



Dan Sudel, of Sherwood, demonstrates an old Domestic 1.5 horsepower engine he rigged to continually pump water to and from a flower arrangement at the Old Iron Show at Roy Raley Park. The exhibit, which features antique farm equipment, vintage cars, old engines and demonstration, runs through Sunday.

OLD TIME FLOWER POWER

Staff photo by Kathy Aney
Jamie Morse, of the Palouse, Washington area, tinkers with a 1930s-era Stover engine at the Old Iron Show at Roy Raley Park.



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The Old Iron Show at Roy Raley Park runs through Sunday in Pendleton.

MILTON-FREEWATER

Teen gets 14 years for killing infant son

Mother tells court 'I lost a piece of myself' when her son died at Freel's hands

By PHIL WRIGHT
East Oregonian

Evan Freel, 18, stood Friday morning in circuit court in Pendleton and admitted he killed his infant son Dominic nearly two years ago.

Abby Smart, the baby's mother, told the court a part of her also died that day.

Freel did not give a statement during the short hearing in which he changed his plea.

Circuit Judge Patricia A. Sullivan presided via video from Grant County. She asked Freel how he pleaded to the charge of first-degree manslaughter.

"I plead guilty," he said.

The plea came as a result of negotiations between his attorney, Kara Davis of Pendleton, and the Umatilla County District Attorney's Office. Sullivan asked Davis to summarize the facts of the case. Davis said Freel was alone with his 5-month-old son in their Milton-Freewater apartment on June

8, 2016, when Freel smothered the baby with a couch cushion.

Freel agreed that is what happened.

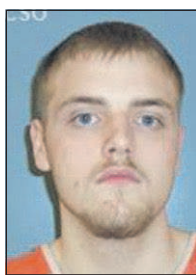
First-degree manslaughter carries a mandatory minimum prison sentence of 10 years in Oregon. Sullivan explained Freel will receive credit for the time he served in custody since his arrest for his son's death, but otherwise he will serve the full stint plus four more years. The extra 48 months were an "upward departure," the judge said, because Dominic was a vulnerable victim.

Freel during the last four years, however, can work to reduce that prison time. He also will have to serve three years of supervision after prison.

Before pronouncing the sentence, Sullivan asked if Dominic's family wants to speak, and that's when Smart stepped forth with a statement in hand.

"Dominic will never get to smell fresh cut grass or rain," she said. "He will never get to make friends."

Smart said she was just 16 when she gave birth to Dominic on Jan. 1,



Freel

2016, but he was the light that guided her, and she was a good mother.

"When I lost my son," she said, "I felt like I lost a piece of myself that I will never get back."

Sullivan complimented Smart for having the courage to deliver the statement and asked her if she sought counseling since her son died June

8, 2016.

Smart said she is still in counseling. She said she visits her son's grave on his birthday and the anniversary of his death.

Sullivan said she hoped this year was better for Smart because Freel's change of plea and sentencing removes the uncertainty that is part of the legal system.

"This is one of the saddest situations I've ever encountered in my career," Sullivan said just before closing the hearing, "and my heart goes out to the victim's family."

The judge also encouraged Freel to engage in education and programs to better himself while he was in prison.

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Umatilla County aims to train new leaders

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PENDLETON — Umatilla County is launching a new program to train county leaders for the future.

The Umatilla County Leadership Academy commences July 31 with 11 county employees from multiple departments, including assessment and taxation, human services and community justice.

County Commissioner George Murdock led the effort four years ago to create a staff training program with Susan Bower of Eastern Oregon Business

Source. Murdock in a written statement said Bower is again partnering with the county to create the academy and address the need for new leaders in county government.

"We wanted to provide a specialized training program for up-and-coming leaders who will very likely be our managers of the future as they take on more and more responsibility," Murdock said.

The academy will last a year and allow staff to develop a variety of skills, including effective leadership, communication and teamwork.

MEETINGS

MONDAY, JUNE 4
STOKES LANDING SENIOR CENTER BOARD, 6 p.m., Stokes Landing Senior Center, 195 N.W. Opal Place, Irrigon. (Karen 541-922-3137)

HEPPNER PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Heppner City Hall, 111 N. Main St., Heppner. (541-676-9618)

MILTON-FREEWATER PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Milton-Freewater Public Library Albee Room, 8 S.W. Eighth Ave., Milton-Freewater. 6:30 p.m. study session, 7 p.m. regular meeting. (541-938-5531)

TUESDAY, JUNE 5
MORROW COUNTY PARKS COMMISSION, 1:30 p.m., Morrow County Public Works conference room, 365 W. Highway 74, Lexington. (Kirsti Cason 541-989-9500)

UMATILLA MORROW RADIO & DATA DISTRICT, 1:30 p.m., Umatilla County Fire District Station 23, 78760 Westland Road, Hermiston. (Shawn Halsey 541-966-3774)

PENDLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT WORK SESSION, 3 p.m., Pendleton School District office, 107 N.W. 10th St., Pendleton. (541-276-6711)

WESTON LIBRARY BOARD, 5:30 p.m., Weston Public Library, 108 E. Main St., Weston. (541-566-2378)

IRRIGON PLANNING COMMISSION, 6 p.m., Irrigon City Hall, 500 N.E. Main St., Irrigon. (541-922-3047)

STANFIELD CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Stanfield City Hall council chambers, 160 S. Main St., Stanfield. (541-449-3831)

PILOT ROCK CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Pilot Rock City Hall council chambers, 143 W. Main St., Pilot Rock. (541-443-2811)

igrant Ave., Pendleton. (541-966-0201)

BOARDMAN CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Boardman City Hall, 200 City Center Circle, Boardman. (541-481-9252)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6
MORROW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, 9 a.m., Morrow/Grant County OHV Park, 71000 E. Morphine Lane (33 miles south off Highway 74), Heppner. (Roberta Lutzer 541-676-5613)

HERMISTON AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, 4 p.m., Hermiston Airport lounge, 1600 Airport Way, Hermiston. (541-567-5521)

UMATILLA COUNTY CHARACTER REVIEW COMMITTEE, 5:30 p.m., Milton-Freewater Public Library Albee Room, 8 S.W. Eighth Ave., Milton-Freewater. All interested persons are encouraged to attend and provide input. (Doug Olsen 541-276-6208)

MEACHAM VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, 6 p.m., Meacham Fire Department, Meacham. (541-786-2069)

BLUE MOUNTAIN BOARD OF EDUCATION, 6 p.m., Blue Mountain Community College Pioneer Hall boardroom, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton. 5 p.m. executive session, 6 p.m. regular meeting. (Shannon Franklin 541-278-5951)

CONDON CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Condon City Hall, 128 S. Main St., Condon. (541-384-2711)

UMATILLA RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, 7 p.m., Umatilla Fire Department, 305 Willamette St., Umatilla. (541-922-2770)

WESTON PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall, 210 E. Main St., Weston. (Debi

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