

PENDLETON

Turner to marshal Fourth of July parade

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Salute to Freedom is the theme of the Pendleton Fourth of July parade, which is hosted by Pendleton VFW Let'er Buck Post 922.

People are invited to fill out an entry form and join the parade. Each participant will receive a ribbon and trophies will be presented in 14 categories. In addition, the VFW will present a "Patriot Trophy" to the entrant with the most judge's votes. Parade entry forms are due Monday, June 25. Late entries will be assigned places at the end of the parade in the order received and won't be included in judging or announcing.

Pendleton Mayor John Turner is the parade grand marshal.

In June 2003, he retired from the U.S. Marine Corps as a colonel with 28 years of active service. During his career as an infantry officer, he led Marines in combat during the Gulf War, served as a NATO staff officer in Belgium and was the chief of staff for the Marine Corps Department of Plans, Policies and Operations in the



A group of children watch the 2016 Fourth of July parade on Main Street in Pendleton. Registration is required by June 25. Late entries will not be judged or announced.

Pentagon.

The parade is Wednesday, July 4 at 10 a.m., starting at Pendleton City Hall. The staging area at the Western Auto and Baxter parking lots, 320 S.W. Emigrant Ave., opens at 7:15 a.m. The line-up areas will be manned starting at 8:15 a.m., and parade entrants must report

to the area no later than 9:15 a.m.

The parade will travel on Southwest Dorion Avenue to Main Street and then to Southwest Court Avenue to the Pendleton Convention Center. The awards will be presented at noon at Hamley's Park on Main Street. Entry forms are available

at the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce, Dean's Pendleton Athletic, DG Gifts, Elite Guns & Tactical and the Pendleton Downtown Association, 369 S. Main St. For more information or to request a form via email, contact Fred Bradbury at fbradbury@yahoo.com or 541-377-7474.

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Driver fled after crashing near Safeway

By PHIL WRIGHT
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Pendleton Police Chief Stuart Roberts said James Lloyd Waligorski, 27, of Pendleton, turned himself in following a one-vehicle smash-up early Wednesday behind Safeway.

The crash occurred about 2:30 a.m. at Southwest 23rd Street and Court Avenue, right behind the back corner of the grocery store. Roberts said that, based on statements from witnesses and vehicle occupants, the car traveling from the top of the nearby overpass at about 60 mph and without lights.

The speed zone at the top of the overpass is 40 mph and drops to 25 before 23rd Street.

The driver lost control on the curve near Oxford Suites, Roberts said, and the car hit the curb at Safeway and plowed into a tree and power box and came to a stop on its side.

"That's probably the best case scenario," he said. "Had the power box and tree not been there, they probably would have gone into the back of Safeway."

The driver and front passenger wore seatbelts, but



The scene behind the Pendleton Safeway shows plenty of damage from where a car crashed early Wednesday. Three passengers went to St. Anthony Hospital, a fourth received medical attention at the scene, and the driver ran but later turned himself in. Pendleton Police Chief Stuart Roberts said speed was a factor and alcohol may have contributed to the crash.

none of the three passengers in the back were belted, Roberts said. One of the rear passengers scrambled free and helped the rest get out.

Ambulances took three passengers to St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton, and medics at the crash scene treated the fourth for superficial injuries. But Roberts said the driver bolted.

The vehicle was an old police car, Roberts said — probably a 2011 Ford Crown

Victoria — and may not have had rear seat belts.

Crown Vics were popular with police departments and came with a vinyl seat. Roberts said some departments, including Pendleton, removed the seat and its restraints to install a hard plastic insert that prevented anyone from stashing something in the crevices. Police take out those inserts when they recycle or auction the cars, but they do to not replace the restraints.

Robert also said alcohol may have played a role in the crash. Earlier that night, a Pendleton officer encountered the group at the Rainbow Cafe downtown and could smell they had been drinking.

The crash made local rounds on social media. Roberts said Waligorski, 27, saw images from the crash on Facebook, called police and said he was at home. Officers arrested Waligorski at about 5:30 p.m. and took him to the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton, for felony hit and run, reckless driving and misdemeanor hit and run.

The misdemeanor hit and run is for damaging property and the felony for injuring people in the crash.

State court records show Waligorski has convictions from 2005 through 2012 for the following: driving without driving privileges; unlawful lane change; driving uninsured; violating a speed limit; failure to obey traffic control device and driving while suspended.

He also pleaded guilty in October 2012 to property hit and run.

Local police evader lands in Clackamas County jail

By PHIL WRIGHT
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Naythan Allen Olney evaded local police over and over earlier this year after injuring a Hermiston officer. But his running came to an end Wednesday in Clackamas County.

Not that he didn't try to get away.

Olney has been on the run since Feb. 24. Hermiston police Cpl. Leonard Stokoe stopped Olney, 36, early that morning in a 2014 Toyota Camry for a traffic violation. Hermiston police at the time also reported Lucia Madrigal, 30, of Boardman, was the passenger.

Stokoe found the car had the wrong license plates, suspected it was stolen and asked for back up. Cpl. Doug Gill arrived. The officers tried to detain Olney and Madrigal, but Olney took off and dragged Gill almost 100 feet, injuring him.

Hermiston Police Chief Jason Edmiston said Olney then "kind of went on a spree of sorts."

The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office has three cases involving Olney, the Morrow County Sheriff's Office has two and Boardman police has one. Olney got away from the Hermiston police, Umatilla police, Umatilla County sheriff's

deputies and the Oregon State Police troopers.

Edmiston said his department received a tip Olney was in the Clackamas area and worked with the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office. Deputies there caught Olney after a chase Wednesday morning.

Court records show Clackamas County arraigned Olney on initial charges of vehicle theft and two counts of fleeing, all felonies. Edmiston said the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office also questioned Olney about the Feb. 24 incident and is providing that report to Hermiston police.

Madrigal, too, is behind bars, but in the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton. The district attorney's office charged her with committing vehicle theft and first-degree criminal mischief stemming on Feb. 24.

State court records also show Olney has a criminal history going back to the late 1990s, and his first conviction for vehicle theft came in 2001. He pleaded guilty in 2006 in Clackamas County to multiple felony counts of theft. Those crimes landed him in prison for a number of years.

Olney re-started his criminal activity in 2017, according to police and court records.

STANFIELD

Hansell to speak at outdoor worship service

STANFIELD — With a theme of "We are Working Together to Serve God and our Community," churches in Stanfield and Echo are teaming up to present an outdoor worship service.

The free event is Sunday, July 1 at 9 a.m. at Bard Park, Stanfield. Sen. Bill Hansell is the special speaker.

Scott Zielke will serve as master of ceremonies during the program, which features a patriotic flavor with prayer and music. Finger foods and refreshments will be served. People are encouraged to bring a blanket or lawn chair.

Serving his second term in the state legislature representing District

29, Hansell previously was elected to eight consecutive terms as a Umatilla County commissioner.

In addition to his duties as a public official, Hansell has been active in his community and church. A past Athena citizen of the year, he has served as a volunteer coach, youth group leader, Sunday school teacher and 4-H and FFA supporter.

Born and raised in Athena, Hansell and his wife, Margaret, have been married for 50 years. They have raised six adult children and are the proud grandparents of nine grandchildren.

For more information, contact 541-449-3434 or stanfieldag@eoni.com.



Hansell

Universities teaming up to bridge urban-rural divide

Eastern Oregon University and Portland State University are teaming up to help bridge Oregon's urban-rural divide.

The two universities have launched the Urban-Rural Ambassador Institute, which will bring together students from both universities for a collaborative course that will take students to both sides of

the state to study issues particular to that region.

Students can sign up now for the intensive six-credit course, which will be offered for the first time in September. From Sept. 6-15, a mix of students from both universities will spend five days together in the Portland area and five days in Eastern Oregon learning about the challenges, needs and strengths of both sides of the state.

"Our goal is to create a new pipeline of future leaders," Governor Kate Brown said in a statement released by

EOU. "It will challenge students — whether from Pendleton or Portland — to provide creative solutions that meet the needs of our diverse communities and support our local, thriving economies."

Topics for the 2018 course will include transportation, agriculture and a "sense of place," according to EOU, but will evolve over the years. Field trips, guest speakers and cultural events will be part of the intensive 10-day experience.

For more information visit eou.edu/urban-rural.

Awakening service includes river baptisms

UMATILLA — An outdoor Sunday Service in the Park is planned in Umatilla.

The free event is Sunday, June 24 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Umatilla Marina

& RV Park, 1710 Quincy Ave. The topic is Awakening: Reflecting Our Creator.

People are invited to enjoy free coffee, cookies and pastries at 9:30 a.m. The non-denominational service begins at 10 a.m. People are encouraged to bring a blanket or lawn chairs and enjoy the service.

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