

# Giving thanks for breakthroughs that change the world



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MARC'S REMARKS

Every now and then, human beings experience a breakthrough. Something is discovered or invented that moves us quickly from one era to another.

Penicillin gave us a way to treat a number of previously deadly diseases. The steam engine provided a way to power the factories, trains and ships of the Industrial Revolution. Then there's the printing press, ranked by The Atlantic magazine as the top innovation since the discovery of the wheel. Martin Luther may not have used the printing press to start the Protestant Reformation, but it sure helped to spread his ideas around Europe.

Other significant innovations include paper, gunpowder, electricity, refrigeration, the internet, and the moldboard plow (the first plow to dig soil up and also turn it over. Whether well-known or not, this, too, was a life-changing invention!). More than just inventions, such innovations as these I've identified are breakthroughs, actually.

And lest I neglect to mention one other type of significant breakthrough, I should say that vaccinations are appropriate to include in this list. Hundreds of years ago, Buddhist monks consumed small quantities of snake venom, which resulted in immunity to snake bites. During the 17th century, in China, immunity to smallpox was prompted by smearing cowpox over a tear in one's skin. In 1798, the first smallpox

vaccine was produced two years after Edward Jenner — considered the West's founder of the study and development of vaccines — injected a teenage boy with cowpox to demonstrate a method to immunize people against smallpox.

I remember getting my smallpox vaccine as a child in the early 1960s, an event that left a telltale scar on my left arm near the shoulder. I recently Googled photos of smallpox to see what could have happened had I not received the vaccination. As a result of viewing those photos, I'm more than happy that my parents had me get the vaccine those many decades ago!

Now, exactly one week ago, my wife and I received our second Moderna vaccinations to help provide protection against COVID-19. As pleased as I am to have received the smallpox vaccination as a child, I'm ecstatic now to have received both doses of the coronavirus vaccine. I believe this will help protect not just myself, but also others among whom I am around from this day on.

Whether or not you are one who believes in vaccines, I encourage us all to do whatsoever we can to help protect one another from a further outbreak of COVID-19. I believe it is our ethical and moral duty to care for others, as well as ourselves. At the very least, let's continue to wear face masks and abide by safe distance protocols until such time as this virus is well behind us!

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## 'Lunch and Learn' focuses on cannabis in the workplace

PENDLETON — The Pendleton Chamber of Commerce will discuss cannabis in the workplace during its monthly "Lunch and Learn" virtual luncheon on Tuesday, April 13, at noon.

Leading the online discussion will be Erin Purchase, director of operations at Kind Leaf in Pendleton, and Ila Christy, who provides technical assistance for employers and is Eastern Oregon apprenticeship coordinator for the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries.

Join the Zoom meeting at <https://zoom.us/j/96921808912?pwd=ZINMdzhhb0V4ZmJyZkx-UcW4vZ0VqZz09>, passcode xHDA9.

For more information, call Dustin Mikesell, membership director, at 541-276-7411.

## Ione School Board announces new superintendent

IONE — Kevin Dinning has been hired as the new superintendent/secondary principal of the Ione School District effective July 1, according to a press release from the district board of directors.

Dinning was one of three finalists who spent a day in the district in late March. Following extensive reference checking, Dinning was the unanimous selection by the board, according to Ione School District Board Chair Rob Crum.

"We are looking forward

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to Kevin bringing strong leadership and growth opportunities for our students," Crum said.

Most recently, Dinning has served as the principal of Bonners Ferry High School and Bonners Ferry Middle School in Idaho. He has considerable teaching experience, including serving as a teacher coordinator in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. Dinning received his master's degree from Concordia University and his bachelor's degree from the University of Idaho.

When asked about coming to Ione, Dinning said, "We are looking forward to joining the community, excited to work hard, and committed to getting better every day."

"The Ione school board is pleased to have Dinning as our new superintendent/secondary principal and look forward to many successful years working together," said Crum.

## Student writing scholarships offered at Fishtrap

ENTERPRISE — Do you know a kid who loves to write? Are you an aspiring writer entering grades 5-12? Fishtrap has several scholarship opportunities for students to attend Summer Fishtrap this July for free.

Summer Fishtrap Youth Workshops are taught by fun, experienced educators who will help students discover their unique creative potential and inspire them to tell stories in new and exciting ways. Wallowa County students have the choice to attend the week of classes in person at Joseph Charter School

July 12-16 or online via Zoom video conferencing. Students living in all other regions can take the writing workshops online.

Summer Fishtrap Youth Scholarships are awarded based on a personal letter demonstrating the applicant's financial need, age, and how being able to attend Summer Fishtrap can enrich their writing. Fishtrap is accepting applications now through May 14.

Learn more about Summer Fishtrap Youth Scholarships and apply at [Fishtrap.org](http://Fishtrap.org), or contact Emily Aumann at [emily@fishtrap.org](mailto:emily@fishtrap.org) or call 541-426-3623, ext. 3.

## Umatilla County SWCD receives rehabilitation grant

SALEM — The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) awarded \$62,749 to the Umatilla County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) for McKay Creek Habitat Restoration Phase I at their March 9-10, board meeting.

The award was one of 85 grants totaling \$10,095,681 provided to local organizations statewide to support fish and wildlife habitat and water quality projects.

"This grant was extremely important to secure. With the funds provided by OWEB, we will be able to start collecting data to identify project sites for future grants that will pay for permitting and installation of bioengineered habitat, stopping erosion and helping restore some of what has been lost," said Kyle Waggoner, district manager of Umatilla

County SWCD, in a press release.

The project proposes to identify and begin gathering design data on project sites along the 5-mile reach. The majority of funds used in this grant will go toward contracting an engineer to begin the process of site selection, working with individual landowners on their property to begin designing restoration efforts. This project is one of several initiatives underway from the multiple entities working on the complex challenges presented by the McKay Creek Basin, such as those regarding habitat restoration, streambank stabilization, and flood remapping efforts.

Funding for grants awarded by the OWEB Board comes from three primary sources: the Oregon Lottery, Salmon License Plate revenues, and Federal Pacific Coast Salmon Recovery funds provided by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Since 1999, the Oregon Lottery has provided over \$684 million to OWEB's grant program that helps restore, maintain and enhance Oregon's watersheds. Combined, the Lottery has earned over \$9 billion for watershed enhancements, public education, state parks and economic development.

For additional information about this project, contact Kyle Waggoner at [umcoswcd@eotnet.net](mailto:umcoswcd@eotnet.net). For additional information about OWEB and its grant programs, contact April Mack at [april.mack@oregon.gov](mailto:april.mack@oregon.gov).

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## UPCOMING SERVICES

### THURSDAY, APRIL 8

No services scheduled

### FRIDAY, APRIL 9

**FAIRCLOTH, WAALEE** — Graveside service at noon at Skyview Memorial Park, 70116 S. Highway 395, Pendleton.

**MARTIN, BETTY** — Graveside service at 3 p.m. at Olney Cemetery, Pendleton.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 10

**HOLT, MICHELLE AND DAWN HARVEY** — Joint service at 4 p.m. at the Pendleton Round-Up Grounds Roy Raley Room, 1205 S.W. Court Ave., Pendleton.

## LOTTERY

### Monday, April 5, 2021

**Megabucks**  
02-11-12-13-15-34  
Estimated jackpot: \$1 million

**Lucky Lines**  
01-07-10-14-18-21-27-29  
Estimated jackpot: \$63,000

**Win for Life**  
03-49-58-62

**Pick 4**  
1 p.m.: 0-6-2-6  
4 p.m.: 7-0-4-1  
7 p.m.: 2-8-6-7  
10 p.m.: 5-1-9-3

**Tuesday, April 6, 2021**  
**Mega Millions**

01-19-20-32-42

Mega Ball: 17

Megaplier: 3

Estimated jackpot: \$184 million

**Lucky Lines**

02-08-11-16-19-23-28-32

Estimated jackpot: \$10,000

**Pick 4**

1 p.m.: 3-0-5-4

4 p.m.: 2-9-4-3

7 p.m.: 0-8-1-1

10 p.m.: 0-8-3-2

**Wednesday, April 7, 2021**

**Pick 4**

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

### THURSDAY, APRIL 8

**ATHENA CITY COUNCIL**, 6:30 p.m., Athena City Hall, 215 S. Third St., Athena. (541-566-3862)

**BOARDMAN RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**, 7 p.m., Boardman Fire Department Station 1, 300 S. Wilson Lane, Boardman. (Suzanne Gray 541-481-3473)

**HERMISTON IRRIGATION DISTRICT**, 4 p.m., district office, 366 E. Hurlburt Ave., Hermiston. (Sonia Nash 541-567-3024)

**HERMISTON PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**, 5:30 p.m., Hermiston City Hall, 180 N.E. Second St., Hermiston. (541-567-5521)

**PENDLETON PLANNING COMMISSION**, 7 p.m., Pendleton City Hall, 500 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. (Jutta Haliewicz 541-966-0240)

**UMATILLA COUNTY SPECIAL LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD RETREAT**, 5:30 p.m., via Zoom or phone, online, Pendleton. Join the Zoom meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84919018510?pwd=T2Vx-Z2hxV0dER1pTU2RjQlQz03ozQT09>, meeting ID 849 1901 8510, passcode 816444 or Audio Only: +19712471195,84919018510#,,, \*816444#. A copy of the agenda for the meeting can be found at <https://www.ucsls.org/board-meetings>. (Dea Nowell 541-966-0917)

**UMATILLA SCHOOL DISTRICT**, 7 p.m., Umatilla School District office, 1001 Sixth St., Umatilla. (541-922-6500)

**UMATILLA-MORROW COUNTY FARM BUREAU**, Noon, TBA, Pendleton. (Julie Spratling 541-457-8045)

### MONDAY

1:45 p.m. — Police responded to a reported burglary on Northwest Geer Road in Hermiston.

4:39 p.m. — Police responded to a reported assault on Highway 395 South in Ukiah.

6:34 p.m. — Police responded to a reported burglary on Ace Mini Storage on Lind Road in Umatilla.

7:24 p.m. — Police responded to a reported burglary on Northwest Geer Road in Hermiston.

7:47 p.m. — Police responded to a reported assault on Northeast Fourth Street in Hermiston.

### TUESDAY

1:53 p.m. — Police responded to a report of the unauthorized use of a motor vehicle on North First Street in Hermiston.

4:43 p.m. — Police responded to a report of the unauthorized use of a motor vehicle on Southwest Second Street in Irrigon.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

7:53 p.m. — Police responded to a reported assault at Heppner Market Fresh on North Main Street in Heppner.

8:51 p.m. — A domestic disturbance occurred at Locust Trailer Court on North Elizabeth Street in Milton-Freewater.

11:49 p.m. — A domestic disturbance occurred at Country Club Manor on Umatilla Avenue in Umatilla.

### ARRESTS, CITATIONS

•The Milton-Freewater Police Department arrested Cody Mykel Holland, 31, on felony and misdemeanor charges of fourth-degree assault and misdemeanor harassment.

•The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office arrested Tracy Roy Copeland, 31, on three counts, including one felony count of strangulation and misdemeanor counts of menacing and fourth-degree assault.

•The Umatilla Police Department arrested Robyn Lynn Stratton, 40, on two counts, including one felony count of identity theft and one misdemeanor count of fraud by credit card.

## MEETINGS

### FRIDAY, APRIL 9

No meetings scheduled

### MONDAY, APRIL 12

**ADAMS CITY COUNCIL**, 6:30 p.m., Adams City Hall, 190 N. Main St., Adams. (541-566-9380)

**ATHENA-WESTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**, 6:30 p.m., Athena Elementary School library via GoToMeeting platform, 375 S. Fifth St., Athena. Join the meeting at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/183665925>, or call 877-309-2073, access code 183-665-925. Contact the district office for the passcode by 4 p.m. on Monday, March 8. (Paula Warner 541-566-3551)

**HEPPNER CITY COUNCIL**, 7 p.m., Heppner City Hall, 111 N. Main St., Heppner. (541-676-9618)

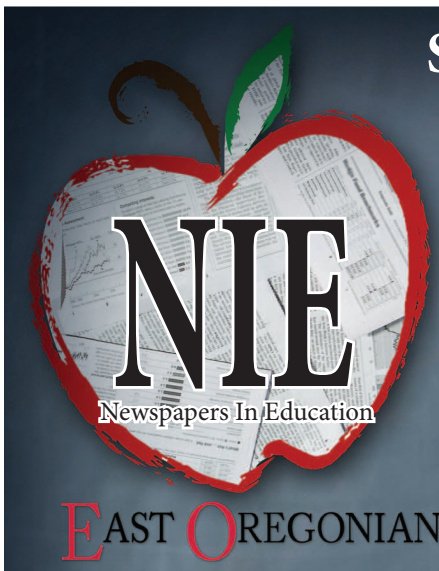
**HERMISTON CITY COUNCIL**, 7 p.m., Hermiston Community Center, 415 S. Highway 395, Hermiston. Meeting will be live-streamed on the city's YouTube channel, <https://bit.ly/HermistonYouTube>. Citizens also can listen by phone or offer comment remotely by dialing 206-462-5569, meeting ID 322-962-8667. A limited number of chairs will be available; social distancing protocols will be observed. (541-567-5521)

**HERMISTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**, 6:30 p.m., district office, 305 S.W. 11th St., Hermiston. (Briana Cortaberria 541-667-6000)

**IRRIGON FIRE DISTRICT**, 7 p.m., Irrigon Fire Department, 705 N.E. Main Ave., Irrigon. (541-922-3133)

**MILTON-FREEWATER CITY COUNCIL**, 7 p.m., Milton-Freewater Public Library Albee Room, 8 S.W. Eighth Ave., Milton-Freewater. (541-938-5531)

**MILTON-FREEWATER SCHOOL DISTRICT**, 6:30 p.m., Central Middle School, 306 S.W. Second St., Milton-Freewater. (541-938-3551)



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