

**BRIEFLY**

**Livestream of candidate forum available**

HERMISTON — For citizens who can't make it to Wednesday night's candidate forum in Hermiston, ALTV broadcast students from Armand Larive Middle School will be livestreaming the event.

The livestream can be found by going to ALTV.us and clicking on "Live Events." ALTV teacher Rob Doherty said he will also make an archived copy of the video available on the website by the next morning.

Attendees will have a chance to mingle with candidates over refreshments at 5:30 p.m. at Armand Larive Middle School, 1497 S.W. Ninth St. in Hermiston. The broadcast will begin at 6 p.m. when the candidates for Umatilla County Board of Commissioners respond to questions. After the commissioner candidates, Hermiston City Council candidates will take the stage.

**Political signs not allowed on state highway right of ways**

HERMISTON — As campaign season is in full swing, the Oregon Department of Transportation reminds citizens that political signs are not allowed to be posted in any Oregon state highway right of way.

That includes trees, utility poles and fences within the right of way bordering highways such as U.S. 395, 730 and 207. Improperly placed signs may be removed by ODOT.

Outside of the right of way but still within view of state highways, restrictions apply. Political signs on private property within view of a state highway must not be larger than 12 square feet unless given a variance by ODOT, must not have flashing or intermittent lights, must not have animated or moving parts, must not mimic the design of official highway signs and are not allowed at all in designated scenic areas.

For more information about ODOT's outdoor advertising rules, visit [oregon.gov/ODOT/ROW/Pages/Sign-Resources.aspx](http://oregon.gov/ODOT/ROW/Pages/Sign-Resources.aspx).

**Prestige Care offers cognitive assessments for seniors**

PENDLETON — McKay Creek Estates in Pendleton is offering free and confidential cognitive screening assessments to Pendleton seniors through the end of April.

During the assessments, qualified health care professionals pose a series of basic questions designed to test a range of participants' cognitive abilities. Each screening takes about 30 minutes, and participants do not need to bring any items or documentation with them.

The assessment is part of Prestige Care's dedication to offering programs and resources to support and care for those living with Alzheimer's and other memory disorders. The organization partners with Alzheimer's disease specialists who are experts on the latest research and information on dementia care.

Early diagnosis of Alzheimer's is critical to making informed decisions. If you are concerned about cognitive decline in yourself or a loved one, schedule this short, in-person screening by calling 541-704-7146 for an appointment.



A Humvee is prepared to be flipped back on its wheels after a rollover crash with an SUV Monday morning on Interstate 84 west of Pendleton.

**Car crashes into, wrecks military Humvee on I-84 near Pendleton**

East Oregonian

Two members of the Army's 17th Field Artillery Brigade took a detour Monday morning to a hospital due to a crash near Pendleton. Army spokesman Staff Sgt. Jacob Kohrs said they did not suffer serious injuries. The brigade was on a 550-mile convoy training exercise from Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, to Orchard Combat Training Center, Idaho. Kohrs said the training is to ensure

the vehicles are in good order. "We've been working at this for the past week," he said.

Monday morning at about 8:30 a.m. the convoy was heading east on Interstate 84 a few miles west of Pendleton when a civilian SUV rear-ended one of the Humvees. Four personnel were in the big vehicle, Kohrs said, which went off road and turned over.

Kohrs said the ambulance took two personnel to the hospital as a precautionary

measure to make sure they were OK.

He also explained the Army takes multiple safeguards on training missions, including frequent stops to make sure drivers have rest and are keeping plenty of distance between their vehicles to allow room for civilian traffic.

Oregon State Police and other agencies responded to the wreck. State police reported it planned to issue a news statement about the crash.

**PENDLETON**

**Symphony season crescendos with 'Violin Concerto'**

East Oregonian

The season finale concert for the Oregon East Symphony welcomes guest soloist Augusta Schubert.

The program's centerpiece is Felix Mendelssohn's "Violin Concerto," which features the Midway High School (Waco, Texas) junior. Schubert is co-concertmaster of the Midway High School Camerata Orchestra and Waco Symphony Youth Orchestra.

The teenager's musical lineage includes her mother, Amanda Schubert, who is a violin instructor at Central Texas String Academy, and her father, Mark Schubert, a lecturer on trumpet at Baylor University. Both are members of the Waco Symphony and will join the Oregon East Symphony as section musicians.

The performance is Saturday, April 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Vert Auditorium, 480 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for students and seniors or \$45 for a family of four.

The concert program also will feature a performance of Beethoven's

"Second Symphony" and Mozart's "Overture to Don Giovanni." A reception in the Vert Club Room will follow the concert.

Schubert has attended many summer music camps, including Credo Oberlin and the Boston University Tanglewood Institute Violin Workshop. Most recently, she placed second in the Houston Civic Symphony concerto competition, and she was awarded honorable mention in the Juanita Miller Concerto Competition — 2017 marked her third year of participating in the All-State Orchestra at the Texas Music Educators Association convention in San Antonio.

As an added educational component to the concert, the Oregon East Symphony will perform two works in collaboration with Preludes, the symphony's beginner level preparatory orchestra. The Preludes orchestra, which is conducted by Hermiston-based violinist Melinda Tovey, will perform Jean Baptist-Lully's "March for a Turkish Ceremony" and Terry McQuilkin's "Salisbury Overture" as stand part-



Contributed photo  
**Augusta Schubert is the guest soloist for the Oregon East Symphony's season finale. The concert is April 21 at the Vert Auditorium, Pendleton.**

ners with the Oregon East Symphony string orchestra. The Preludes' performance is sponsored in part due to generous grant funding from the Umatilla County Cultural Coalition and the Pendleton Rotary Foundation.

Advance tickets are available at [www.oregoneastsymphony.org](http://www.oregoneastsymphony.org), Pendleton Art + Frame, 36 S.W. Court Ave., and the symphony office at 345 S.W. Fourth St., Pendleton. They also will be sold at the door. For more information, call the symphony office at 541-276-0320.

**Manslaughter plea could become murder case**

East Oregonian

PENDLETON — Conor Dayton's manslaughter plea for killing Marcos Gutierrez Rodriguez could become a murder plea.

Defense attorney L. Kent Fisher filed, according to court records, an affidavit March 21 in Umatilla County Circuit Court to support the withdrawal of the manslaughter plea and instead enter a plea to intentional murder. The move came seven days after the defense and prosecutors met in the chambers of Circuit Judge Christopher Brauer, who Thursday morning in Pendleton will preside over a hearing on the matter.

The state accused Dayton, 24, of Milton-Freewater, of killing Rodriguez under a Milton-Freewater bridge in May 2017 and burning the body to cover

up the crime. Dayton pleaded guilty on Jan. 18 to first-degree manslaughter and first-degree abuse of a corpse.

The state recommended a 20-year sentence for the crimes, twice the mandatory minimum for manslaughter, in part because Dayton tried to cover up the killing.

Defense attorney Herman Bylenga, who has represented Dayton in court appearances, said he conferred with Fisher and would not comment on the case. District Attorney Dan Primus said Monday that he could not comment on the case.

Pending the outcome of Thursday's hearing, Dayton goes to court April 18 for sentencing. Court records also show Dayton owes \$5,000 to the state's Crime Victims Compensation Program for funeral costs.

**HERMISTON**

**Police take down suspect trying to escape**

East Oregonian

HERMISTON — Hermiston police on Sunday arrested Jacob Arthur McKeever, the man they have been after since April 2. McKeever, 29, of Hermiston, faces a range of charges according to Randy Studebaker, Hermiston police lieutenant.

A Hermiston officer last Monday night at about 10:45 stopped a burgundy Mercury van for a lighting violation near the intersection of Northeast Fifth Street and East Gladys Avenue. The driver ditched the van and ran off.

McKeever was the vehicle's registered owner, Studebaker reported, and the suspect who fled looked like McKeever.

The van was full of property that may have been stolen, according to Studebaker, and the department impounded the vehicle for further investigation. Hermiston police took to Facebook to ask the public for help in spotting McKeever, who stands 6 feet 3 inches tall and weighs

around 280 pounds.

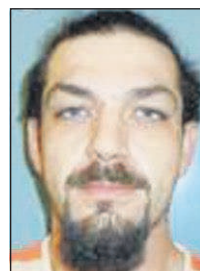
Studebaker reported police on Friday conducted a legal search of McKeever's van and "found tools and other property we believe were stolen during local thefts."

Sunday around 10 a.m., Hermiston police received a tip McKeever was on the 200 block of Southwest 11th Street. Officers responded, arrested McKeever without incident and drove him to the

Hermiston Police Department for processing.

Once there, McKeever tried to get away from officers, according to Studebaker, and in spite of the handcuffs he put up a fight that ended when cops took him to the asphalt. Officers suffered minor scrapes and abrasions during the struggle.

Police eventually booked McKeever into the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton, for attempting to elude a police officer, possession of burglar's tools, first-degree theft, resisting arrest, attempted escape and on local and Idaho warrants related to drug crimes.



McKeever

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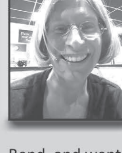
Brian Hohstadt grew up on a large dairy farm in Eastern Oregon with a very strong work ethic and a dedication to animals. He spent his career in health insurance but returned home to care for his parents, and in doing so, decided to establish a small hobby farm to support his interests and hobbies. Mr. Hohstadt began pet therapy with his therapy dog, Blake, and knew he wanted to expand the program but felt it was not fair to add additional dogs. He grew up riding horses and knew mini horses could be registered as pet therapy animals.



Joy St. Peter is the Founder and Director of the Joys of Living Assistance Dogs (JLAD), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. She launched JLAD in 2004 after attending the Assistance Dog Institute's Service Dog Instructor Training Course in Santa Rosa, CA, led by Dr. Bonnie Bergen (inventor of the Service Dog Concept).



Dawn Wagner has worked for the Oregon Department of Corrections at Two Rivers Correctional Institution in Umatilla for 19 years. She is currently the Statewide Business Services Manager, where she oversees the staffing and operations of the Business Services offices at the individual institutions. She became involved with the TRCI Rehabilitating Offenders & Canines (ROC) program when she was asked to put the contracts together three years ago.



Morgan Matteson took over leadership of Dream Catcher Therapeutics (DCT) as Executive Director and Instructor in 2017. She first became involved with Dream Catcher Therapeutics in 2002, and after volunteering until 2005, she then attended Rocky Mountain College where she earned a B.S. in Therapeutic Horseback Riding in 2011. She interned at Heeling Reins, in Bend, and went on to work at Bright Horizons in Siletz, OR. She is happy to be back home in Pendleton where she is excited to implement changes to grow the Dream Catcher Program.

NO COST FOR THIS FORUM - FREE TO EVERYONE. BUT WE WILL GLADLY ACCEPT DONATIONS FOR OUR SPEAKERS' ORGANIZATIONS.

For more information about the EO Forum, please contact: Karen Parker at 541-966-3177.

The EO Forum is a collaborative effort among leaders from Blue Mountain Community College, InterMountain Education Service District, the East Oregonian, American Association of University Women, and Harriet Isom, a former United States ambassador who also serves on the committee. This EO Forum program is offered as part of Blue Mountain Community College's annual Arts and Culture Festival. For more information on the festival go to [www.blueeuc.edu](http://www.blueeuc.edu).

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