

**BRIEFLY**

**Get a tree started this Arbor Day**

PENDLETON — Pendletonians can celebrate Arbor Day by getting a free tree seedling from the city on Saturday.

According to a Pendleton Parks and Recreation Department press release, volunteers will be handing out seedling from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Pendleton Wal-Mart, near the grocery entrance.

Seedling varieties include ponderosa pine, water birch, quaking aspen, and red-osier dogwood. The seedlings will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Children will also have the opportunity to make decorations for the White House Christmas tree.

Pendleton was recently named a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation and the Oregon Department of Forestry.

The seedling giveaway is sponsored by the city's parks and recreation department, the U.S. Forest Service, the Pendleton Tree Commission and the Pendleton Parks and Recreation Commission.

**Bird club welcome wildlife biologist**

PENDLETON — A field biologist with the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife will make a presentation during the upcoming Pendleton Bird Club meeting.

Cathy Nowak will discuss "Research, Recreation and Resource Management — An Introduction to the Ladd Marsh Wildlife Area." The public is invited to the free event Thursday at 7 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 215 N. Main St., Pendleton. Also, people are invited to bring a dish to share with others for a potluck that starts at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Lorna Waltz at lomawaltz@gmail.com or visit www.pendletonbirders.org.

**Public health admin guest of federal employees group**

PENDLETON — The National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Chapter 2115 welcomes Umatilla County Public Health administrator James Setzer to its monthly meeting Thursday.

The meeting starts with a no-host lunch at 11:30 a.m. at Shari's Cafe & Pies, 319 S.E. Nye Ave., Pendleton. All federal employees, active or retired, are welcome to attend.

For more information, call Janet Lambert at 541-980-3268.

**Woman dies crossing I-84 near Stanfield**

STANFIELD — A vehicle struck and killed a woman trying to walk across Interstate 84 Tuesday morning near Stanfield.

According to police, Rosialy Carmia Tiffany, 49, of Kennewick, died at the scene. She was reportedly walking across Interstate 84 when she was struck by a 2006 station wagon.

Oregon State Police said, "Tiffany had left her vehicle and, for unknown reasons, attempted to cross the freeway where she was struck while in the fast lane." Police said

alcohol use by Tiffany "is being considered a contributing factor in the crash."

Lt. Mike Turner, state police commander of the Pendleton area, said the fatality occurred a few minutes before 5 a.m. on the eastbound side of Interstate 84 near milepost 189. The interstate was closed for more than four hours during the investigation, and traffic had to be routed through the town of Echo during that time.

The freeway's eastbound lanes in the immediate area had reopened by 10 a.m. Tuesday.

**Whisky Fest reports sellout**

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For the second year in a row, the Pendleton Whisky Music Fest is a sold-out show.

In a Monday press release, organizers announced that the July 14 concert featuring country music singer Blake Shelton and rapper Pitbull was sold out only a few weeks after tickets went on sale March 23.

Whisky Fest is reporting that the tickets were in "high demand," evidenced by the 98 percent of ticket sales coming from pre-sales and the first day they were available online.

Andy McAnally, one of the event's organizers, said some of the artists' tickets are still on hold and may be released closer to the show, but it won't be many.

Organizers expect the third annual Whisky Fest to combine elements from the first two editions.

"Blake Shelton, with twenty-five #1 hit singles, will reintroduce the Music Fest to its country roots, brought to life by the inaugural performance of Zac Brown Band, and Pitbull, known worldwide, will bring to the crowd the upbeat, pop-tempo established by Maroon 5 who played to a sold-out arena in 2017," the press release states.

For the 2018 concert, Whisky Fest plans to expand its Friday night kick-off party, a Main Street concert the night before the main event. McAnally said they hoped to release those artist names in the coming month.

For more information, visit www.pendletonwhiskymusicfest.com.

**MAESTRO: Plans to keep directing for years to come**

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Before retirement in 2002, Mayclin conducted Pendleton high school and middle school choirs. He led the Peace Lutheran Church choir for 30 years and still directs music for theater productions. He sings solos and directs and sings in a subgroup of the men's choir called Dulaman.

In short, music powers Mayclin's life.

That's just the way of it since before he can remember. As a toddler, he even listened to opera

broadcasts on the radio with his mother.

"I can't imagine my life without music," he said. "Music brings beauty into a world that sometimes isn't so beautiful."

The ACDA award is partly about leadership in the organization. Over the years, Mayclin served as state president and regional president for the group. He created programs for three national conventions, events which regularly draw several thousand people.

As far as Mayclin's ability as a director, a

couple of his local choir members described his modus operandi.

"He's very meticulous," said Steve Muller, men's chorus member and himself a retired music teacher and choir director. "You do it over and over again until you get it right — and then you do it again."

The maestro is also fastidious about his concert programs, assembling an eclectic mix of music that somehow meshes seamlessly.

"He plans concerts a year or more in advance," said choir member Randy

Thomas, a former middle school music teacher and choir director. "The pieces go together. One piece animates the audience and the next penetrates the soul. His standards are so high."

Mayclin has a good ear for pitch," Thomas said. Even with the multiplicity of sounds created by a choir, he can hear sour tones and "zero right in."

Howard Meharg, of the choral association, called Mayclin a shoo-in for the award.

"We would be hard pressed to find anybody

who has served ACDA better than Bill," Meharg said. "He's been very active at the national level. He has turned out fantastic choirs. It was practically unanimous."

"I was stunned," Mayclin said of learning he had won.

The maestro plans to keep on directing for years to come, God willing.

"When you're involved in music," he said, "you're involved in music forever."

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**911: State is footing the bill to install and maintain system**

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Dispatchers can gather information more quickly by talking to someone over the phone, but texting might be the best option for people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have speech disabilities. Texting might also be useful for people who are in an emergency situation where a voice call could put them in danger, like a home invasion or domestic violence incident. Lieuallen said police in the Portland area have caught a few kidnappers when victims texted 911.

In addition to encouraging able-bodied citizens to continue to use 911 traditionally, local dispatchers will also mount a public education campaign on how to use the new service.

- The first text to 911 should include the location, including the city, and what type of help they need like police, fire or medical.

- Text messages should be concise and use full words.

- The person requesting services through text needs to stay by the phone to answer any follow-up ques-



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Umatilla County dispatch has added text to its 911 service.

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tions or follow instructions from the dispatch center.

- Photos, videos and emojis can't be sent to 911 and will corrupt the text message the dispatch center receives.

- Emergency texts can't be sent in a group text or

an emergency text, they will be sent an automated response asking if they can report that message through a voice call.

If they respond negatively, an employee from the dispatch center can respond with several automated responses or compose an original response. Lieuallen said the automated responses ensure information is exchanged faster and emergencies are responded to more quickly.

She said text to 911 runs off of a web-based program, which means the system goes offline if there's an interruption in internet service. If the dispatch center's texting capabilities are offline, citizens who try to use the service will be sent an automated response that will instruct them to call 911.

Darrin Umbarger, CEO of Clearview Mediation and Disability Medical Center, Pendleton, said

911 text is a must-have service. People who are hearing impaired already have smartphones, he said, to use text to communicate.

A deaf person who calls 911 can't hear the dispatcher, Umbarger said, and the flip side is someone who has never heard or lost hearing in early childhood has difficulty speaking. In those cases, he said, dispatchers might not understand what someone needs.

"It's very important that 911 take texting," he said. "It just seems like it's a no-brainer."

Lieuallen said the sheriff's office spent a year selecting a vendor and testing out their new software, which dispatch center employees learned quickly and easily.

The state is footing the bill to install and maintain the system, which is \$19,200 for installation and three year's worth of maintenance.

**WILDHORSE RESORT & CASINO**  
4/11  
Cineplex Show Times  
\$5 Classic Movie • 12:00 PM  
Funny Girl  
A Quiet Place (PG13)  
4:50 7:10 9:40  
Blockers (R)  
5:00 7:20 9:50  
Ready Player One (PG13)  
7:00 • 9:27 4:00 10:00  
Sherlock Gnomes (PG)  
4:30 6:40 9:20  
Tomb Raider (PG13)  
4:10 6:50 9:30  
\*Matinee Pricing  
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Pendleton, OR I-84 - Exit 216

**CELEBRATION OF LIFE**

Please join us on Saturday, April 28, 2018 as we celebrate the life of **Barbara J. Haines**, January 28, 1935 - January 9, 2018.

This gathering will be an open house from 11am to 3pm at the home of Richard and Wanda (Hunt) Scarlett, 33893 River View Drive, Hermiston at Hat Rock on the Columbia River.

We will share stories, favorite memories and laughter per Barbara's wishes. Food and beverages will be provided.

**DAVIS SHOWS NORTHWEST**

**Carnival**

April 11 - 15, 2018  
Chamber of Commerce/Museum Parking Lot  
WED 5 PM - CLOSING \$3.75 A RIDE  
BUY ALL DAY RIDE PASSES  
FRI 4 PM - CLOSING \$27  
SAT & SUN NOON - CLOSING \$27  
\$3.75 PER RIDE BOOK OF 10 \$32

Sponsored by the Main Street Cowboys

**SAVE \$\$\$**  
THURS 4 PM - CLOSING BUDDY DAY  
Buy one armband at \$27 get second armband for \$13  
Both people must be present at time of purchase.

**EASTERN OREGON FORUM Presents**

TUESDAY, APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2018 AT 7:00 P.M.  
BLUE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE (BMCC), 2411 NW CARDEN, PENDLETON, OR.  
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY BUILDING, ROOM ST-200  
THE HEALING POWER OF ANIMALS FEATURING:  
BRIAN HOHSTADT, JOY ST. PETER, DAWN WAGNER AND MORGAN MATTESON

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.

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 Trainers & Canines (ROC) program when she was asked to put the contracts together three years ago.

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).

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 Healing 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.bluecc.edu](http://www.bluecc.edu).