

Tearing down the avenue



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Road construction workers Thursday, Aug. 18, 2022, cover Southeast Byers Avenue at the intersection with Third Street, Pendleton, with black tarps and gravel. The construction stretches along Southeast Byers from Main Street to Seventh Street.

COMMUNITY BRIEFING

David Nelson shares about debut novel

PENDLETON — David Nelson will talk about his book, “Mariah is Missing,” during the upcoming Terrific Tuesday at Heritage Station Museum.

The event is Tuesday, Aug. 23, 6 p.m. at the museum, 108 S.W. Frazer Ave., Pendleton. There is no admission charge.

Nelson earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of Oregon and a law degree at the University of Montana. In addition to working as an attorney and wheat farmer, Nelson was a member of the Oregon State Senate from 1996 until retiring in 2013.

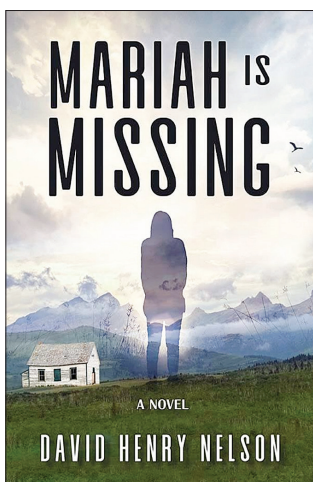
Published in September 2021, Nelson bases his debut novel on a crime that occurred in 1974 while he was serving as the county attorney in Pondera County, Montana. Realizing that the case had a longterm ripple effect on many people, he decided to write the book.

For more about Heritage Station events and activities, visit www.heritagestation-museum.org or call 541-276-0012. For more about the book, visit www.davidhenrynelson.com.

Old Nicks gears up with car show

UMATILLA — Pickups, low riders, import cars and hot rods are invited to enter the A1 Estilo Throwdown.

Held in conjunction with the grand opening celebration at Old Nicks Restaurant + Lounge, the event is Saturday, Aug. 27, 10 a.m. in the parking lot at 610 Sixth St., Umatilla. Vehicles should roll in between 8-9 a.m. There is no registration fee. Awards will be presented for first through third place, as well as best of class.



Heritage Station Museum/
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David Nelson of Pendleton will discuss his debut novel, “Mariah is Missing,” during Terrific Tuesday on Aug. 23, 2022, at Heritage Station Museum, Pendleton.

In addition to the car show, the family-friendly event features \$1 dogs, \$2 burgers and a bouncy house for the kids. Also, there will be live music, as well as food and drink specials for adults.

For more information, search Facebook for “Old Nicks.” For questions, call 541-922-3896.

Harvest Festival plows into Pilot Rock

PILOT ROCK — A full day of activities will sprout during the Harvest Festival in Pilot Rock.

Presented by the Pilot Rock Downtown Association, the event is Saturday, Aug. 27, with most activities held downtown. Also, yard sales are planned throughout the town starting at 8 a.m.

To begin the day with a hearty meal, head to the Fireman’s Breakfast, 6-10 a.m. at the Pilot Rock Fire Station. Downtown activities start at 10 a.m., including vendor booths, children’s activities and a cornhole tournament. The Johnathin Hascall

Memorial Run begins at 10 a.m. on Yellow Jacket Road.

The car show gets into gear at 11 a.m. with judging and awards in the afternoon. A beer garden opens at noon at The Vault, 194 W. Main St. The outdoor beer garden will continue through midnight.

Afternoon activities include The Great Duck Race at 3 p.m. and Barn Yard Bingo at 4 p.m. The Rocket Run/Walk, which benefits the Doherty family, starts at 5 p.m. on the football field. The entry fee is \$20. The Harvest Festival parade gets rolling at 7 p.m.

For more information, search Facebook for “Pilot Rock Downtown Association.” To register for the cornhole tournament (\$10), call Shannon at 541-379-1575.

Bulldogs plan early ‘70s joint reunion

HERMISTON — The Hermiston High School class of 1972 says, “the more the merrier.” Bulldogs who graduated in 1970 through 1973 are invited to a joint Dawg reunion.

The event begins with a meet and greet on Sept. 30, 5 p.m. at Midway Bar & Grill, 1750 N. First St., Hermiston. This is a no-host gathering with no entry fee.

The fun and memories continue on Oct. 1, 3-9 p.m. at Bennett Botanical Gardens, 32632 E. Puntkin Center Road, Hermiston. No-host food and drinks will be available for purchase. The cost is \$15 at the gate.

In addition to food and fun, musical entertainment is planned. Organizers are looking for a volunteer to take group photos. For more information, search Facebook for “HHS Class of 1972 Reunion.”

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STUDENTS

Local students on EOU spring honor roll

LA GRANDE — Eastern Oregon University named 570 students to the dean’s list for the 2022 spring term. Qualifying students achieve and maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher while completing a minimum of 12 hours of graded coursework. Local students receiving recognition include:

PENDLETON: Molly Bishop, Addison Bonzani, Carissa Cooley, Kaylee Cope, Blake Davis, Taylor Dougherty, Justin Duso, Kyler Eckman-Lunny, Jacob Gau, Carter Habig, Merissa Haynes, Jessica Hitzman, Melinda Lente, Brooklynn Lunny, Kyndra Nelson, Cooper Roberts, Jillian Samp, Daniel Van Cleave, Jonathan Wolotira, Tucker Zander.

HERMISTON: Ryne Andreason, Daneli Atilano,

Jiliane Dawson, Jennifer Fuentes, Daniel Gossler, Martin Heredia, Callie Ann Hoef, Naxely Jaime, Andrew James, Madelyn Juul, Hayden Larson, Kylee McClure, Anani Medina, Joshua Roberts, Aaron Roman, Ashley Seibel, Ericka Wells, Evan Yzaguirre.

ATHENA: Amy Arredondo; **BOARDMAN:** Veronica Alvarez Frias, Ana Barajas, Alondra Caldera, Jose Puerta, Johana Sepulveda Vieyra; **ECHO:** Natalie Sherbahn; **HEPPNER:** Hunter Nichols; **IRRI-GON:** Ashley Aguilera, Kimberly Renteria Montes; **KIMBER-FREEWATER:** Wyatt Gilmore, Evelyn Armenta Landa, Giselle Lopez De Loera, Noah Praton, Mckenna Stallings; **PILOT ROCK:** Ellie Lankford; **UMATILLA:** Chantal Lemus, Daisy Nava, Leah Yarbrough.

EOU congratulates each

of the students and acknowledges their dedication to academic excellence. For more information, contact the office of University Advancement at 541-962-3740 or ua@eou.edu.

Pacific University announces academic honors

FOREST GROVE — The spring 2022 dean’s list at Pacific University includes three local students — **Brittany Case** and **Kirsten Mendel**, both of Pendleton; and **Sophie Grant** of Heppner.

To receive the recognition, students must earn a grade point average of 3.7 or higher while completing at least 12 graded credit hours.

A private university based in Forest Grove, Pacific was founded in 1849. For more information, visit www.pacificu.edu.

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Arin Velho, 16, shreds the guitar on Aug. 11, 2022, during Rock & Roll Camp at Pendleton Center for the Arts. The Arts Council of Pendleton recently received an Oregon Cultural Trust grant, which will be used to support free arts education, experiences and programs for youths at the arts center.

Oregon Cultural Trust awards record amount in grants

Umatilla County nonprofits receive more than \$78K

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SALEM — Three Umatilla County nonprofit organizations are among the 138 arts, heritage and humanities organizations across the state to receive a share of \$3.4 million in grant awards disbursed by the Oregon Cultural Trust. The grants are made possible by Oregonians who invested a record \$5.7 million in the Cultural Tax Credit in the 2022 fiscal year.

Local recipients, the grant award and purpose:

- \$30,285 to Tamastlikt Cultural Institute to support culturally appropriate, artistic outdoor gateway signage. The new signage

will be installed on Highway 331 to direct visitors to the museum. Gateway signage and a front-of-facility sign linked by periodic art on the landscape will invite visitors and community members.

- \$30,285 to the Umatilla County Historical Society to support the remodel of the Heritage Station Museum entryway, lobby and gift shop so that a single staff member or volunteer can greet and welcome visitors while also staffing the gift shop.

- \$11,604 to the Arts Council of Pendleton to support increased access to arts education for youths in rural Eastern Oregon through a robust menu of free arts education and experiences at Pendleton Center for the Arts.

In addition, Friends of the Elgin Opera House

was a first-time recipient of an Oregon Cultural Trust grant, receiving \$12,599. The award will be used to support specialized training for its actors by inviting acting coaches, vocal instructors, choreographers and visual artists to work with the community theater.

This year’s awards bring the cumulative total of Oregon Cultural Trust grants to nearly \$40 million since its founding in 2001. Each year, 60% of the money goes directly to cultural organizations and agencies in the form of grants, while the remaining 40% helps grow a permanent fund for culture.

For more information, visit www.CulturalTrust.org. For questions, contact Carrie Kikel, communications manager, at carrie.kikel@biz.oregon.gov or 503-480-5360.

Joan Kathleen Kopp

April 1, 1933 - August 13, 2022

Joan Kathleen Kopp was born on April 1, 1933, to Pat and Catherine Folsom in Pendleton, Oregon. Kathleen, known to many as Mama, died peacefully at the age of 89 on Aug. 13, 2022, in her Pendleton home.

Famous for her infectious laugh and sense of humor, her April Fool’s Day birthday was always a greatly anticipated occasion. A tradition started when she was only 5 and friends were coming over for a birthday party. Her mother opened the door, and she and Kathleen’s sisters, Patti and Judy, told the guests that the party had been canceled, only to be followed by Kathleen jumping out and exclaiming, “April Fools!”

A carefree child, Kathleen loved being with her Daddy, which translated into a lot of time spent at the Round-Up Grounds, where he actively volunteered. For Kathleen, this meant being with her horses or reading comic books and just hanging out with her friend, Shirley Navratil. Kathleen loved horses; her first pony was Molly, then came Smokey, Goldie, Pumpkin and Tony. In 1951, she and Pumpkin proudly represented the Pendleton Round-Up Court as princesses.

Kathleen graduated from Pendleton High School, where she was actively involved in many clubs and committees, including Girls League, Ski Club and PEP Club; she served as Phoenix Club treasurer, advertising manager for The Lantern school newspaper and secretary of Quill and Scroll.

She attended the University of Oregon and dental hygienist school in San Francisco, California. She worked as a dental hygienist in Portland, Oregon, until she fell in love with and married Bill Kopp in 1955. They were married 62 years. Just days after they married, they headed off for Bill’s Air Force duty, which took them to Georgia, New Mexico, Mississippi and Texas.

Following Bill’s honorable discharge, they settled in Pendleton, started their family, and raised seven children. With all seven finally in school, Kathleen started cooking for the Pendleton School District, which she enjoyed very much. Her intention was to work for a short time — so she could treat herself to new drapes for the house — but she enjoyed the students so much that she ended up staying on for many years.

Kathleen would load up her knitting for break time on the back of her moped and head off to school. A daily PHS highlight was snack break and serving hot chocolate chip cookies. Rumor has it she had some favorite students who apparently got a few

extra chocolate chips in their cookies.

Outdoor school at Kiwanis Cabins was a favorite of Kathleen’s. She single-handedly served the students their home-away-from-home meals. Most people might consider it an impossible job, but Kathleen managed with grace and diplomacy and then savored her evening alone time with a book. Alone time in a house of nine people does not exist. So, a grueling day over a hot stove, in trade for an evening of peace and quiet, was well worth it.

Kathleen embodied what it means to be a

lifelong learner. She read every day. It all started with The Nancy Drew Series and “My Friend Flicka.” She nurtured both her intellectual curiosity and sense of adventure. She obtained her license at the age of 50 and that’s when she started riding her moped everywhere with her friend Nancy Niord. Their road trip destinations included Walla Walla, Mission and Pilot Rock. They changed it up, sometimes traveling by the backroads and sometimes journeying by the highways.

Mama was deeply loved and appreciated because there wasn’t a day that went by that she wasn’t cheerful, stoic, supportive, loyal, engaged and attentive. When you were with Kathleen, you felt seen, accepted and loved. She didn’t have a judgmental bone in her body.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, William C Kopp; an infant child, John Steven Kopp; her Daddy, Allen Pat Folsom; and her Mother, Catherine Fitzgerald Folsom; her sisters, Patti Green and Judy Gladman; and her granddaughter, Ashlee Lynn Hodgen.

Her legacy lives on in her adored, cherished and loved 14 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren (with one on the way) and in her children, Linda Jarvis (Brian), Billy Kopp (Shary), Philip Kopp (Kim), Cari Volger (Eric), Cathy Ochs (Gerry), Christopher Kopp (Rebecca), and Curtis Kopp (Suzy). She also leaves behind her faithful companion, Baby Kitty.

A rosary will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 22, 2022, at Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop. The funeral service will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2022, at Pioneer Chapel. Interment will be at Olney Cemetery with a reception following at the Pendleton Convention Center Happy Canyon Room.

To honor Kathleen’s memory, the family recommends donations to the Ashlee Hodgen Memorial Scholarship Fund (Branch Columbia Bank, 2101 S.W. Court Place, Pendleton, Oregon, 97801). Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.pioneerchapel.com.

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