

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

## Out of the Darkness hosts virtual fundraiser

UMATILLA COUNTY — This year's Out of the Darkness Eastern Oregon Walk will take place virtually.

People are encouraged to register online and help raise money and awareness for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

According to organizers, the global pandemic has impacted the emotional and economic well-being of many individuals and families — leaving many to manage a variety of emotions, including feelings of uncertainty. And sometimes with that uncertainty, thoughts of suicide surface. The mission of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention is to invest in life saving research, education, advocacy and support for those impacted by suicide.

For more information, to register for a virtual walk or to raise money, visit [www.afsp.org/Pendleton](http://www.afsp.org/Pendleton). Donations will be accepted through Dec. 31. For questions, contact Morgan Linder at 541-278-5432 or [morgan.linder@umatillacounty.net](mailto:morgan.linder@umatillacounty.net).



Kathy Aney/East Oregonian, File

**Friends of Trevor Smith hold up honor beads during the September 2019 Out of the Darkness walk in Pendleton. This year's event, which raises money for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, will be held virtually. People are encouraged to raise awareness and money to support suicide prevention efforts.**

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In addition, people are encouraged to post their Out of the Darkness awareness efforts on social media and use the hashtags #OutoftheDarkness and #TogetherToFightSuicide. For more resources, visit [www.afsp.org/resources](http://www.afsp.org/resources).

## SHIBA offers help with Medicare enrollment needs

SALEM — Each Octo-

ber, open enrollment begins for Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug plans. Medicare plans and coverage for prescription drugs change each year, so it is important for Oregonians who are enrolled in Medicare to evaluate their plan options and make changes during open enrollment.

Open enrollment for the 2022 Medicare plan year began Friday, Oct. 15, and continues through Dec. 7.

The Senior Health Insur-

ance Benefits Assistance program with the Oregon Department of Human Services is available to help Oregonians understand their Medicare options and benefits, provide enrollment guidance and answer questions related to Medicare benefits.

Local SHIBA counselors are available to help and can be found by visiting [www.SHIBA.Oregon.gov](http://www.SHIBA.Oregon.gov) or calling toll-free 800-722-4134. To accommodate COVID-19 safety precautions, SHIBA counselors are providing telephone and limited in-person support.

## 'American Sniper' co-author to visit local bookstore

HEPPNER — A book event in Heppner will feature the co-author of "American Sniper."

New York Times best-selling author Scott McEwen co-wrote the story of U.S. Navy Seal Chris Kyle's life. He will meet people and sign copies of the book Saturday, Oct. 16, 4 p.m. at Flood Town Books, 413 N. Main St., Heppner. The free event includes refreshments, door prizes and more.

The story of Kyle's life was depicted in a film directed by Clint Eastwood and starring Bradley Cooper. Kyle was killed at a Texas shooting range while trying to provide help to a fellow veteran.

For more about the book, search [www.scottmcewen.com](http://www.scottmcewen.com). For questions about other bookstore events and activities, contact 541-236-2940, [floodtownbooks@gmail.com](mailto:floodtownbooks@gmail.com) or visit [www.floodtownbooks.com](http://www.floodtownbooks.com).

## County planning commission seeks volunteer support

MORROW COUNTY — Morrow County is seeking volunteers to represent the Boardman and Lone area on the Morrow County Planning Commission.

Volunteers are appointed to a four-year term ending December 2025. At the end of the term there is the option for reappointment for another four-year term.

The planning commission meets once each month with the option of in-person and remote participation with video technology. The commission holds hear-

ings on a variety of land use applications. It also reviews changes to the county's subdivision and zoning ordinances and the comprehensive plan. Additionally, the commission guides staff on other long-range planning projects related to land use.

"Being part of the planning commission is a unique opportunity to learn about Oregon's Land Use Planning Program and influence how it is implemented in Morrow County," according to a press release from the county.

If you would like to learn more about this volunteer opportunity or the commission, visit Morrow County website, [www.co.morrow.or.us](http://www.co.morrow.or.us), or contact planning staff at 541-922-4624.

If interested in applying, submit a letter of interest to the Morrow County Planning Department, P.O. Box 40, Irrigon, OR 97844, or by email to [gnairns@co.morrow.or.us](mailto:gnairns@co.morrow.or.us) by noon Dec. 3.

The next Morrow County Planning Commission meeting will be on Oct. 26, in Boardman at the Riverfront Center at the Port of Morrow.

— EO Media Group

## MEETINGS

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### Tuesday, Oct. 19

**Umatilla County Soil & Water Conservation District**, 11 a.m., via Zoom at [bit.ly/2X-kJ11Y](http://bit.ly/2X-kJ11Y); Meeting ID 951 5778 8308, Passcode vA9ja9. (Kyle Waggoner 541-278-8049 ext. 138)

**Pendleton Development Commission**, 6 p.m., Pendleton City Hall, 501 S.W. Emigrant Ave., or via Zoom at [bit.ly/3veG4xI](http://bit.ly/3veG4xI) or call 253-215-8782; Meeting ID: 885 7628 0707, Passcode: 912756. (Charles Denight 541-966-0233)

**Pendleton City Council**, 7 p.m., Pendleton City Hall, 501

S.W. Emigrant Ave. (541-966-0201)

**East Umatilla County Health District**, 7 p.m., district office, 431 E. Main St., Athena. (541-566-3813)

**Pilot Rock City Council**, 7 p.m., Pilot Rock City Hall, 143 W. Main St. (541-443-2811)

**Umatilla City Council**, 7 p.m., Umatilla City Hall, 700 Sixth St. (Nancy Sandoval 541-922-3226 ext. 105)

### Wednesday, Oct. 20

**Intermountain Education Service District**, 4 p.m., district office, 2001 S.W. Nye Ave., Pendleton. (Danielle Sackett 541-966-3102)

**Umatilla Hospital District**,

6 p.m., Umatilla Medical Clinic, 1890 Seventh St. (541-922-3104)

**Oregon Trail Library District**, 6:30 p.m., district office, 200 S. Main St., Boardman. Call for Zoom login info. (Kathy Street 541-481-3365)

### Thursday, Oct. 21

**Hermiston Linebacker Club**, noon, Desert Lanes Family Fun Center, 1545 N. First St., Hermiston. No host luncheon with Hermiston Bulldogs football Coach David Faeteete. (Flora Larson, 541-567-5215)

**East Umatilla County Ambulance Area Health District**, 7 p.m., district office, 431 E. Main St., Athena. (541-566-3813)

## COURTS

### Lawsuits

The following lawsuits have been filed in Umatilla County Circuit Court (interest, court costs and fees not listed):

David L. Hickox, of Hermiston, vs. Karen and Shawn Martin, of Pendleton: seeks \$3,368.75.

Jennifer L. Kolstad, of Umatilla County, vs. Nicholas L. Schuitt, of Benton County, Washington, seeks \$41,000.

The following lawsuits have been filed in Morrow County Circuit Court (interest, court costs and fees not listed):

Lina Christensen, of Hermiston, vs. Brandon Todd Christensen, of Hermiston; Amber Michele Slaughter, of Meridian, Idaho; Carie Lyn Bush, Meridian, Idaho; and Ashley Jo Don

Christensen, of Las Vegas, Nevada; seeks \$1 million.

### Judgments

The following judgment was rendered in Umatilla County Circuit Court (interest, court costs and fees not listed):

Danyel Rae Brixey, of Pilot Rock, vs. Gary L. Wallace, of Prineville: Judgment for \$475.58.

### Divorces, dissolutions

Divorce decrees or dissolutions were signed in Umatilla and Morrow counties for:

Deven M. Patrick, of Hermiston, and Jessie Lee Patrick, of Hermiston.

Glenda Carol Davidson of Boardman, and Lennon B. Davidson, of Bertram, Texas.

## FIELD TEST Candidates Wanted

**URGENT NOTICE: You may be qualified to participate in a special Field Test of new hearing instrument technology being held at a local test site.**

An industry leader in digital hearing devices is sponsoring a product field test in your area next week and they have asked us to select up to 15 qualified candidates to participate. They are interested in determining the benefits of GENIUS™ 4.0 Technology in eliminating the difficulty hearing aid users experience in difficult environments, such as those with background noise or multiple talkers.

Candidates in other test areas have reported very positive feedback so far.

**We are looking for additional candidates in the Hermiston, Pendleton and the surrounding areas.**

**HERMISTON:** 955 SE 4th St. Suite B, Hermiston, OR 97838 • 541-716-5092  
**PENDLETON:** 29 Southwest Dorian Ave. Pendleton OR 97801 • 541-224-8661

**EXPIRATION DATE**  
**October 22, 2021**

In an effort to accurately demonstrate the incredible performance of these devices, specially trained representatives will be conducting testing and demonstrations during this special event.

In addition to an audiometric hearing evaluation, candidates will receive a fiber-optic otoscope exam, a painless procedure that could reveal common hearing problems such as excessive wax or damage to the eardrum, as well as other common causes of hearing deficiencies.

### Qualified Field Test Candidates:

- Live in Hermiston, Pendleton or the surrounding area
- Are at least 55 years of age or older
- Have experienced some level of hearing difficulty, or currently wear hearing aids
- Don't currently work for a market research company



**FIELD TEST PARTICIPANTS**  
*Will be tested and selected same-day.*

We have a limited supply of the GENIUS™ 4.0 test product currently on hand and ready for testing. We have also been authorized to offer significant discounts if you decide to take the hearing instruments home. If you choose not to keep them, there's no risk or obligation of any kind.<sup>†</sup>

### TO PARTICIPATE:

- 1) You must be one of the first 15 people to call our office  
**Mention Code: 21OctField**
- 2) You will be required to have your hearing tested in our office, FREE OF CHARGE, to determine candidacy.
- 3) Report your results with the hearing instruments to the Hearing Care Specialist over a three week test period.

Qualified candidates will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis **so please call us TODAY to secure your spot in the Product Field Test.**

Participants who qualify and complete the product test will receive a **FREE \$100 Restaurant.com Gift Card\*** as a token of our thanks.

**AVOID WAITING – CALL AND MENTION CODE: 21OctField**

\*One per household. Must be 55 or older and bring loved one for familiar voice test. Must complete a hearing test. Not valid with prior test/purchase in last 6 months. While supplies last. Free gift card may be used toward the purchase of food at participating restaurants where a minimum purchase may also be required. See restaurant.com for details. Not redeemable for cash. Promotional offer available during special event dates only. <sup>†</sup>Pursuant to terms of your purchase agreement, the aids may be returned for a full refund within 30 days of the completion of fitting, in satisfactory condition. See store for details.