PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

TUESDAY

5:37 a.m. - The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office received a report of a vehicle theft at Wildcat Electric, 32224 Baxter Road, Hermiston.

6:02 a.m. - Hermiston police took a report for a vehicle theft from a caller on West Orchard Avenue.

8:23 a.m. - A caller reported a female was acting strange and in the road at Umatilla River Road and Bonney Lane, Umatilla.

10:13 a.m. - The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office took a report for a vehicle in the ditch at Tutuilla Creek and Best roads, Pendleton.

10:35 a.m. - Stanfield police handled more code violations, starting with a second complaint about the condition of property on Willow Drive, noxious weeds at a site on Locust Street and more noxious weeds in the empty lot behind Center Market.

11:08 a.m. - A Hermiston resident told police she received a scam text from 315-384-9574 claiming the IRS was sending someone to arrest her for not paying her bill. She said she did not provide any information to the sender.

1:41 p.m. - Umatilla Tribal Police Department asked Pendleton police to help find a white Hyundai with Arkansas plates. A female passeger jumped from the car and went to St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton.

Police did not find the vehicle.

4:02 - A 911 caller report of a possible body on the gravel bar to the west of the Eighth Street Bridge, Pendleton. Officers searched but found no body.

5:37 p.m. - Pilot Rock police received a report of an assault victim at the city's public library, 144 N. Alder Place.

8:18 p.m. - A caller at the One Stop Mart, 28810 Stafford Hansel Road, Hermiston, reported horses were loose.

9:59 p.m. - And cows were out at Bensel Road and Highway 395, Hermiston.

ARRESTS, CITATIONS

•Umatilla Tribal Police arrested Daniel Stephen Crabb, 33, no address available, for fourth-degree assault and unauthorized use of vehicle.

Secret fortune of reclusive man will send Molalla kids to school

By SAMANTHA SWINDLER
The Oregonian/OregonLive

When Don Slaughter died on his 84th birthday, there was no obituary or funeral service.

"He wouldn't have wanted that," said his sister, Isabel Williams.

Slaughter never married, never had kids. He wore scruffy flannel shirts and drove an old pickup truck. He lived alone outside Molalla in a 90-year-old farm house, built by his parents, where he had a wood-burning stove and no central heat.

Few realized the reclusive old man had quietly amassed a fortune.

Now, three years after his death, the entire community knows his name. Slaughter surprised everyone, including his family, by leaving more than $2 million in a scholarship endowment for Molalla High School students.

This from a man who never graduated from high school himself.

"I think it surprised all of us, how much he had," Williams said.

Slaughter dropped out of Molalla High School in the 11th grade, his sister said, because he simply had no interest in English and social studies.

He was independent-minded that way.

Instead, he went to work on his father's small cattle ranch. Williams said her brother also worked for a time in a lumber mill and invested most of his earnings in buying and selling property. She thought he had some 600 acres, including about 100 acres of timberland, when he died.

Revenue from the sale of his properties created the scholarship endowment.

"He was very smart. You don't have to be educated to be very smart," said his attorney, Don Kelley. "He knew how to buy property. He had 80 years to accumulate this money, and when you don't spend any of it, you just bring it in and you invest it wisely, you can do that."

Photo courtesy The Oregonian

Don Slaughter

Slaughter seemed to have enjoyed time alone in the woods. He certainly liked hard work. Kelley said when surveying Slaughter's homestead, he found 57 full cords of cut and hand-split firewood — each some 16 feet long.

"I don't think he needed an exceptional lifestyle," Kelley said. "He certainly could have lived any way he wanted to, but he chose to live very simply."

According to those few who knew him, he seemed content in his solitude. I asked Williams if she was close to her only sibling.

"As close as you can be to him," she said. "He was a very, very private individual."

Did she think he was happy?

"Oh, I think so," Williams said. "I supposed there were things that bothered him, same as all of us, but yeah, I think he was."

For the last several years of his life, Slaughter was a regular at the Canby Adult Center, where he ate at "the guys' table."

"We all remember him as a man who kept pretty much to himself, never complained or requested services outside of lunch," said the center's director, Kathy Robinson. "He had his small circle of guy acquaintances that he sat with and never really asked for anything, just came in for the company and the meal."

Slaughter never discussed with his family what he planned to do with his estate.

"And he would have done what he wanted to do no matter," Williams said, laughing. "He was just simply an individual with a mind of his own."

Over the last years of his life, and after he was diagnosed with cancer, Slaughter worked with Kelley to make arrangements for his will.

"He knew what charities he wanted to help and we were talking, and he'd say 'What else is there?' I mentioned that I had another client who set up a scholarship and frankly, I didn't know if he would go for it because he had no kids," Kelley said. "But he said, 'That sounds really good, tell me about it.'"

After his death, after the properties were sold, and after a board of directors established the scholarship endowment in his name, Kelley called Molalla High School about Slaughter's gift. The staff was shocked.

"They didn't know him from nobody," Kelley said. "They didn't know him at all."

This year, the first group of 38 recipients received a total of $125,000 from the Don Slaughter Scholarship fund, based on revenues from the endowment's investments. A board of directors will manage the fund and continue to select winners annually. Students can reapply for assistance as they continue their schooling.

Slaughter left few clues about his life, but the requirements for his scholarship hint at a man who valued hard work and self-sufficiency. The criteria include academic ability, community service and "general attitude." Financial need isn't necessarily considered, but students get points for holding a job, saving money and providing a budget. The scholarship can be used for college or technical training programs.

"I cried about it for like two weeks every time I thought about it," said Molalla High School counselor Rebecca McKenzie. "It's just such a special thing. So many students received these scholarships, and it just shows them how their community supports them. It's going to make a really big difference for a lot of students."

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Local cadet graduates from West Point

WEST POINT, N.Y. – Cadet Jarred Lynn Cope graduated from the U.S. Military Academy on Saturday, May 26 in West Point, New York.

The son of Darrick and Lisa Cope of Pendleton, he is a 2014 graduate of Griswold High School, in Helix. While at West Point, Cope concentrated his studies in military history. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army within the Armor branch and will report to Fort Irwin, California, for his first assignment.

The mission of the U.S. Military Academy is to educate, train and inspire the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate is a commissioned leader of character committed to the values of duty, honor, country and prepared for a career of professional excellence and service to the nation as an officer in the Army.

Founded in 1802, West Point is a four-year liberal arts college. It is a premier leader-development institution, consistently ranked among top colleges in the country. For more information, visit www.westpoint.edu.

Whitworth announces spring honor roll

SPOKANE — Whitworth University recently announced that several area students have been named to the spring semester 2018 Provost's Honor Roll.

The students qualified for the academic honor society by maintaining a grade-point average of at least 3.75 during the semester. They include Reilly Hegarty and Taylor Hillmick, both of Pendleton, and Scott Zitterkopf of Milton-Freewater.

Located in Spokane, Whitworth is a private, liberal arts university affiliated with the Presbyterian church.

With an enrollment of nearly 3,000 students, the university offers more than 100 undergraduate and graduate degree programs. For more information, visit www.whitworth.edu.

BRIEFLY

Help available for immigrant abuse survivors

BOARDMAN — Immigrant survivors of abuse face special challenges, however, there are laws in place to prevent someone's immigration status from being used as a means of abuse and exploitation.

Catholic Charities and Domestic Violence Services is teaming up to offer a free presentation. "Using Immigration Laws to Help Survivors of Domestic Violence and Child Victimization" is Friday from 9-11:30 a.m. at the Riverfront Center at the Port of Morrow, 2 Marine Drive, Boardman. In addition, general information about other types of immigration relief will be available.

For more information or to RSVP, call Griselda Cuevas or Manuel Gutierrez at 541-567-0424.

Echo rocks summer reading

ECHO — The summer reading program in Echo kicks off Friday at 2 p.m. in the VFW Building, 20 S. Bonanza St.

The program is open to youth from birth through age 18. In addition, there will be a variety of programs, giveaways and contests all summer. For more information, call 541-376-8411.

LOTTERY

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Mega Millions
11-13-28-65-70
Mega Ball: 14
Megaplier: 3
Estimated jackpot: $192 million

Lucky Lines
3-7-9-13-19-24-27-32
Estimated jackpot: $17,000

Pick 4
1 p.m.: 2-2-6-2
4 p.m.: 0-5-3-4
7 p.m.: 2-5-4-1
10 p.m.: 1-7-7-2

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Pick 4
1 p.m.: 1-7-7-2

DEATH NOTICES

Dixie Lea Cassidy

Pilot Rock

April 13, 1954 - June 13, 2018

Dixie Lea Cassidy, 64, of Pilot Rock died Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at Kadlec Regional Medical Center. She was born April 13, 1954 in Clarkston, Washington. A celebration of life will be held June 30 at 2 p.m. at the Pilot Rock Community Center. Arrangements are with Life Tributes Cremation Center, Kennewick.

Margaret M. Moore

Boardman

Feb. 2, 1930 - June 17, 2018

Margaret M. Moore, 88 of Boardman died Sunday, June 17, 2018, in The Dalles. She was born Feb. 2, 1930 in Roseville, California. A graveside service will be held on Saturday, June 23, 2018, at 10 a.m. at the Riverview Cemetery, Boardman. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Sign the online condolence book at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

UPCOMING SERVICES

THURSDAY, JUNE 21

ABLES, PAUL — Graveside service at 10 a.m. at Olney Cemetery, Pendleton.

FRIDAY, JUNE 22

PERKINS, NORMAN — Memorial service at 11 a.m. at Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home, 902 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater.

SATURDAY, JUNE 23

MOORE, MARGARET — Graveside service at 10 a.m. at the Riverview Cemetery, Boardman.

WAGGONER, SCOTT — Celebration of life at 11 a.m. at Blue Mountain Community College, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton.

SUNDAY, JUNE 24

KNOPF, JUDY — Memorial services at 3 p.m. at Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home, 902 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater.

PEDERSEN, TRACEY — Celebration of life at 2 p.m. at Upscale Cafe, Eighth and Main street, Oregon City.

VANCLEAVE, RICK — Celebration of life at 2 p.m. at The Reserve Vineyards & Golf Club, 4805 S.W. 229th Ave., Aloha.

MEETINGS

THURSDAY, JUNE 21

OPEN SUPPORT GROUP, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Bowman Building, 17 S.W. Frazer Ave., Pendleton. (541-276-6671 or 541-379-1589)

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, 10:30 a.m., Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, 241 S.E. Second St., Pendleton.

OPEN AA MEETING, 12 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, 241 S.E. Second St., Pendleton. Coffee is provided. (Ed 541-207-2548)

AS BILL SEES IT AA MEETING, 12 p.m., complex, 680 W. Harper Road, Hermiston.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP, 2 p.m., Milton-Freewater Public Library, 8 S.W. Eighth Ave., Milton-Freewater. Support, education and discussion of problem-solving techniques. All family, friends and caregivers for people with dementia welcome. (800-272-3900)

LOST AND FOUND YOUTH OUTREACH, 3 p.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Help for youth 12-18 facing challenges. (Leslie 541-276-3987)

HEALTHY CHOICES AA MEETING, 5-6:30 p.m., St. Anthony Hospital conference room 1, 2801 St. Anthony Way, Pendleton. (541-207-2548)

WOMEN FOR SOBRIETY SUPPORT GROUP, 5:30-7 p.m., First Christian Church, 516 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater. New members welcome. (Kimberlie Krieg 541-861-3283)

TOPS, 6 p.m., Peace Lutheran Church, 210 N.W. Ninth St., Pendleton. 6 p.m. weigh-in, 6:30-7:30 p.m. meeting. (Heather Endersby 541-969-6997)

CELEBRATE RECOVERY, 6-9 p.m., First Assembly of God Church, 1911 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton. 6-7 p.m. large group, 6-8 p.m. Celebration Place (children K-5), 7-8 p.m. open share group, 8-9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe social time (all ages). Christ-centered 12-step program for those with hurts, habits and hangups. Childcare is available for children ages 1-5. (541-276-6417)

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/ SEXUAL ASSAULT WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP, 6-7:30 p.m., call for location, Hermiston. Sponsored by Domestic Violence Services. (541-567-0424)

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NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, 6:30 p.m., Helping Hand, 346 S.E. Second St., Pendleton.

ADDICTION RECOVERY PROGRAM, 7 p.m., Seventh-day Adventist Church seminary building, 800 S. First St., Hermiston. Everyone is welcome. (Kim Puzey 541-567-3622)

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, 7:30 p.m., Wesley United Methodist Church, 816 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater.

HEPPNER MIRACLES OPEN AA MEETING, 7:30 p.m., All Saints Episcopal Church parish hall, 140 W. Church St., Heppner. (800-410-5953)

OPEN AA MEETING, 7:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 191 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, 7:30-8:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 191 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. (Becky Hecker 541-571-0121)

OPEN AA MEETING, 8 p.m., United Church of Christ, 114 S. East St., Condon. (800-410-5953)

FRIDAY, JUNE 22

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, 10:30 a.m., Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, 241 S.E. Second St., Pendleton.

OPEN AA MEETING, 12 p.m., complex, 680 W. Harper Road, Hermiston. (800-410-5953)

OPEN AA MEETING, 12 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, 241 S.E. Second St., Pendleton. Coffee is provided. (Ed 541-207-2548)

CELEBRATE RECOVERY GROUP, 6 p.m., Salvation Army, 150 S.E. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton. (541-276-3369)

OPEN AA MEETING, 7 p.m., Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center, 73265 Confederated Way, Mission. (800-410-5953)

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, 7 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, 241 S.E. Second St., Pendleton.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 23

AA OPEN BOOK STUDY, 10 a.m., St. John's Episcopal Church, 665 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, 10:30 a.m., Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, 241 S.E. Second St., Pendleton.

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VISION FOR YOU OPEN AA MEETING, 7 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 420 S.W. Locust Road, Boardman. (Pat 541-215-2342 or 503-752-7459)

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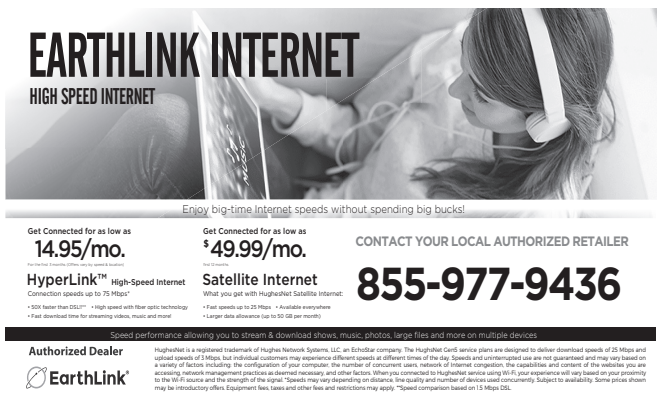
HEPPNER MIRACLES OPEN AA MEETING, 8 p.m., St. Patrick's Catholic Church parish hall, 525 N. Gale St., Heppner. (800-410-5953)