

PUBLIC SAFETY

MONDAY

11:28 a.m. — Police responded to a reported assault on North Fourth Street in Athena.

8:47 p.m. — Police responded to a reported burglary on Southeast Third Street in Pilot Rock.

TUESDAY

4:07 a.m. — Police responded to a reported burglary on Adams Road in Pendleton.

5:51 a.m. — Police responded to a report of the unauthorized entry of a motor vehicle on Rio Senda in Umatilla.

7:37 p.m. — A domestic disturbance occurred on Northwest 48th Drive in Pendleton.

ARRESTS, CITATIONS

The Pendleton Police Department arrested Matthew Colin Lindsey, 45, on six counts, including felony counts of second-degree assault, strangulation, the attempted unlawful use of a weapon and violating parole. He was also charged with other counts of interfering with law enforcement making a report and menacing.

The Milton-Freewater Police Department arrested Marcial Tiscareno, 32, on two counts of harassment, one count of attempted harassment and one count of second-degree disorderly conduct.

The Hermiston Police Department arrested Luizinho Martinez Penalzoza, 27, on one felony count of fourth-degree assault.

The Umatilla Tribal Police arrested James Brian Halfmoon Jr., 23, on one count of resisting arrest and one count of dangerous drugs.

The Hermiston Police Department arrested Hunter Gregory Nettles, 27, on two counts, including one felony count of the unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and one count of failing to appear in court.

DEATH NOTICES

John K. Hoffman

Walla Walla

April 12, 1959 — March 17, 2021

John K. Hoffman, 61, of Walla Walla died Wednesday, March 17, 2021, in Milton-Freewater. He was born April 12, 1959. Arrangements are with Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home of Milton-Freewater.

Brian T. Holmes

Hermiston

June 22, 1963 — March 23, 2021

Brian T. Holmes, 57, of Hermiston died Tuesday, March 23, 2021, at a local care facility. He was born June 22, 1963, in Pendleton. Arrangements are with Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop.

Vernita Herburger

Pendleton

March 14, 1946 — March 22, 2021

Vernita Herburger, 75, of Pendleton died Monday, March 22, 2021, at her home. She was born March 14, 1946. Arrangements are with Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop.

Sharon L. Kennedy

Ione

July 4, 1948 — March 20, 2021

Sharon L. Kennedy, 72, of Ione died Saturday, March 20, 2021, in Richland, Washington. She was born July 4, 1948, in Medford, Oregon. At this time no service is planned. Arrangements are with Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner.

Elizabeth E. Lira

Milton-Freewater

April 30, 1946 — March 24, 2021

Elizabeth E. Lira, 74, of Milton-Freewater died Wednesday, March 24, 2021, at her home. She was born April 30, 1946. Arrangements are with Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home of Milton-Freewater.

James Patrick 'Pat' Meagher Sr.

Umatilla

July 10, 1944 — March 19, 2021

James Patrick "Pat" Meagher Sr., 76, died surrounded by his family Friday, March 19, 2021, at his home in Umatilla. He was born July 10, 1944, in Portland. At his request there will be no service. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Please share memories of Pat with his family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Wayne E. Rietmann

Ione

May 13, 1937 — March 22, 2021

Wayne E. Rietmann, 83, of Ione died Monday, March 22, 2021, in Hermiston. He was born May 13, 1937, in Hood River. A private family celebration will be held. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Please share memories of Wayne with his family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Virgie B. Schiemer

Pendleton

March 8, 1919 — March 22, 2021

Virgie B. Schiemer, 102, of Pendleton died March 22, 2021, in Pendleton. She was born March 8, 1919, in St. Francis, Kansas. Arrangements are with Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop.

What happened to the trees in Til Taylor park?

By BILL ANEY

Pendleton Tree Commission

PENDLETON — Folks have been noticing all the work going on at Til Taylor park this winter. The heavy excavation equipment and yellow hazard tape makes the park look like a new construction site. This is a major renovation of the park, with some exciting new water and playground equipment that will provide countless hours of fun for the younger residents and visitors to Pendleton.

Another big change this winter is the felling and removal of some large trees that have been providing shade to visitors for decades. Why did these trees have to be removed?

Last fall, the Pendleton Tree Commission met with Parks and Recreation staff at the park to talk about a problem. Several of the large trees had been shedding huge branches, creating an obvious and repeated safety problem each time several hundred pounds of limbs and branches came crashing down. The Tree Commission evaluated the trees and found obvious signs of decay hidden inside about half of the largest ones. We recommended these trees be removed before someone in the park was injured or worse.

This points out one of the challenges of caring for trees in the urban environment. When we want to create pleasant public or private spaces we plant trees for shade, cooler midsummer conditions, wildlife habitat, and beauty. We often plant fast-growing trees that can provide shade quickly, because who wants to wait 60 years for a slow-growing oak tree to grow into a shade tree?

Unfortunately, fast-growing trees tend to have relatively short life spans, reaching old age (for a tree) in less than 100 years. We estimate that the larger trees in Til Taylor park were planted 80-100 years ago, and among these trees were Siberian elm, black locust and ailanthus, or tree of heaven. They did serve their purpose by



Pendleton Parks and Recreation

These trees in Til Taylor Park were cut down recently after being deemed safety hazards because of hidden decay.



Pendleton Parks and Recreation

Some trees in Til Taylor Park with rotted-out centers were cut down recently after being deemed safety hazards.

shading the park and moderating the wind, but their internal rot shows they had reached a point where they were no longer safe.

The answer to this problem is planned succession. Good management of public open spaces includes a plan for planting trees periodically so that as older trees reach the end of their lifespan there are well established trees ready to take over as dominant shade trees. Look at many of the parks around town and you will see plenty of small-

to medium-sized trees as the city looks to keep a steady succession of trees well into the future.

As members of the Pendleton Tree Commission, we get much enjoyment from seeing new trees planted and we mourn a bit when an old, large tree must come down. Til Taylor park will be different next year, not only because of the fantastic improvements that the Parks and Recreation folks are putting in place, but also because of the loss of the big

old shade trees.

Take heart, the trees were removed to keep us all safe. There are more trees in place, and even more will be planted at Til Taylor Park to provide shade for generations to come.

The Pendleton Tree Commission is appointed by the city council and helps guide the city's tree management program. Part of this work includes advising the Parks and Recreation program about management of the trees in our city parks.

Reframing our experience with pain



CHRIS HANKEL

LIVING ON PURPOSE

The human body's natural reaction to pain is to protect itself. We have all experienced that moment of recoil when licking an envelope and got a paper cut or the panic when we sliced a finger while working in the kitchen. I know that many of us have experienced pain over the past year.

Some of it physical, but much of it emotional. I wonder if, more than simply enduring our pain, we can't somehow allow it to help us grow and maybe even thrive. How could pain ever be good? What could pain ever teach us?

Pain can be a fantastic teacher. As a working farrier for several years, I am well acquainted with unexpected pain. The moment when an unhappy horse reaches down with his teeth to remind you who is

really in charge was always an unwelcome surprise. But pain helped make me a better horseman and taught me how to read a horse's mood and reassure a skittish horse when I picked up his feet.

How would a child ever learn not to touch a hot stove if it were not for pain? CS Lewis said, "God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks to us in our conscience, but shouts in our pains." Is it plausible that God may use the painful moments of our lives to speak to us, teach us, and grow us? James, the brother of Jesus, writes in James 1 that when we experience pain, we should know that God is working to produce endurance and maturity so that we will lack nothing.

When we are experiencing the hardest, most painful things in our lives, God is taking those events, if we allow Him, to create something stronger, and better. Most often, I have found it is only in my pain that I find the desire to change, learn and grow. It is also a great comfort to know that God does not abandon me

in my pain.

Ps. 34:18 says, "The Lord is near the brokenhearted; he saves those crushed in spirit." I am reminded of the old poem, Footprints in the Sand. It is about a man who has a dream and encounters Jesus. In looking back on his life with Jesus he notices only one set of footprints during the most difficult time of his life. The man asks Jesus why he abandoned him during that time. Jesus responds, "When you saw only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

Our first reaction to our pain is always to recoil and run. We often ask God, "Why?" Maybe the better question to ask is, "What?" What am I learning in my pain? How am I growing through it? God, what are you doing to show me your grace in my pain? Reframing our pain with those questions can change even the most difficult circumstances, bringing beauty from the ashes of our pain.

Chris Hankel is the lead pastor at New Hope Community Church in Hermiston.

COMMUNITY BRIEFING

OSEA seeks scholarship applicants

HERMISTON — The deadline for a pair of scholarships that Chapter 10 of the Oregon School Employee Association (OSEA) offers annually is Tuesday, April 20.

Both scholarships are for \$500 each. The Hermiston chapter encourages all members of OSEA Chapter 10 who plan to further their education by the fall of 2022 to apply for the OSEA Member Scholarship. The High School Senior Scholarship the chapter offers is for any graduating high school senior residing in the United States who is related to an OSEA Chapter 10 member in good standing.

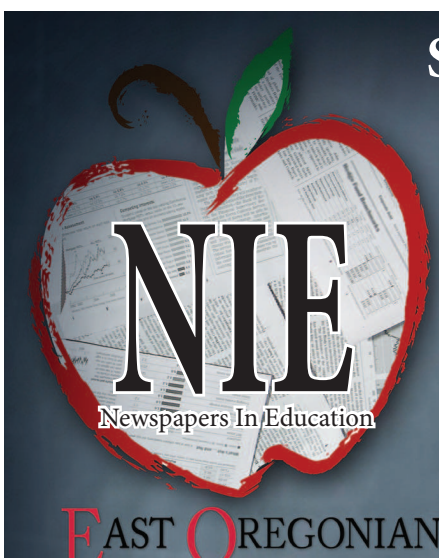
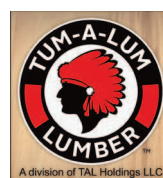
Completed applications should be sent to Michelle Kane, scholarship chair, at Desert View Elementary School in Hermiston. For an application or more information, contact Kane at michelle.kane@hermistonisd.org.

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