of service and support animals to provide more information before their animal can fly in the passenger cabin, including an assurance that it's trained to behave itself.

The airline says complaints about animals biting or urinating or defecating on planes have nearly doubled since 2016.

Starting March 1, Delta will require owners to show proof of their animal's health or vaccinations at least 48 hours before a flight.

Owners of psychiatric service animals and of those used for emotional support will need to sign a statement vouching that their animal can behave. But owners will be on the honor system — they won't have to show, for example, that their dog graduated from obedience school.

The new requirements don't apply to pets, for which owners pay an extra fee. Delta, American and United all charge \$125 each way for small pets in the cabin. Pets that don't fit under a seat must fly in the cargo hold, also for a price.

Delta's policy change arrives with the number of animals in the cabin increasing.

A rift has grown between disabled people who rely on trained service animals, usually dogs, and passengers with support or comfort animals, with many in the first group suspecting that those in the latter are just trying to avoid paying \$125.

However, owners of comfort animals, including veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress syndrome, often say that they wouldn't be able to travel without their companion.

John Laughter, the airline's senior vice president of safety and security, said there are insufficient rules in place to screen animals for health and behavior issues.

Last June, a 70-pound dog flying



AP Photo/Julio Cortez, File

In this April 2017 file photo, a service dog strolls through the aisle inside a United Airlines plane at Newark Liberty International Airport while taking part in a training exercise, in Newark, N.J. Delta Air Lines says for safety reasons it will require owners of service and support animals to provide more information before their animal can fly in the passenger cabin, including an assurance that it's trained to behave itself.

as a support animal bit another passenger several times in the face on a Delta plane in Atlanta. The victim was hospitalized.

Delta is seeking a balance "that supports those customers with a legitimate need for these animals" while maintaining safety, Laughter said.

Sara Nelson, president of the largest flight attendants' union, praised Delta's decision. She said passengers abuse the system to bring untrained animals on board, and if it isn't stopped it could lead to a crackdown that will hurt veterans and the disabled "who legitimately need to travel with these animals."

Eric Goldmann, a sales repre-

sentative in Atlanta for a health care company, posts pictures on Twitter of support animals that he thinks should have stayed home. He says owners are abusing the system and creating safety hazards.

"These dogs are everywhere, they're out in the aisles," he said. "Planes have to be evacuated in 90 seconds in an emergency. If animals get in the way, people will panic."

Although exact figures aren't available, airline employees say dogs and cats are the most common animals on planes, but there have been sightings of pigs, snakes and turkeys too.

Delta's new rules are aimed at two categories: service animals, which

receive specific training to help blind or disabled passengers; and so-called emotional-support animals, which require no training at all. Both fly for free and are not required to be caged during the flight.

The emotional-support group has been growing rapidly, and it is the target of most of the new Delta procedures. Delta, the second-biggest U.S. airline by revenue, said it transports about 700 service and support animals every day, nearly 250,000 per year. More than two-thirds are emotional-support animals. That does not include animals for which owners pay a fee to keep in a carrier under their seat during flights.

Facebook to emphasize 'trustworthy' news via user surveys

By TALI ARBEL
AP Technology Writer

Facebook is taking another step to try to make itself more socially beneficial, saying it will boost news sources that its users rate as trustworthy in surveys.

In a blog post and a Facebook post from CEO Mark Zuckerberg Friday, the company said it is surveying users about their familiarity with and trust in news sources. That data will influence what others see in their news feeds.

It's the second major tweak to Facebook's algorithm announced this month. The social-media giant, a major source of news for users, has struggled to deal with

an uproar over fake news and Russian-linked posts, meant to influence the 2016 U.S. elections, on its platform. The company has slowly acknowledged its role in that foreign interference.

Zuckerberg has said his goal for this year is to fix Facebook, whether by protecting against foreign interference and abuse or by making users feel better about how they spend time on Facebook.

Facebook announced last week that it would try to have users see fewer posts from publishers, businesses and celebrities, and more from friends and family. Zuckerberg said Friday because of that, news posts will make up 4 percent of the news feed, down

from 5 percent today.

Facebook says it will start prioritizing news sources deemed trustworthy in the U.S. and then internationally. It says it has surveyed a "diverse and representative sample" of U.S. users and next week it will begin testing prioritizing the news sources deemed trustworthy. Publishers with lower scores may see a drop in their distribution across Facebook.

"There's too much sensationalism, misinformation and polarization in the world today. Social media enables people to spread information faster than ever before, and if we don't specifically tackle these problems, then we end up amplifying them. That's

why it's important that News Feed promotes high quality news that helps build a sense of common ground," Zuckerberg wrote.

Of course, there are worries that survey-takers will try to game the system, or that they just won't be able to differentiate between high-quality and low-quality news sources — an issue made evident by the spread of many fake-news items in the past few years.

David Chavern, CEO of the news media trade group News Media Alliance, said in a statement Friday that Facebook's move is a positive one, but that it's not clear how effective this system will be in identifying trustworthy news sources.

COMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, JAN. 20

MAGIC: THE GATHERING, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. For ages 8 and up, no registration required. Free. (541-966-0380)

SUM LUNCHEON, 12 p.m., Hermiston Assembly of God Church, 730 E. Hurlburt Ave., Hermiston. The Hermiston School of Urban Missions Bible College and Theological Seminary will talk to area business and youth leaders, college-age students and high school juniors and seniors about their mission. Free, but RSVP required to terry@hermistonassembly.com. (Terry Haight 541-567-5831)

PAPER MACHE FOR KIDS, 12:30-2 p.m., Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Learn the techniques and possibilities of paper and paste sculptures, including pinatas, masks and more. Drop-in class for ages 7-12, cost is \$10 per session. (Kaisa Hill 541-278-9201)

WOMEN'S MARCH ON PENDLETON, 1 p.m., Pendleton City Hall, 500 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. The Blue Mountain Marchers will unite with women's marches around the world, beginning at the fountain at city hall, traveling east to the Umatilla County courthouse, and ending at the Heritage Station Museum parking lot, 108 S.W. Frazer Ave. Everyone welcome. (Robin Lambert 503-740-8262)

STRAIGHT TALK WITH BECKY MARKS, 2-4 p.m., The Saddle Restaurant, 2220 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton. Share thoughts with Ward I councilwoman. (541-276-9147)

TRADITIONAL POLISH DINNER FUNDRAISER, 5:30-7 p.m., Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church parish hall, 565 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston. Enjoy Polish dumplings, meatballs, mashed potatoes, Polish sausage and sauerkraut plus soup, salads and desserts. Tickets are \$15 each, available by phone or by stopping by the church office. (Mark Gomolski 541-567-5812)

JOHN PARKER BENEFIT DINNER & SILENT AUCTION, 5:30 p.m., Oasis Vineyard Church, 1255 S. Highway 395, Hermiston. Meal of pork chops and silent auction to raise money for Hermiston man fighting cancer. Costs \$20 or \$120 for table of 8. Donations also accepted. (Sylvia Smith 541-720-0040)

CABIN FEVER CONCERT, 6 p.m., Hermiston Conference Center, 415 S. Highway 395, Hermiston. John Wambeke & Friends provide an evening of music and humor. Tickets are \$15 for the show only, \$38 for dinner and the show, limited tickets available for Dutch oven dinner, available at Cottage Flowers.

DINNER DANCE FUNDRAISER, 6-10 p.m., Hermiston High School, 600 S. First St., Hermiston. Event features a tri-tip dinner, silent auction and music by the HHS jazz band and Brass Fire. Tickets are \$25 per person or \$135 for a table of 6, available at the school or the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce. Proceeds benefit the HHS band. (Carrie Ferguson or Sean McClanahan 541-571-6532 or 541-667-6100)



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Brass Fire will perform Saturday along with the HHS jazz band at Hermiston High School during the Dinner Dance Fundraiser. The dinner and silent auction benefits the HHS band.

SUNDAY, JAN. 21

PAUL GORHAM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., Pendleton Masonic Lodge, 1350 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for ages 6-12. Call-in orders welcome. (541-276-3760)

PRO-LIFE BREAKFAST, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., St. Mary's Catholic Church, 800 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton. Benefits Pregnancy Care Services and Pendleton Right to Life. Costs \$5 or \$20 for a family. (Dennis Hull 541-767-8828)

KIDS KLUB, 9:30 a.m., First Christian Church, 518 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater. For children of all ages. Includes arts, crafts, music and more. Free. (Janet Collins 541-938-3854)

PURSUIT CONFERENCE SUNDAY SERVICE, 10:30 a.m., Hermiston Assembly of God Church, 730 E. Hurlburt Ave., Hermiston. Features Jeremy Johnson, lead pastor with Fearless LA in southern California. A taco truck lunch will be available for purchase following the service. Free. (Terry Haight 541-567-5831)

SPECIAL NEEDS OPEN GYM, 12:15-1:30 p.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Free for special needs children and families. (541-276-8100)

KBLU CITIZENS ADVISORY GROUP, 3 p.m., Prodigal Son Brewery & Pub, 230 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton. Share ideas on format of Pendleton area's newest radio station. (Vickie or Gary 541-566-2744 or 541-566-0131)

ADULT OPEN GYM, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Half-court basketball. Adults only. (541-276-8100)

MONDAY, JAN. 22

WALKING FOR WELLNESS, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center gymnasium, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Good music, new friends and indoor walking for health. Free. (541-276-8100)

TOT TIME, 10-11 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. For children ages 0-5, \$1 per child. (541-276-8100)

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME, 10:30 a.m., Athena Public Library, 418 E. Main St., Athena. For ages birth to 6. (541-566-2470)

PENDLETON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12-1 p.m., Pendleton Senior Center, 510 S.W. 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)

ART STUDIO, 4-5:30 p.m., Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Free class for ages 7-12 to develop skills and encourage art exploration. (Roberta Lavador 541-278-9201)

TUESDAY, JAN. 23
WALKING FOR WELLNESS, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center gymnasium, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Good music, new friends and indoor walking for health. Free. (541-276-8100)

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME, 10:30-11 a.m., Stanfield Public Library, 180 W. Coe Ave., Stanfield. (541-449-1254)

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)

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)

PENDLETON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12-1 p.m., Pendleton Senior Center, 510 S.W. 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)

CRAFTERNOONS, 4:15 p.m., Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Drop in for a group or individual craft project. All ages. (541-966-0380)

THE ARC ACTIVITY NIGHT, 5:30-6:30 p.m., The ARC Umatilla County, 215 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. Games, crafts and refreshments. (541-567-7615)

PENDLETON EAGLES TACOS AND BINGO, 6 p.m., Pendleton Eagles Lodge, 428 S. Main St., Pendleton. Regular packet \$10, special packet \$5. Proceeds donated to local charities. Public welcome. (541-278-2828)

INSIDE OUTSIDE THE LINES ADULT COLORING, 6-7:30 p.m., Irrigon Public Library, 490 N.E. Main St., Irrigon. Materials provided. Bring snacks to share. (541-922-0138)

PENDLETON KNITTING GROUP, 6 p.m., Prodigal Son Brewery & Pub, 230 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton. (541-966-0380)

DIY @ THE LIBRARY, 6-8 p.m., Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. December: Luminarias. For adults only. Registration required, limited to 10. (541-966-0380)

SPEED DATING WITH TECHNOLOGY, 6 p.m., Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Not sure which device is right for you? Try before you buy, including iPads, Android, Kindle and more. Free. (541-966-0380)

STORY AND CRAFT TIME, 6:30 p.m., Milton-Freewater Public Library, 8 S.W. Eighth Ave., Milton-Freewater. For elementary school-age children. (541-938-8247)

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 24

WALKING FOR WELLNESS, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center gymnasium, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Good music, new friends and indoor walking for health. Free. (541-276-8100)

BABY & ME LEARN & PLAY, 10-10:45 a.m., Hermiston Public Library back entrance, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. Engaging children and getting them excited about music, improving motor skills and sparking creativity while supporting early literacy development. For children ages newborn to 4 years and parent/guardian. (541-567-2882)

STORY TIME, 11:15 a.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-2882)