

## COMMUNITY BRIEFING

## PHS student places second in media contest

PENDLETON — Viviana Martinez cashed in with a \$400 prize after placing second in a statewide media contest organized by O[yes], the Oregon Young Employee Safety Coalition.

Students were invited to create a 30-90 second video or a graphic design that inspires young workers to think twice about their personal health and safety at work, while highlighting the theme “Work. It can be more dangerous than you think.” Utilizing her artistic talents, Martinez created a graphic design that depicted safety regarding tripping over cords or wires.

“My message communicates the idea that a small trip can be disastrous, but by paying attention to our surroundings, we can divert a possible mishap,” Martinez said in a video describing her entry.

This isn’t the first time Martinez has been recognized for her artistic abilities. While in middle school, she won the Pendleton Lions Club peace poster contest two years in a row.

The mission of O[yes] is to prevent injuries and illnesses to young workers through outreach, advocacy and sharing resources with young workers, educators, employers, parents and labor organizations. To view Martinez’s winning entry and to view her commentary, search [www.youngemployeesafety.org](http://www.youngemployeesafety.org).

## GoFundMe established for Pendleton man

PENDLETON — A GoFundMe campaign has been created to help the family of Oscar Castaneda with funeral costs and expenses.

The 29-year-old Pendleton man’s body was found on May 14 in the Columbia River near the Lamson hydroplane pits at Columbia Park in Kennewick, Washington.

To view the GoFundMe, visit: <https://gf.me/v/c/zjhm/oscar-castaneda-funeral-and-expenses>.



Viviana Martinez/Olyes]

Pendleton High School student Viviana Martinez placed second in a media contest coordinated by the Oregon Young Employee Safety Coalition.

## Taekwondo demonstrations benefit local girl

STANFIELD — Board breaking and other demonstrations are featured during a benefit event at Eastern Oregon Family Taekwondo.

Donations will be accepted to support Maysie, a 2-year-old local girl who was diagnosed with ependymoma. The rare cancer was found in the youngster’s brain. She has undergone surgery to remove most of the tumor, however, she’s headed to Seattle with her parents to undergo radiation treatment.

Nearly 100 students will participate in the break-a-thon, which is Saturday, May 22, at noon at 155 W. Coe Ave., Stanfield. People are encouraged to donate \$5 for a board. The event also will feature brick breaking, self defense and forms demonstrations.

For more information, contact Erwin Watson at 541-571-5176 or [ewatson24@hotmail.com](mailto:ewatson24@hotmail.com).

## Maxwell Market opens on May 27

HERMISTON — The Maxwell Market opens for the 2021 season on Thursday, May 27, at the Maxwell Siding Event Center and Pavilion, 255 S. First Place, Hermiston.

The seasonal market, open Thursdays from 4-8 p.m. through Oct. 7, features as many as 20 vendors a week selling produce, preserves such as jams and salsas, fresh flowers, handmade soaps and jewelry. Popular vendors of prepared food offer barbecue, baked goods, cotton candy and handmade chocolates.

According to Maxwell Event Facility Manager Miranda Torres, freeze dried candy will be a new item at the market this year.

While early spring vegetables such as greens and radishes will be available at the first market, Torres said customers should look for their favorite seasonal fruits and vegetables as the

summer wears on, including strawberries in June, melons in July, tomatoes in August and apples in September.

Torres said she recommends market customers keep an eye on the market’s Facebook page, Maxwell Market Hermiston Oregon, and their Instagram site, Maxwell Event Center and Pavilion, to check out the live music schedule, which will be posted soon.

“We are gearing up for our fourth year and hope everyone comes out and supports their local vendors,” Torres said.

## EOU hosts Music Week with free performances

LA GRANDE — Jazz, classical, show tunes and calypso music come to the steps of Loso Hall at Eastern Oregon University in La Grande.

In the school’s first-ever Eastern Oregon University Music Week, the May 24-28 event will feature eight 10-minute musicals.

The festivities start Monday, May 24, at noon with the EOU Chamber Choir, which also will perform at the same time on May 26. And the Elgin High School Calypso Band comes on at 1 p.m.

Other highlights during the week include EOU seniors Jason Lineback and Jeremiah Dockweiler in their showcase performance on May 25 at 3 p.m. Jazz ensemble 45th Parallel will play each day from 2-3 p.m. and the Grande Ronde String Orchestra is scheduled to play on May 26 at 4 p.m. Attendees have an opportunity to try bucket drumming on May 24 and May 26 at 3 p.m. The week closes on May 28 at 3 p.m. with Root Beer Choir.

All of the performances are free and open to the public. Free parking is available for attendees, and seating will be provided.

For a full schedule of events, visit [www.eou.edu/music/events-calendar](http://www.eou.edu/music/events-calendar). For questions, contact Peter Wordelman, music professor, at [pwordelm@eou.edu](mailto:pwordelm@eou.edu).

## Stanfield church hosts pie social

STANFIELD — Crossroads Community Church is hosting an old-fashioned pie and ice cream social.

Everyone is welcome to attend. The free event is Saturday, May 22, at 6:30 p.m. at 350 N. Sherman St., Stanfield. Those planning to attend are encouraged to bring a lawn chair.

For more information, visit [www.facebook.com/CCStanfield](http://www.facebook.com/CCStanfield) or call 541-449-3434.

## BEO Bancorp awards scholarships to local seniors

HEPPNER — BEO Bancorp and its subsidiary, Bank of Eastern Oregon, have selected the 2021 high school senior scholarship winners.

This scholarship is awarded to students planning to enroll in agriculture or business, and judging is based on scholarship, leadership and citizenship. Applications are accepted from graduating seniors in all areas where Bank of Eastern Oregon and Bank of Eastern

Washington branches are located.

Scholarships for \$500 were awarded to Oregon seniors Mary Hammond, Arlington High School; Jose Puerta, Riverside High School (Boardman); Blake Wolters, Heppner High School; Julianna Joyce, Hermiston High School; Eva Martin, Ione High School; Emma Mueller, Irrigon High School; Brianna Micka, Joseph High School; Braxton Bisenius and McKaylee Orton, La Grande High School; Wade Fields, Sherman County High School; Jesaka Culley and Declan Zwegardt, Prairie City High School; Justin Bunch, Spray High School; and Hannah Amick, Vale High School.

Scholarships for \$500 also were awarded to Washington seniors Ty Harder, La Crosse High School, and Delaney Pink, Pasco-Chiawana High School.

“We wish these seniors the best of luck as they move on to college and look forward to hearing of their continuing success,” said President and CEO Jeff Bailey.

For further information on the company, visit [www.beobank.com](http://www.beobank.com).

## Local students awarded PEO scholarships

PENDLETON — The Pendleton PEO Chapter CM recently announced two local recipients of an annual scholarship awarded to area women who are enrolled in medical professional programs.

This year’s scholarship recipients include local high school graduates **Makya Theis**, a pre-dental student at George Fox University, and **Evangelina Olivera**, a physician student at Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences-College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Each recipient was awarded \$1,000 to be used in their 2021-2022 academic year.

The scholarships are given each year in memory of a former member of Chapter CM, Alison Furnish, a Pendleton native and former surgical nurse who dedicated her time to Chapter CM after her retirement.

— EO Media Group

## Love thy neighbor, heal thyself



SARAH HAUG

LIGHT OF UNITY

door and speak to anyone who wasn’t my husband or son (love them dearly as I do!). It felt like a moment where we could be part of a united planet — united in our suffering, but also in our joy.

Initially, we intended the gathering to be a two-minute commitment. But as we talked, those two minutes turned into 10 ... and then 20. We started out standing in the street, but when one of our elderly participants found standing for that long difficult, we moved to his driveway. We brought chairs and cushions. We stayed longer.

At some point we started a group text so we could keep track of one another. On the anniversary of my mother’s death, our family took an RV trip to scatter her ashes. We texted our neighbors that we missed them. They texted back: “Don’t worry about anything.”

“I mowed your lawn.”

“We got your mail.”

In the fall, it grew colder. And darker. Two of our number realized they needed to move across the state to be closer to their

children. Another bought a portable fire pit so we could keep meeting. We roasted marshmallows, joking that the sticks we were using were three feet long so they kept us six feet apart. We shoveled snow to make room for chairs.

Every one of us has had at least one vaccination now. We could potentially meet indoors soon. We don’t meet every day anymore, so we could even stop entirely.

The Baha’i Faith tells us, “Be worthy of the trust of thy neighbor, and look upon him with a bright and friendly face.”

The meetings maintained our sanity in the height of the pandemic. Now neighbors have turned into friends. We meet because we want to. And we’re still texting: “Can you make it tonight?”

“I can stop by for a bit.”

“We’ll bring the marshmallows.”

*Sarah Haug is a member of the Baha’i Faith and has called Pendleton home since 2002. You can find her most days walking on the riverwalk with her husband, Dan.*

## PUBLIC SAFETY

## MONDAY

7:31 a.m. — Police responded to a report of the unauthorized use of a motor vehicle at the intersection of Locust Street and Brownell Boulevard in Umatilla.

2:33 p.m. — Police responded to a reported assault on Southwest Seventh Street in Hermiston.

2:44 p.m. — Police responded to a report of the unauthorized use of a motor vehicle at the intersection of Highway 11 and Rothrock Road in Adams.

## TUESDAY

9:01 p.m. — Police responded to two reports of an assault on West Ridgeway Avenue in Hermiston.

## ARRESTS, CITATIONS

The Umatilla Tribal Police Department arrested Gustavo Solorzano, 19, on four counts, including felony counts of attempting to elude or flee law enforcement and first-degree criminal mischief, and misdemeanor counts of driving under the influence of intoxicants and reckless driving.

The Oregon State Police arrested Sarah Evalena Clark, 41, on three counts, including one count of reckless driving, one count of reckless endangering, and one count of driving under the influence of intoxicants.

The Umatilla Tribal Police Department arrested Ulises Echevarria-Molina, 37, on three felony counts, including the unlawful delivery of methamphetamine, the unlawful delivery of cocaine and the possession of a Schedule II controlled substance.

## MEETINGS

## THURSDAY, MAY 20

**ECHO CITY COUNCIL**, 4 p.m., Old VFW Hall, 210 W. Bridge St., Echo. (541-376-8411)

**WEST EXTENSION IRRIGATION DISTRICT**, 9 a.m., Columbia Improvement District, 501 E. Columbia Ave., Boardman. An executive session may be called to discuss legal issues. Public attendance must be pre-arranged due to COVID restrictions. (Lisa Baum 541-922-3814)

## FRIDAY, MAY 21

No meetings scheduled

## MONDAY, MAY 24

**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)

**IRRIGON COMMUNITY PARKS & RECREATION DISTRICT**, 7 p.m., Irrigon Fire Station, 705 N. Main St., Irrigon. (541-922-3047)

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

**MORROW COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT**, 6 p.m., Pioneer Memorial Clinic conference room, 150 Thompson St., Heppner. Provider and board dinner at 6 p.m., regular meeting follows at 6:30 p.m. (Tonia Adams 541-676-2942)

**NIXYAAWII COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD**, 4:30 p.m., Nixyaawii Community School via teleconference, 73300 July Grounds Lane, Mission. Via teleconference at [meet.google.com/tmv-tbwh-kwu](https://meet.google.com/tmv-tbwh-kwu). (Carrie Phinney 541-966-2680)

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