

# Umatilla County Sheriff's Office honors Search and Rescue volunteers

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In 2018, Umatilla County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue responded to 21 active searches. Each of those calls was handled by a crew of volunteers, who were honored for their service on Friday.

Among those honored were Volunteer of the Year Julie Hendren, and Bill Morris, who received the Mission Hour award for responding to 16 missions, with a total of 75 volunteer hours. Four volunteers were also recognized for their contributions to the unit's rope rescue program: Josh English, Travis Lundquist, Craig Russell and Kevin Scheibner.

Umatilla County Search and Rescue has 25 volunteer members who assist with missions, as well as meeting at least once a month for additional training and preparation. That includes lessons on tying different kinds of knots, as well as quickly assembling and dismantling different types of rescue equipment.



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**Bill Morris, left, was honored for his volunteer service with Search and Rescue. He is pictured with Sgt. Dwight Johnson and Sheriff Terry Rowan.**



**Volunteer of the Year Julie Hendren, left, is pictured with Sgt. Dwight Johnson, Sheriff Terry Rowan and Search and Rescue Coordinator Jan Good.**

# Morrow County sheriff's deputy in single-vehicle crash

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A Morrow County sheriff's deputy was involved in a single-vehicle roll-over crash on Tuesday afternoon.

The sheriff's office declined to release the name or the condition of the deputy, nor the reason for the crash, and directed further requests for information to Oregon State Police. OSP did not respond by deadline.

iff's Office sent out a press release saying that around 1:46 p.m., the deputy was traveling north on Bombing Range Road near milepost 13 when the car left the roadway and hit a power pole.

The vehicle rolled and landed on its top.

The deputy was taken by ambulance to Good Shepherd Medical Center. Sheriff Ken Matlack requested that Oregon State Police conduct a traffic crash investigation.

# 'Follow Your Art' creates opportunities

Fundraiser features all-you-can-eat crab

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A meal featuring crab and grilled steak kabobs will be served during the Hermiston Education Foundation Benefit.

Formerly known as Beach & Beef Fundraiser, the event is in its 10th year. Money raised by the non-profit foundation will be used to help enhance the educational experience of students throughout the Hermiston School District.

With a theme of "Follow Your Art," the benefit dinner and auction is Saturday at Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center, 1705 E. Airport Road, Hermiston. The doors open at 5 p.m. for silent auction viewing and bidding. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m., with the live auction following. Tickets are \$40 and are available at the Hermiston School District office, 305

S.W. 11th St.; Hermiston Chamber of Commerce, 1055 S. Highway 395, Suite 111; and via www.eventbrite.com.

Some of the items on the auction block include tickets and a parking pass for a Seattle Seahawks game, a dinner package at Anthony's Restaurant in the Tri-Cities and a "Stay & Play" package at Wildhorse Resort & Casino, which includes one-night accommodations, golf, movie passes and dinner.

Karen Sherman, HEF co-president, said the board has been busy the past few months. While involved in planning for the annual benefit dinner, they also took on organizing last month's Dancing with the Hermiston Stars.

Phil Scheuers, who joined the HEF board in October, said the change of venue provides better logistics for the event. Having some extra space, he said, will reduce the bottleneck of people trying to pay for auction items while others are leaving the event.

# Whisky Fest gives \$15,000 for fireworks

East Oregonian

Already responsible for one of the city's biggest July events, the organizers behind Pendleton Whisky Music Fest are planting their flag on the Fourth of July.

The Pendleton Rotary Club, which managed the city's firework show in 2018, announced Tuesday that Stadium Entertainment LLC would donate \$15,000 toward the 2019 show.

"The community of Pendleton shows tremendous support for the annual music fest and funding the firework show is another

way for us to show our appreciation and give-back to the community we all love," co-organizer Andy McAnally said in a statement.

Stadium Entertainment's donation not only lends some financial stability to an event with a tumultuous past, it bumps the budget for an event that usually functions on \$10,000 or less.

For years, the show had been handled by various community organizations like the U.S. Junior Chamber, Cornerstone Community Church, and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. But

when the Eagles declined to fundraise and organize the 2017 event, Independence Day came and went without a firework show in Pendleton.

The absence of fireworks spurred Pendleton teenager Devan Driskell to begin raising money for a 2018 show, and his effort was eventually subsumed by the Pendleton Rotary Club.

With Devan's help, Rotary was able to raise the requisite \$10,000 for last year's show.

According to a Rotary press release, Rotarian Jerry Imsland was preparing

to lead the effort for 2019 when Whisky Fest organizers approached him about making a donation.

"The entrepreneurs were enthused by the possibility of making the month of July even more exciting for the Pendleton area," he said in the press release.

Now in its fourth year, Whisky Fest has attracted musical acts like Zac Brown Band, Maroon 5, Pitbull, and Blake Shelton to the Pendleton Round-Up Grounds for concerts.

This year's Whisky Fest is July 13. The musical act has not been announced.

# BMCC announces four finalists for president; public invited to meet them

East Oregonian

After a nationwide search, a Blue Mountain Community College committee has lined up four finalists for its open president position.

According to a BMCC press release, the four men have varied professional backgrounds with experience in and out of Oregon.

BMCC will host each candidate on an individual visit in February that will include meetings with the BMCC Board of Education, faculty, staff, students, and the public.

Following the candidate visits, the committee expects to make a recommendation ahead of the board's March 13 meeting.

The candidates, their biographies, and the dates of their visits are listed

below. All public forums with the candidates will be 5:20 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Morrow Hall at the college's Pendleton campus.

**Anthony Rosilez (Feb. 5)**

Rosilez is the executive director of the Oregon Teacher Standards and Practices Commission, the agency that licenses K-12 teachers throughout the state. Prior to joining the commission in January 2018, Rosilez was the vice president of student and personnel services at Klamath Community College in Klamath Falls. He also has experience at the K-12 level, having served as superintendent at Romoland School District in California and assistant superintendent at Harlem Consolidated School District 122 in Illinois. Rosilez has a doctor-

ate in educational leadership from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a law degree from UCLA. His biography highlights his role in the state education cabinet and his experience participating in legislative hearings and state workgroups regarding education.

**Jeff Sherman (Feb. 7)**

According to his Oregon State University biography, Sherman grew up on a dairy farm in Eastern Oregon. He has a master's degree in agricultural education from OSU and became an administrator for the university, where his official title is assistant director of OSU Extension Service-strategic innovation and statewide director. His role includes working with community colleges to expand educational access through community engagement and

workforce training. One of his roles is to direct Oregon State's Open Campus and Juntos programs, which work with school districts and community colleges to help underserved student populations. His work earned him the OSU Vice Provost Award for Excellence in Diversity in 2018.

**Dennis Bailey-Fougner (Feb. 11)**

Bailey-Fougner hoppedscotched between Oregon and Kansas during his academic career, getting his bachelor's degree at the University of Oregon, his master's degree in education from Wichita State University, and his doctor-


ate in community college leadership from Oregon State University. His biography centers his professional experience around his time at Mesa Colorado University in Grand Junction, where he supervised the university's community college division as vice president of community college affairs. The bio touted his work increasing enrollment at the community college and his passion for bringing education to first-generation, under-represented, and rural students. However, he did not leave Colorado Mesa University on the best of terms. According to *The Daily*

*Sentinel* in Grand Junction, Bailey-Fougner resigned from the university in February 2018 after 17 months on the job following months of friction with the university president.

**George McNulty (Feb. 12)**

Currently the vice president of student affairs at Colby Community College in Kansas, McNulty has a Ph.D. in educational leadership from the University of Nevada, Reno. The biography describes his current job as involving facility development, teaching, institutional effectiveness, fundraising, and community engagement.

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