

PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

TUESDAY

6:22 a.m. - A miter saw and other carpentry tools were reported stolen from a storage shed in Milton-Freewater sometime overnight.

10:38 a.m. - The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office received a complaint about littering somewhere on Stateline Road near Milton-Freewater.

11:25 a.m. - A 911 caller at Columbia Harvest Foods, 1411 Sixth St., Umatilla, reported the theft of beer from the delivery truck.

12:55 p.m. - Stanfield police dealt with code violations for noxious weeds at property on South Glendening Street, then soon after on Thelma Court.

7:41 p.m. - A caller reported hearing gunfire on Schroeder Road outside Pendleton.

7:58 p.m. - Pendleton police received a report of a person lying in brush off the sidewalk near the Burger King, 601 Southgate. The caller reported walking by the person, who was on their right side and raised their arm.

11:36 p.m. - Two males, both in white T-shirts and blue jeans, drew a call about suspicious activity because one was in the intersection at East Punkin Center and Glemm Road, Hermiston.

ARRESTS, CITATIONS

•Umatilla County Sheriff's Office arrested Scott Michael Thurman, 23, of Chehalis, Washington, for second-degree robbery, domestic violence charges of fourth-degree assault and strangulation, menacing, second-degree theft, methamphetamine possession and probation violations.

•Umatilla Tribal Police arrested Thomas Soaring Eagle, 36, of Pendleton, for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

•Milton-Freewater police arrested Nathaniel Franklin Lewis, 27, of 909 N.E. First Ave., Milton-Freewater, on two counts of unauthorized use of a vehicle. Umatilla County Circuit Court records show he faces an arraignment May 22 for charges of methamphetamine possession and felon in possession of a restricted weapon.

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.

UNION: Citizen calls turnover of chief position ‘an embarrassment’

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We are here based on a system of values and integrity, a system that represents the core values of our city. We are here to say that we as a (union), did not, and do not, support the departure of Mike Ciraulo from our department.”

Ciraulo left the fire department on April 23, announcing his retirement and departure on the same day.

Ciraulo’s separation agreement with the city includes an anti-disparagement clause, and he has declined to comment on the reasons behind his sudden departure multiple times.

But the former fire chief’s employee evaluations revealed that there was some tension over Police Chief Stuart Roberts continuing to supervise Ciraulo as the city’s public safety director. Roberts also took issue with Ciraulo going over-budget for the 2016-2017 fiscal year and the way he handled a personnel investigation.

Although Uselman avoided criticizing the city, Ron and Penny Gavette didn’t pull any punches during the open comment period.

“Mike Ciraulo’s abrupt leaving is a tragedy that we can all learn from,” Ron Gavette said.

“Maybe we don’t deserve the Ciraulos. We suck.”

— Penny Gavette, Pendleton resident

Ron Gavette’s wife, Penny, said she was “pissed off” about Ciraulo’s departure, noting the contributions Ciraulo and his wife Gilda have made to the community.

“Mike does not deserve this,” she said. “And you know what? Maybe we don’t deserve the Ciraulos. We suck.”

Penny Gavette questioned why the Ciraulos would buy a house, start a business and lead a fire station bond effort if they didn’t plan to stay longterm. She called the frequent turnover at the fire chief position “an embarrassment” and “shameful.”

The couple ended their comments by requesting the city rehire Ciraulo.

Mayor John Turner told the Gavettes that he and the city council couldn’t comment on personnel issues. After the meeting, City Manager Robb Corbett also declined to comment.

Contact Antonio Sierra at 541-966-0836.

Margaret Weaver Collatt
Salem
August 17, 1953 - February 19, 2018

Margaret Weaver Collatt, 64, passed away February 19, 2018, in Salem, Oregon. She was born August 17, 1953, in John Day to Buddie and Oradell Weaver.

Margaret was raised in Mt. Vernon, Oregon, where she attended school and participated in many school activities. She lived in Pendleton in the ’80s while attending Blue Mountain Community College, where she graduated with both an RN and an accounting degree. Twenty years later she graduated with honors from OHSU with a Bachelor of Science in nursing.

In 1984 Margaret started working at the Oregon Department of Corrections in Salem, where she wore many hats with Health Services and received numerous awards both locally and nationally. She was part of the first nursing group that wrote the first set of health care policies and procedures for Oregon Department of Corrections. After 33 years she retired due to poor health.

Margaret had a enthusiastic and vibrant personality. She respected the people she came in contact with as they respected her as well. She was always full of life, fun energy and found joy in others. She lived her life with her heart.



Collatt

Margaret is survived by children Lester (Mary) Wall and Joann Wall; mother and stepfather Oradell and Claude Talley; brother Jim (Mary) Weaver; sisters Elaine Foster and Janet (Rick) Hylton; grandchildren Aspen, Madisen, Elijah, Noah and Isaiah; nieces and nephews Christopher, Mandy, Jerrod, Jennifer, Gregory, Janel and Andrew; several great-nephews and many cousins; and Ilfe-long friend Bruce Carlson.

She is preceded in death by her father Buddie and brother Alvin.

In Margaret’s own words at the acceptance of her last award: “Thank you to all of you who have been my friends, and now family, over all the years. A few thoughts I would like to leave with you at this time. Find and cherish good mentors and good friends, to share the burden stories and the triumph stories, for occasional ‘reality checks’ and for talks when times are confusing. Every encounter is a teachable moment, and extend into the future. Treat everyone with respect just as you would a family member.”

A celebration of life will be held May 27 at the Mt. Vernon Community Center in Mt. Vernon, Oregon, at 3:00 p.m.



Sherbahn



Ray



Montoya

Echo Kiwanis awards three scholarships

Echo Kiwanis is honored to announce scholarship grant awards for three Echo High School seniors. Alyssa Ray and Natalie Sherbahn will each receive \$1,500, and Monique Montoya was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.

At the time of her application Alyssa has a 4.0 grade point average and plans to attend George Fox University on her way to becoming a pediatric occupational therapist. Alyssa is well established as a student leader, athlete, member of National Honor Society and holds a genuine appreciation for community service. Alyssa is this years’ class valedictorian.

Natalie is also holding a 4.0 GPA and intends to go to college near relatives at the College of the Ozarks in

Missouri. Natalie wants to graduate in both mathematics and religion and aspires to be a teacher and serve in religious ministry. In her application, one of Natalie’s teachers was very appreciate of how much she – the teacher – had learned to rely on the kind of strong, capable caring student Natalie has been.

Monique, or “Moe”, has excelled as a thoughtful, helpful, capable athlete and student leader in her career at Echo Schools, exhibiting the “never give up” attitude in all she does. Currently from Stanfield and already taking college level courses, Moe is planning to attend Mount Hood Community College next Fall on her way to serving as a school counselor or youth psychiatrist.

OBITUARIES

Randy Bryan Jones
Stanfield
August 8, 1964 - April 26, 2018

Randy Bryan Jones, 53, of Stanfield, Ore., passed away on April 26, 2018, in the Umatilla National Forest near Dale, Ore.

He was born on August 8, 1964, to Leslie C. and Katherine (Coleman) Jones in Harbor City, Calif. He lived on the coast of California in Huntington Beach, growing up and attended Barstow High School in Barstow, Calif. He also lived in Newberry Springs, Riverside and Phelan, Calif. He moved to Oregon and lived in Eugene and Irrigon before finally settling in Stanfield.

He was married and divorced three times.

He worked for Union Pacific Railroad and had also worked for Burlington Northern Santa Fe and Boeing.

He excelled in sports. He loved to play football. As a youth he received many football trophies. As an adult he loved to play softball and loved to bowl. He



Jones

received softball and bowling trophies.

In addition to sports he liked to stay active and enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping, riding motorcycles, and playing Spades and Poker.

He is survived by his daughter Adrian N. Jones of Moreno Valley, Calif.; three brothers, Rodney A. Jones (Annie) of Chatsworth, Ga., Raymond L. Jones (Yolanda) of Brookings, Ore., and Rusty W. Jones (Penny) of Wilmington, N.C.; and 11 nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents Leslie and Katherine Jones.

There will be a Celebration of Life on Sunday, May 20, 2018, at 5 p.m. It will take place at Desert Lanes Bowling Alley located at 1545 N. First St. in Hermiston, Ore.

Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements. Sign the online condolence book at www.burnsmortuary.com.

UPCOMING SERVICES

THURSDAY, MAY 17

HEIDEMAN, HELEN — Funeral service at 10:30 a.m. at Ione Community Church, 470 E. Main St., followed by internment at High View Cemetery, Ione. A luncheon will follow at the church after interment.

SATURDAY, MAY 19

LILES, JAMES — Memorial service at 1 p.m. at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah’s Witnesses, 601 S.W. Runnion Ave., Pendleton.

MCCUTCHEN, JEAN — Memorial service at 2 p.m. in the chapel at Burns Mortuary, 685 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston.

PRYOR, EARL — Celebration of life at noon at the Condon Elks Lodge, 117 S. Main St. A luncheon will be served.

ROHDE, WALT — Celebration of life services at 11 a.m. at the Lebanon American Legion Hall, 480 Main St., Lebanon, Ore.

SUNDAY, MAY 20

JONES, RANDY — Celebration of life at 5 p.m. at Desert Lanes Bowling Alley, 1545 N. First St., Hermiston.

DIVIDE: 43.3 percent of Republicans voted

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ous campaigns for state offices, and a longer time campaigning.

But he said it came down to two groups of voters: those voting based on ideology, and those voting based on the candidate. He said Carpenter’s message resonated with a lot of people on the east side of the state.

“I’m not saying this is me,” he said. “But I understand what they’re getting at. Sam has styled himself as another Donald Trump, and there’s a large element of the Republican party who that appeals to. That he’s not a politician.”

He noted that Carpenter, a businessman from

Bend, had previously run for office, making a run for U.S. Senate in 2016, but losing to Mark Callahan in the Republican primary.

Moore said Republicans would now need to focus on improving voter turnout. In Umatilla County, 42.6 percent of Republicans returned primary ballots compared to 34.5 percent of Democrats, 23.3 percent of Independents and 11.3 percent of non-affiliated voters.

“If you look at the numbers (for voter turnout), for once, Umatilla County is not in the bottom,” he said. “But that’s not because we made any progress, but several counties slipped behind us. That’s not a good thing.”

DAIRY: Documents show te Velde has \$249M in assets, \$162M in debts

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ested in the dairy.

During a recent court hearing, an attorney for Washington Agri Investments, a limited liability company based in Spokane, Wash., said the firm is looking at buying the property.

However, Rabobank — which loaned more than \$60 million to te Velde — still wants to hold an auction as soon as possible to sell off

Lost Valley Farm’s cattle, arguing the herd is losing its worth.

An auction was scheduled for April 27 but was canceled when te Velde filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy, which automatically stayed all foreclosure actions while he restructures debt.

Rabobank claims that Lost Valley Farm hasn’t kept pace with replacing older cows and is producing

less milk than other comparable herds partly due to its “shoestring budget.”

“My collateral goes down in value every day,” said Richard Rogan, attorney for the bank, during a recent court hearing.

The dairy lacks fresh water or bathrooms for employees and has lost its milk contract with the Tillamook County Creamery Association, which will stop accepting milk from the

facility at the end of May, he said.

The facility is out of compliance with its court judgment with the Oregon Department of Agriculture over wastewater management and its general manager and animal waste engineer have both resigned, said Rogan.

Meanwhile, te Velde’s own budget projects the dairy will continue losing money, he said. “There’s

absolutely no way this dairy can continue.”

For these reasons, Rabobank is asking the bankruptcy court to lift the automatic stay against foreclosure actions as to the Lost Valley Farm dairy.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Fredrick Clement, who is overseeing the case, will accept further written arguments on the matter and has scheduled a hearing for May 30 at which he expects to

make a decision.

Te Velde owns two other dairies in California that would still be protected against foreclosure under the bankruptcy proceedings — one in Tipton valued at \$40 million and another in Corcoran valued at \$36 million.

According to his most recently filed financial schedules, te Velde owns \$249 million in assets and owes \$162 million in debt.

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