

## DEATH NOTICES

## Fe Forteza Edge-Uland

Hermiston

Jan. 22, 1939 — Jan. 2, 2021

Fe Forteza Edge-Uland, 81, of Hermiston, died Saturday, Jan. 2, 2021, in Kennewick, Washington. She was born Jan. 22, 1939, in Samar, Philippines. A graveside service following state guidelines will be held Sunday, Jan. 10, at 1 p.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Share memories with the family at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

## Larry J. Holmes

Hermiston

Oct. 17, 1951 — Jan. 1, 2021

Larry J. Holmes, 69, of Hermiston, died Friday, Jan. 1, 2021, in Hermiston. He was born Oct. 17, 1951, in Sedro Woolley, Washington. A private family burial will be at the Hermiston Cemetery. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Share memories with the family at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

## Scott Jacobson

Pendleton

April 18, 1964 — Dec. 30, 2020

Scott Jacobson, 56, of Pendleton, died Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2020, in Pendleton. He was born April 18, 1964, in Kodiak, Alaska. Arrangements are with Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop. Online condolences may be

sent to [www.pioneerchapel.com](http://www.pioneerchapel.com).

## Sondra Kay Row

Irrigon

Nov. 1, 1942 — Dec. 31, 2020

Sondra Kay Row, 78, of Irrigon, died Thursday, Dec. 31, 2020, at her home. She was born Nov. 1, 1942, in Pekin, Illinois. No service is planned at this time. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Share memories with the family at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

## Michael W. Smith

Milton-Freewater

Feb. 1, 1948 — Jan. 4, 2021

Michael W. Smith, 72, of Milton-Freewater, died Monday, Jan. 4, 2021, at his home. He was born Feb. 1, 1948. Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home of Milton-Freewater is in charge of arrangements.

## Michael Gray 'Mick' Tolar

Hermiston

Sept. 8, 1938 — Jan. 1, 2021

Michael Gray "Mick" Tolar, 82, of Hermiston, died Friday, Jan. 1, 2021, in Kennewick, Washington. He was born Sept. 8, 1938, in Echo. A graveside service following state guidelines will be held Friday, Jan. 8, at 2:30 p.m. at the Echo Cemetery. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Share memories with the family at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

## PUBLIC SAFETY

## FRIDAY

1:16 a.m. — Police responded to a domestic disturbance at Southwest Houtama Road in Pendleton.

1:54 a.m. — Police responded to the report of shots fired at the intersection of Southeast Division Street and Southeast Idaho Avenue in Irrigon.

7:47 a.m. — A domestic disturbance occurred on Northeast Quaid Street in Heppner.

11:26 a.m. — Police responded to the unauthorized use of a motor vehicle on West Idaho Avenue in Irrigon.

6:06 p.m. — Police responded to a fight between multiple males on Northwest First Street in Boardman.

9:28 p.m. — An Oregon State Police trooper reported a driver was traveling at speeds over 100 miles per hour on Interstate 84. According to OSP logs, law enforcement gave chase to the driver, who entered Hermiston and eventually crashed near North First Place and West Ridgeway Avenue. The driver was taken into custody.

11:09 p.m. — Police responded to a report of an assault on Westgate in Pendleton.

## SATURDAY

12:33 a.m. — Police responded to a report of a fight on Highway 11 outside Milton-Freewater.

12:42 a.m. — Police responded to a domestic disturbance on Southeast Court Avenue in Pendleton.

1:51 a.m. — Police responded to a report of a burglary on Kik Road outside Hermiston.

2:24 p.m. — Police responded to a reported hit-and-run on North First Street and Elm Avenue in Hermiston.

2:42 p.m. — Police responded to a report of a vehicle theft on Northwest Third Street in Hermiston.

4:29 p.m. — Police responded to a report of an assault on West Seventh Road in Irrigon.

11:22 p.m. — Police responded to a domestic disturbance on Southwest 25th Street in Pendleton.

## SUNDAY

7:33 a.m. — Police responded to a report of a vehicle theft on Northwest 12th Street in Hermiston.

8:52 a.m. — Police responded to a domestic disturbance on Southwest Goodwin Avenue in Pendleton.

10:56 a.m. — Police responded to a domestic disturbance on Southeast Fifth Street in Pendleton.

4:13 p.m. — Police responded to a report of the theft of a trailer from Lewis and Clark Drive in Boardman.

6:25 p.m. — Police responded to a report of shots fired on East Newport Avenue in Hermiston and issued a warning.

7:53 p.m. — Police responded to a report of child abuse/neglect on Southwest 10th Street in Hermiston.

8:40 p.m. — Police responded to a report of a burglary at Umatilla Marina RV Park in Umatilla.

## ARRESTS, CITATIONS

• Hermiston Police Department arrested Estevan Jose Martinez, 28, on five counts, including two felony counts of failing to appear in court, and one misdemeanor count of third-degree theft exceeding \$100.

• Boardman Police Department arrested Joel Michael Johnson for fourth-degree assault, menacing and strangulation.

• Oregon State Police arrested Soule Cohen, 21, of Hermiston, on charges of driving under the influence of intoxicants and reckless endangerment.

• Oregon State Police arrested Rene Landeros Montes, 31, of Boardman, on charges of attempt to elude, DUII, reckless driving and failure to perform the duties of a driver.

• Milton-Freewater Police Department arrested Gabriela Garcia, 32, for second-degree disorderly conduct.

## CTUIR educator reaches GED students with custom curriculum

East Oregonian

LA GRANDE — Jack Weatherford's "Indian Givers" is not usually required reading for high school students, but when Eastern Oregon University graduate Althea Huesties-Wolf rewrote the GED program for the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, she made it part of the curriculum.

The book consists of essays that cross genres and combine indigenous stories with economic analysis and the history of colonialism in the Americas. She initially planned to cover the book in a term, but adjusted the pace to suit her students — prior curriculum lacked this flexibility. The result was custom-fitted lesson plans for people seeking college-ready skills in science, math and language arts.

On average, the students she taught dropped out of school in ninth or tenth grade, and many face difficulties outside of the classroom.

"Because of what students come to the classroom with, you have to be sensitive to the story you don't know," Huesties-Wolf said. "You get these kids and they feel things from home and bring it to school with them."

In fall 2019, the GED program had its own classroom for the first time, allowing Huesties-Wolf's to showcase her background in writing — she has a master's degree in nonfiction from EOU. She expanded the program's impact and developed an assessment process to determine which students were ready to schedule a GED test right away.

Huesties-Wolf and her family are members of the Hawtmi clan, a more isolated group that made their homes in the southern area of the Umatilla reservation, where she is a tribal member. Her mother still lives in that remote area, and her great-grandfather established a drum group with

the same name that her son is now learning from.

She remembers gathering and preserving traditional foods, sewing clothes and pulling rye with her mother, back when jobs were scarce on the reservation. Since graduating from EOU, she's held a variety of roles within the CTUIR and its partner organizations. She is now the Hanford policy analyst for the Department of Natural Resources First Food Policy Program that she said connects her to those childhood memories.

The range of reading material in the GED classroom now reflects the many-faceted lives of Huesties-Wolf and her students. Their bookshelf includes a wide array of multicultural essays, poems and stories at all reading levels.

"I tried to incorporate multi-genre because when you're Native American you have to be multi-genre," she said. "I can't just be home on a day off when I know there's roots in the field, medicine to gather, or berries to pick. Some of the best observations of the resources are when gatherers, hunters and fisherman talk about their annual outings. I consider it Cultural STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Art Math)."

As her students worked through "Under the Hawthorn Tree," "The Rabbit-Proof Fence" and "Lions of Little Rock," Huesties-Wolf was on a learning curve of her own.

"I learned to slow down and read one essay, or a portion of it in class and the other part they read at home. We would spend a week on one essay to ensure we all understood it," she said. "My hope is that all of my students go off and change the world for the better."



Huesties-Wolf

## COMMUNITY BRIEFING

## Artist applications sought for Fields Artist Fellowship

PORTLAND — Oregon Humanities, in partnership with Oregon Community Foundation, is now accepting applications for the second round of the Fields Artist Fellowship program, offering two years of financial support to Oregon-based artists who are in a pivotal moment or inflection point in their careers.

Four artists will be awarded two-year fellowships to advance their artistic practice while developing creative and meaningful ways to address and respond to the opportunity gap in Oregon. The first Fields Artist Fellowships were awarded in 2019 to Crystal Akins of Lincoln City, Mic Crenshaw of Portland, Ka'ila Farrell-Smith of Chiloquin, and Joe Whittle of Enterprise.

Applications will be accepted from Jan. 4 to Feb. 15, 2021. More information on how to apply is available on the Oregon Humanities website ([www.oregonhumanities.org](http://www.oregonhumanities.org)). A selection committee will review applications and award the fellowships by July 2021.

During their fellowship terms, Fields Artist Fellows will respond to and explore the opportunity gap in their region, participate in cohort gatherings, and document their experiences and projects. Each fellow will receive \$100,000 over the course of the two-year term. In addition, eight finalists will each receive a one-time award of \$10,000.

The phrase "opportu-



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**James D. Kindle in pre-COVID times. Kindle will be hosting a series of round-robin livestream concerts beginning Jan. 10, 2021.**

nity gap" refers to widening socioeconomic disparities across Oregon largely determined by the circumstances into which a child is born, such as family circumstances, neighborhoods, educational experiences, and race and ethnicity.

Artists of all disciplines are encouraged to apply, including writers, filmmakers, visual artists, multimedia artists, culture bearers, and performance artists. Eligibility requirements include the following:

- At least five years of professional practice in an artistic discipline or combination of disciplines;

- At least three years of residence in Oregon (non-continuous) and the intent to reside in Oregon for the majority of the fellowship term (Sept. 1, 2021-Sept. 30, 2023);

- Demonstrable evidence of artistic practice that can engage with community groups and organizations and/or address community concerns.

Oregon Humanities will administer the program

and convene gatherings for the fellows. All funding is provided by the Fred W. Fields Fund of Oregon Community Foundation.

## Week of concerts to begin Jan. 10

PENDLETON — Pendleton-based songwriter and performer James Dean Kindle will host a nearly weeklong series of free, livestreamed concerts beginning Sunday, Jan. 10.

Entitled the "3x3 Series," each night Kindle and two guest songwriters will take turns via video conference performing three of their original songs in a round robin format. Kindle's goal with the series is to bring together songwriters he admires from across the globe presenting different modes of songwriting in a single setting.

All installments will be livestreamed at 6 p.m. from Kindle's YouTube channel, <https://rebrand.ly/3x3series>, and their respective recordings will also be left up on the channel after-

ward for those unable to tune in for the livestream. All performances are free to watch.

"At this point in my life I've run in quite a number different artistic circles," said Kindle in a press release, "many of which have no overlap aside from me. It will be a pleasurable experiment acting as a connecting force between these diverse sets of immensely talented and accomplished people."

The first installment on Jan. 10, will feature Rian Beach of The Dalles and Elizabeth Venable of Portland. Beach is the co-founder of the alternative country music festival Jackalope Jamboree and fronts the Pendleton-based rock band Misty Mouth. Venable is the vocalist/drummer for the county band Fronjentress and punk duo Sad Horse.

The Monday, Jan. 11, concert will feature Thomas Paul of Boise, Idaho, and David Shane Smith of Two Falls, Wisconsin.

On Tuesday, Jan. 12, Lincoln Barr of Lexington, South Carolina, and Charles Wood III of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation will perform.

The Wednesday, Jan. 13, concert will feature Paul Collins of Queens, New York, and Dusty Santamaria of New Orleans, Louisiana.

Nick Jaina of Oakland, California, and Nadja Carolina of Berlin, Germany, will be featured on Thursday, Jan. 14.

The final installment on Friday, Jan. 15 will feature Greg Rawlins of La Grande and Dustin Hamman of Silver City, New Mexico.

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## UPCOMING SERVICE

TUESDAY, JAN. 5

**NYCZ, ROBERT** — Funeral mass at 1 a.m. at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church, 565 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston. Burial with military honors will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery.

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY, JAN. 6-7

No services scheduled

## OBITUARY POLICY

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Obituaries and notices can be submitted online at [EastOregonian.com/obituaryform](http://EastOregonian.com/obituaryform), by email to [obits@eastoregonian.com](mailto:obits@eastoregonian.com), by fax to 541-276-8314, placed via the funeral home or in person at the East Oregonian office. For more information, call 541-966-0818 or 1-800-522-0255, ext. 221.

## LOTTERY

Friday, Jan. 1, 2021

Megamillions

8-24-53-68-69

Megaball: 7

Megaplier: 5

Estimated jackpot: \$401 million

Lucky Lines

3-7-9-16-FREE-20-21-28-31

Estimated jackpot: \$71,000

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 4-1-7-8

4 p.m.: 8-5-8-9

7 p.m.: 4-0-5-4

10 p.m.: 6-4-6-4

Saturday, Jan. 2, 2021

Powerball

03-04-11-41-67

Powerball: 5

Power Play: 2

Estimated jackpot: \$384 million

Megabucks

01-04-07-27-46-47

Estimated jackpot: \$6.5 million

Lucky Lines

04-06-12-13-19-23-25-32

Estimated jackpot: \$72,000

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 6-4-6-4

4 p.m.: 3-3-9-1

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

10 p.m.: 3-0-5-7

Win for Life

09-44-56-68

Sunday, Jan. 3, 2021

Lucky Lines

01-07-12-13-20-23-25-29

Estimated jackpot: \$73,000

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 9-1-4-4

4 p.m.: 8-8-8-8

7 p.m.: 8-0-7-9

10 p.m.: 2-2-3-5

Monday, Jan. 4, 2021

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 8-7-3-4