

## COMMUNITY BRIEFING

Golf tournament  
tees off for  
Agape House

HERMISTON — A four-person scramble golf tournament will benefit people in need in the community.

In its fourth year, the Agape House Golf Tournament is Saturday, July 31, at Big River Golf Course, 709 Willamette Ave., Umatilla. Registration opens at 7 a.m. with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. The cost is \$60 per person. A meal will be provided afterwards. The registration deadline is Saturday, July 24. There is an additional fee charged by the golf course for carts — call 541-922-3006 to reserve one.

In addition to playing in the tournament, there are other ways to help. General event sponsorships, hole sponsors and prize/raffle sponsors are welcome. Any help is appreciated.

Agape House, 500 W. Harper Road, Hermiston, provides programs and services on behalf of the elderly, children, the working poor, single-parent families, the homeless and the newly unemployed. See its website at [www.agapehousehermiston.org](http://www.agapehousehermiston.org).

For more information about registering for the tournament or serving as a sponsor, contact Mark Gomolski at 541-567-8774, [agapehouse@eotnet.net](mailto:agapehouse@eotnet.net) or Cameron Bendixsen at 541-429-3283.

Berean Baptist  
hosts 'I Love  
America'  
conference

PENDLETON — Pastor Brad Wells, who ministers to many United States government officials, is the keynote speaker for the "I Love America" conference at Berean Baptist Church.

The fifth annual event opens Monday, June 28, at 7 p.m. at the church, 8 N.W. Ninth St., Pendleton. The evening will include a time of dessert and fellowship. The conference continues June 29 with sessions beginning at 10 a.m. The closing service is at 7 p.m. Child care is available and meals will be provided on the second day. Everyone is welcome to come and be inspired by the special patriotic services.

Nearly seven years ago, Wells founded Graceway Baptist Church on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. Pastor Mark Watkins of Berean Baptist said Wells has insight and perspective regarding the needs of our country and can provide guidelines in helping people interact with local, state and federal government officials. His wife, Deborah Wells, will provide special music and also speak to women in one of the breakout sessions.

Sessions also will be available via Facebook Live at [www.facebook.com/bbpendleton](http://www.facebook.com/bbpendleton). For more information, contact 541-276-5239 or [bbpendleton@hotmail.com](mailto:bbpendleton@hotmail.com).

Red Cross  
announces blood  
shortage

SEATTLE — The American Red Cross is experiencing a severe blood shortage as the number of trauma cases, organ transplants and elective surgeries rise and deplete the nation's blood inventory.

The Red Cross urges donors of all blood types — especially type O and those giving platelets — to make an appointment to give as soon as possible to prevent delays to critical patient care.

As a thank you, those who come to give now through Wednesday, June 30, will receive a \$5 gift card

to Amazon.com (restrictions may apply). For more information or to schedule a donation time, visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-733-2767.

Hermiston Sports  
Boosters serve up  
steak, auction

HERMISTON — The Hermiston Sports Boosters announced tickets still are available for its annual Steak Feed & Auction.

The 21 and older event is Saturday, July 17, at Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center, 1705 E. Airport Road, Hermiston. The doors open at 5 p.m., dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. and the auction begins at 6:30 p.m.

An individual ticket is \$50 or a table of eight is \$400, which includes dinner and beer, wine or soda. A no-host cocktail bar will be available. Tickets, which must be purchased in advance, are available at [hermistonssportsboosters.square.site](http://hermistonssportsboosters.square.site). For questions, contact 541-567-5215 or [hermistonssportsboosters@gmail.com](mailto:hermistonssportsboosters@gmail.com).

ODFW  
hatcheries back  
open for visitors

SALEM — Outdoor areas at Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's more than 30 fish hatcheries — including the Umatilla and Irrigon hatcheries — are open again for visitors.

Hatcheries across the state closed to visitors in March 2020 because of the global pandemic. Some areas of the hatcheries will remain closed for now, including picnic areas, drinking fountains, indoor areas and any outdoor areas with close quarters that don't allow for social distancing.

Most hatcheries are open to visitors daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. A few remain closed to visitors, including Klamath Hatchery in Chiloquin and Rock Creek in Idleld Park, which were damaged in last year's fires. Trask River Hatchery in Tillamook also is closed to visitors due to construction but should reopen later in summer.

For a visitor guide to the hatcheries with tips on what you can see and do, visit [myodfw.com/visit-odfw-hatcheries](http://myodfw.com/visit-odfw-hatcheries). For questions about the Irrigon Hatchery, call 541-922-2762, and for Umatilla, call 541-922-5659.

Library's book  
club to discuss  
'Afterlife'

HERMISTON — A Time Magazine Must-Read Book of 2020 described as "ravishing and heartfelt" is the topic of the upcoming Bookminders, the Hermiston Public Library book club.

The group will discuss "Afterlife" by Julia Alvarez. The gathering is Tuesday, July 13, at 1:30 p.m. downstairs in the library meeting room, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. Anyone that's interested is invited to attend.

The publication is the first adult novel in nearly 15 years by the internationally bestselling author. According to The New Yorker, the book, which is set in 2019, "... poses questions about American immigration and mental-health policies, and it is a moving exploration of the ways we inadvertently fail the people we love."

The book club, which is free and open to everyone, meets the second Tuesday of each month. A limited number of copies of "Afterlife" are available at the library. For more information, call 541-567-2882 or stop by the library.

— EO Media Group

## Angelica is pretty, but don't eat it

BRUCE  
BARNES

## BLOOMIN' BLUES

Scientific name: *Angelica arguta*

Common name: Sharptooth angelica

Sharptooth angelica is a robust, tap-rooted perennial up to 6 feet tall, that grows mainly in or near water, in moist soil, streambanks, and crowded marshes. It is fairly common from Alaska to California, from western valleys and the Cascades to Alberta, and in Wyoming and Utah.

The base of the lateral stems are sheathing around the main stem. The flowers are white, tiny, and borne



Bruce Barnes/Contributed Photo

Sharptooth angelica, *Angelica arguta*.

in eight to 45 compound spherical clusters, the overall umbel being up to

about 15 inches across. The leaves are twice divided into smaller leaflets, and the

edges are sharply toothed.

One Northwest tribe ate the young stems, and used it to flavor salmon that was dried and heated over an open fire. The stems were also eaten as a vegetable in May for its celery flavor. But do not try to eat it. You could easily have the wrong plant.

Please note: A lot of plants from the same plant family are deadly poisonous and look very much the same as this plant. Poison Hemlock, for example, is a large plant that is very common in the Blues, and along the Umatilla River, and is extremely poisonous; it's the same plant that killed Socrates.

Bruce Barnes directs *Flora ID*, producing plant ID software, found at [flora-id.org](http://flora-id.org). Reach him at [flora.id@wtechlink.us](mailto:flora.id@wtechlink.us).

## A reflection of trustworthiness

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## LIVING ON PURPOSE

Would you say that you are, by nature, a trusting person? Do you trust people easily, or do you find it difficult to trust anyone these days? Many of us wonder if we can trust election results, trust our government, even trust our neighbors.

As I sit writing this column, I received a phone call from someone who wanted me to purchase land in Tennessee. Yes, Tennessee. Trust is such a crucial ingredient in our relationships and our

communities. How are we to extend trust to people in a world that seems to be full of scammers and questionable characters? How do we learn to build trust when hurt by infidelity, betrayal and lies?

One of the best ways to develop and extend trust is to become a person who can be trusted. I can only control and am only responsible for one person's actions, my own. If I want to develop trust in my relationships and defeat the habit of looking at others through a lens of distrust, I can begin by creating trustworthiness in my own life.

Jesus addressed this character quality in Matthew 5:36-37 when he said, "Do not swear by your head, because you cannot make a single hair white or black. But let your 'yes'

mean 'yes,' and your 'no' mean 'no.' Anything more than this is from the evil one."

People should be able to trust that the things we say are true. Early in my years as a pastor, I frequently committed to more than I could do and built up expectations I could not realistically fulfill. The result was a level of distrust when I said I would take on a project or commit to doing something. I realized people need to trust that when I say I will do something or make a commitment, that I will follow through.

Another way to become someone who can be trusted is by loving people not for what they can do for you but simply for who they are. We all want to be valued for who we are.

When I can love and accept people regardless of what they do for me, it creates trust and authenticity in those relationships. People will know that I don't have an agenda or some plan but just want to know them for who they are.

People sometimes let us down, lie to us and outright betray us, but we do have a God who is trustworthy. When I find myself discouraged by a lack of trustworthiness, I know that I have a Heavenly Father who is faithful and loves me for who I am, and by his grace, I hope to become a reflection of his trustworthiness to the world around me.

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

## PUBLIC SAFETY

## MONDAY

6:20 a.m. — A domestic disturbance occurred on Hemlock Court, Umatilla.  
7:46 a.m. — Police responded to a report of the unauthorized use of a motor vehicle on East Harding Avenue, Stanfield.  
2:31 p.m. — Police responded to three reports of a theft on North First Street, Hermiston.  
4:46 p.m. — Police responded to a reported assault on East Newport Avenue, Hermiston.  
6:58 p.m. — Police responded to a reported assault on East Main Street, Hermiston.  
8:53 p.m. — Police responded to a report of the unauthorized use of a motor vehicle at Sleep Inn on Southeast Front Street, Boardman.  
9:36 p.m. — Police responded to a reported assault on Southwest 28th Drive, Pendleton.

## TUESDAY

4:21 a.m. — Police responded to two reports of a burglary on Southeast Court Avenue, Pendleton.  
10:57 a.m. — A domestic disturbance occurred on Northwest Elder Street, Pilot Rock.  
12:35 p.m. — Police responded to a reported assault at the intersection of George and Main streets, Rieth.  
7:27 p.m. — A domestic disturbance occurred on Reservoir

Road, Stanfield.

8:16 p.m. — A domestic disturbance occurred on East Harding Avenue, Stanfield.  
8:33 p.m. — Police responded to a reported burglary on West Main Street, Ukiah.  
8:51 p.m. — Police responded to a reported burglary at Irrigon Learning Center on Columbia Lane, Irrigon.

## ARRESTS, CITATIONS

The Pendleton Police Department arrested Andrew Paul Zachary Cook, 21, on 24 counts of the unauthorized entry of a motor vehicle and one felony count of first-degree theft.

The Milton-Freewater Police Department arrested Charles Adam Buettner, 34, on felony counts of first-degree forgery and violating parole, a misdemeanor count of second-degree theft and one count of being a fugitive.

The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office arrested Carlos Antonio Ramirez, 30, for first-degree theft, felon in possession of a weapon, failing to appear and violating probation.

The Hermiston Police Department arrested Feliciano Joaquin Pedro, 28, on a felony count of fourth-degree assault and a misdemeanor count of failing to appear.

## LOTTERY

**Monday, June 21, 2021**  
**Megaabucks**  
01-07-08-21-25-46  
Estimated jackpot: \$4.3 million  
**Lucky Lines**  
03-07-12-14-18-23-26-30  
Estimated jackpot: \$68,000

**Win for Life**  
51-57-62-74  
**Pick 4**  
1 p.m.: 5-2-7-6  
4 p.m.: 0-2-0-3  
7 p.m.: 3-9-0-2  
10 p.m.: 6-3-6-0

**Tuesday, June 22, 2021**  
**Mega Millions**  
01-26-48-51-59  
Mega Ball: 25  
Megaplier: 4  
Estimated jackpot: \$40 million

**Lucky Lines**  
03-07-09-13-19-22-27-29  
Estimated jackpot: \$69,000  
**Pick 4**  
1 p.m.: 2-4-3-6  
4 p.m.: 1-1-3-4  
7 p.m.: 8-4-2-1  
10 p.m.: 1-1-7-5

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EASTERN OREGON  
PHOTO CONTESTVoting for 'People's Choice'  
NOW OPEN

Vote online for People's Choice from 12:01 am Monday, June 21 through 11:59 pm Wednesday, June 30.

The winners will appear in the July 8th edition of Go Magazine; the top 25 will appear online.

Gift cards to a restaurant of your choice will be awarded for first, second and third place.



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