

PUBLIC SAFETY

MONDAY, JAN. 31

6:14 a.m. — A caller at Green Acres RV Park, 80542 Pateron Ferry Road, Irrigon, reported a male assaulted her and she wanted to speak to a Morrow County sheriff's deputy.

7:44 a.m. — A caller at Strebins Farms, 76094 E. Oregon Lane, Irrigon, reported someone grinded the lock off a fuel tank and stole fuel.

7:53 a.m. — Hermiston police responded to the 800 block of Southwest Coyote Drive for a burglary. Police took a report.

1:07 p.m. — A caller on West Sunland Avenue, Hermiston, asked police to send an officer to check out a cat that was stuck in a tree for four days and was meowing all night in the cold.

2:06 p.m. — Umatilla Police Department received a report of shoplifting at Crossroads Truck Stop, 2020, Highway 730, Umatilla. Law enforcement responded and took a report.

3:19 p.m. — A caller from San Diego requested to speak to an officer at the Umatilla Police Department regarding fraud. Police took a report.

3:57 p.m. — The Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a complaint about a home on Division Street, Irrigon, displaying a United States flag and a flag with profanity directed toward the president. The caller said he was concerned about school children walking past the flag. A deputy contacted the man and advised him about what he could or could not do about the flags.

4:33 p.m. — Pendleton police received a report of child abuse or neglect at D & B Supply, 850 Southgate.

6:07 p.m. — A 911 caller reported a theft had just occurred at Ranch & Home, 85342 Highway 11, Milton-Freewater.

7:44 p.m. — Pendleton police received a 911 report from Bi-Mart, 901 S.W. Emigrant Ave., that a man grabbed a gun from a clerk and ran out the door.

TUESDAY, FEB. 1

10:43 a.m. — A 911 caller reported that there was a burglary in progress at Reese Orchards, 53862 Highway 332, Milton-Freewater.

12:13 p.m. — A caller at Clean Spot, 630 Switzler Ave., Umatilla, reported there was a small Chihuahua running loose in the area.

2:04 p.m. — A man in custody at the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton, told the Morrow County Sheriff's Office he wanted to report the thefts of two vehicles. A deputy contacted the man and informed him he could not report vehicle as stolen that were not registered to him.

5:46 p.m. — Emergency services responded to a vehicle that rolled on Highway 74, Heppner. The Morrow County Sheriff's Office cited the driver for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

10:56 p.m. — An 18-year-old woman in Boardman reported her boyfriend assaulted her. She said she was driving and wanted to make contact with a Morrow County sheriff's deputy. The sheriff's office, Boardman police and the Boardman ambulance responded.

MEETINGS

THURSDAY, FEB. 3

Irrigon Water Users, 6 p.m., Stokes Landing Senior Center, 195 N.W. Opal Place, Irrigon. General membership meeting (Lisa Baum 541-922-3814 lisa@westextension.com)

MONDAY, FEB. 7

Heppner Planning Commission, 7 p.m., Heppner City Hall, 111 N. Main St. (541-676-9618)

TUESDAY, FEB. 8

Port of Umatilla Commission, 1 p.m., 505 Willamette Ave., Umatilla. (541-922-3224)

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 9

Helix School District, 6 p.m., multipurpose Room, 120 Main St. (Cindy Wood 541-457-2175)

Weston City Council, 6 p.m., Gizmo, 114 E. Main St. (Sheila Jaspersen 541-566-3313)

Condon Planning Commission, 7 p.m., Condon City Hall, 128 S. Main St. (541-384-2711)

Condon School District, 7 p.m., Condon Grade School, 220 S. East St. (541-384-2441)

Umatilla County Fire District No. 1, 7 p.m., Fire Station 23, 78760 Westland Road, Hermiston. (Reta Larson 541-567-8822)

STUDENTS

M-F pair earn Weber State honors

OGDEN, Utah — Weber State University awarded **Shelbi Brown** and **Sydney Dibble**, both of Milton-Freewater, the honor of High Academic Excellence for maintaining a 4.0 GPA for the fall 2021 semester.

Initially founded in 1889 as Weber Stake Academy, it became a state junior college in 1933. Weber State College awarded its first baccalaureate degree in 1964, and later became Weber State University in 1991. For

more information, visit www.weber.edu.

Linfield announces Dean's List

MCMINNVILLE — The fall 2021 semester Dean's List at Linfield University includes **Nick Zdroy** of Pendleton. The honor recognizes students who have earned a grade point average equivalent to a cum laude (at least 3.650 GPA) for a given semester.

Chartered in 1858, Linfield is an independent nonprofit university based in McMinnville. For more information, visit www.linfield.edu.

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High school students focus on acts of kindness

East Oregonian

UMATILLA — Umatilla High School students are taking to heart the saying, "No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."

The school's Leadership Class has created a Kindness Campaign, according to a press release from the school district, that the whole school can get involved in.

First, there is a "Give what you can, Take what you need" Kindness Board, where students have two choices.

On a small, blank piece of paper, students write a kind, motivational or inspirational message and leave it there for someone, or they can take one of the messages others have written.

Second is the Motivational Tree, where students can leave heart-shaped messages with positive words and ideas for how to brighten someone else's day. Some of the examples on the tree are "Give a teacher a note of thanks" and "Tell someone to have a great day."

But the class is not done



Umatilla School District/Contributed Photo

The "Give what you can, Take what you need" Kindness Board at Umatilla High School is ready for students to leave positive messages for others or to take one. The board is part of the school's Leadership Class's Kindness Campaign.

with the project, according to the release. Coming soon is a large cardboard mailbox where students can write a note praising someone for doing a great job, which Leadership Class students will deliver.

Students are also making

TikTok kindness videos to share during advisory, making positive and funny signs to hang around the school and creating a painted rock garden to share kind words and artwork.

April Dirksen, vice principal at UHS, said in the

press release the Kindness Campaign is the final project of the semester for the Leadership Class, but "the campaign also is a great way to make this time of year, with its cold weather and stress of the semester ending, a little happier for everyone."

January was cooler than normal in Pendleton

East Oregonian

PENDLETON — The National Weather Service reported January was cooler than normal in Pendleton.

The National Weather Service office in Pendleton reported that according to preliminary data, temperatures in Pendleton area averaged slightly cooler than

normal during the first month of 2022.

The average temperature was 34.1 degrees, which was -0.8 degrees cooler than the normal average temperature for January. High temperatures averaged 40.9 degrees with the high of 58 degrees on Jan. 20 Low temperatures averaged 27.4 degrees with the low of -5 degrees on Jan. 1.

There were 27 days when the low temperature was below 32 degrees, according to the report, and one day with a low temperature below 0 degrees. The Pendleton area also reported 9 days when the high temperature was less than 32 degrees.

Precipitation was not much above normal during January, totaling 1.53 inches, which

was 0.01 inches above normal. Precipitation of at least .01 inch was reported on four days. The heaviest amount of precipitation was 0.65 inches, which was reported on Jan. 3. Snowfall for the month totaled 6.9 inches. The heaviest snowfall was 3.5 inches, also on Jan. 3. The highest snow depth was 7 inches, occurring on Jan. 4.

COMMUNITY BRIEFING

Fourth graders go Down Under

PENDLETON — A recent Australia Day lesson at Washington Elementary School in Pendleton provided firsthand information to fourth grade students.

Enes Kaplanovic, aka Mr. K, who is from Newcastle, Australia, shared about his native land during class on Jan. 26. Australia Day is celebrated Down Under, providing residents a chance to reflect on their history and people.

Dressed in "boardies," which are Australian shorts with a tropical print, a shirt from a well-known store called Bunnings Trade, and a hat that would be worn in the Australian outback, Kaplanovic shared about the country's geography, history, language and foods. Students even had an opportunity to sample two Australian foods — TimTams, chocolate cookies, and Vegemite, a paste made from brewer's yeast.

According to a press release from the school district, the cookies were a hit — the Vegemite, not so much.

The purpose for the lesson, Kaplanovic said, was to increase his student's knowledge about other countries, their people and customs.

"As a teacher, I want to instill different points of



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A native of Australia, Enes Kaplanovic, a fourth grade teacher at Washington Elementary School, Pendleton, shares about his homeland during an Australia Day lesson Jan. 26, 2022.

view," he said, "dispel stereotypical ideas about places and broaden experiences for all students."

American Legion has a heart for veterans

HERMISTON — A sweetheart of an event is planned for area veterans. American Legion Post & Auxiliary Unit 37 is hosting Hearts for Veterans.

The free dinner and social for veterans and their guests is Saturday, Feb. 12, 5:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 775 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston.

A lasagna dinner will be served and Dance Unlimited will provide entertainment. Those attending are invited

to bring a dessert to share.

The event also includes a silent auction featuring more than a dozen themed baskets. Money raised will help generate funds to be used for projects to support veterans.

For more information, contact Cathy Stolz, auxiliary president, at 541-571-5816 or cathystolz@gmail.com.

Nazarene church hosts trafficking awareness training

HERMISTON — A training to help people recognize signs that someone is being trafficked for sex is offered free of charge in Hermiston.

Open to youths in seventh grade through adults, Trafficking Awareness is Sunday,

Feb. 13, noon to 2 p.m. at Hermiston Church of the Nazarene, 1520 W. Orchard Ave. The training includes a free lunch. Also, childcare will be provided by a staffed nursery.

Presented in conjunction with Mirror Ministries of Tri-Cities, those in attendance will gain information on how to report suspected cases to the authorities. For more information or to register, visit www.hermnaz.church. For questions, call 541-567-3677.

Realtors wrap up holiday season with donation

PENDLETON — The Umatilla County Board of Realtors sponsored a Good News Bears collection drive during the 2021 holiday season.

According to a press release from Mary Earley, the board's executive officer, members and affiliate members collected stuffed animals to be distributed to young patients at CHI St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton. Members of the group presented the donations to Harry Geller, St. Anthony Hospital president.

The stuffed animals, Earley said, often help calm young children during their hospital experience.

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