

PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

FEBRUARY 23

- A caller reported a prowler was outside a residence on East Newport Avenue.
- Two males were reportedly walking up driveways on Southeast Banker Drive and looking into vehicles.
- A vehicle window was reportedly broken on West Quince Avenue.
- A caller reported a gun was stolen from a residence on Southwest 13th Place.
- A former employee was reportedly stealing from a business on Highway 395.
- Tires were reportedly stolen on South First Street.

FEBRUARY 22

- Vehicle windows were reportedly shot out on Meadow View Drive, West Pine Avenue, Southwest 12th Street and Fulton Avenue.
- A caller reported a dog broke into his yard on East Newport Avenue and killed his chicken, which he considered a family member. He said he would be protecting his family by shooting the dog or "taking an ax to it" within the next five minutes.
- A caller reported he was locked in the bathroom of a business on East Main Street.

FEBRUARY 21

- A caller reported a male was outside a residence on West Orchard Avenue and refused to leave.
- A vehicle window was reportedly shot out on Northeast Sixth Street.
- Someone was reportedly running around on a roof on South Highway 395.
- Items were reportedly stolen from a tack room on Agnew Road.
- A caller reported a suspicious vehicle was "scoping out houses" on Rio Senda Drive in Umatilla.

- A caller reported two males and two females were fighting outside a business on Highway 730 in Umatilla, and one of the males appeared to have a knife and a vehicle window was broken.
 - Someone reportedly threw a rock through a window on Highway 730 in Umatilla.
 - Some males reportedly tried to rob another male on Oregon Trail Road in Echo.
- FEBRUARY 20**
- A caller reported someone broke into a residence on Southwest 11th Street and stole a computer and clothing.
 - Juveniles reportedly tried to tip over a portable toilet with someone inside at McKenzie Park on West Orchard Avenue.
 - On West Highland Avenue, someone reportedly broke into a vehicle, stole a wallet and used a debit card at businesses in Hermiston and Pendleton.
 - A caller reported numerous items had been stolen from a residence on Wenatchee Street in Umatilla.

ARRESTS

- Crecencio Mendez Avila, 23: second-degree disorderly conduct.
- Christopher Andrew Buffo, 29: failure to pay fines.
- Michael Kenneth Jones, 29: failure to appear.
- Romique Crystal Espino, 32: second-degree criminal mischief.
- Michael Anthony O'Neill, 23: third-degree theft.
- Charles David Ruckman, 43: criminal trespass.
- Noah Lee Campbell, 20: failure to appear, second-degree theft, first-degree criminal trespass.
- Paulina Domingo Garcia, 22: second-degree child neglect.
- Rafael Ramirez Matias, 24: second-degree child neglect.
- Jennifer Annmarie Peterson, 23: offensive littering, driving uninsured.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Eagles lodge crab feed scheduled

The Hermiston Eagles Lodge will host its annual crab feed from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. March 7 at the lodge, 160 N.W. Second St., Hermiston. The event is a major fundraiser for the lodge, and tickets cost \$20. The dinner includes a half pound of fresh crab, baked beans, coleslaw and garlic bread. Tickets should be purchased by March 3 and are available at the lodge. For more information, call 541-567-2909.

Parent club hosting fundraiser

Desert View Elementary School is inviting the community of Hermiston to its eighth annual auction and raffle from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday at Desert View Elementary School. Desert View Parent Club is hosting this fun-filled family-friendly event to raise funds for field trips, library books, classroom projects and many other things designed to support and enhance the school and benefit its students. There will be a raffle drawing for a number of items, including an iPad Mini, Beats by Dr. Dre, gumball machine and a few others. Raffle tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5. Tickets for games/dinner will be six for \$5 or 26 for \$20. Dinner will be a chili dog bar with dessert.

Registration for Young Artists Competition open

Inland Northwest Musicians is accepting applications for participation in the 15th annual Young Artists Competition, which will take place March 8 at Hermiston High School. The competition is open to instrumentalists and vocalists up to age 25 in four age divisions — elementary, junior high/middle school, high school and young adult.

Cash awards will be presented to division winners, and some participants will also be selected to perform in concert with the Inland Northwest Orchestra in May. Information and application forms are available online at www.inland-northwestmusicians.com. The deadline for applications is Friday. For additional information, contact Alice Massey at amassey@wtechlink.us or by phone at 541-379-5564.

Power singing event scheduled

People are invited to participate in an hour of power singing at 6 p.m. Sunday at New Hope Church, 1350 S. Highway 395, Hermiston. Participants can enjoy singing hymns and gathering for song accompanied by Louise Sundvall. For more information, contact Doug Fehrenbacher, 541-561-8327.

Morrow County Veterans Services hosting informational event

Morrow County Veterans Services will host a veterans benefits roundtable at 10 a.m. March 19 at the Stokes Landing Senior Center, 195 Opal Place, Irrigon. Topics of discussion will include changes in veterans burial benefits, survival benefits and government markets. For more information, call MCVS, 541-922-6240.

Garden club meeting on tap

The Blue Mountain District Garden Club will meet at 9 a.m. March 21 at Umatilla City Hall, 700 Sixth St., Umatilla. The hosts are the Umatilla and Condon garden clubs. A salad lunch will be provided for \$5 per person. The guest speaker is Karen Hutchinson-Talaski, who will talk about her trip to China last fall. Any-

one interested in learning more about garden clubs should attend.

HHS graduation committee seeking donations

HHS Project Graduation needs community support to host the Hermiston High School's class of 2015. Costs include site rental, food, insurance, games, entertainment and transportation. Jenny Miller, president of HHS Project Graduation, said the event, which is held the night of graduation, is a great way to keep graduates safe. The drug- and alcohol-free gathering includes a variety of food, games, other activities and prizes.

"To put on a party of this magnitude, it takes thousands of dollars," said Michelle Kane, a committee member. "Monetary donations of any size would be greatly appreciated."

Kane added that in-kind donations of items that the graduates may enjoy, such as getting as a prize are also most welcome.

All donors will be mentioned in an advertisement in printed and online media, unless the donor would like to remain anonymous. HHS Project Graduation is a nonprofit organization, so donations are tax deductible.

The committee of parents and caring community members is in the midst of a letter campaign to local businesses in an effort to garner support. Of course, individuals may also contribute. Checks should be made out to "HHS Project Graduation" and mailed to: HHS Project Graduation, P.O. Box 1105, Hermiston OR 97838. In-kind donations can be mailed or given to Kane or Kathy Dopps at West Park Elementary School.

For more information, contact Miller at jenny.miller@hermiston.k12.or.us; or Kane at michelle.kane@hermiston.k12.or.us or (541) 564-5985.

DEATH NOTICES

Kevin Ray Morgan

Carlsbad, New Mexico

Dec. 16, 1965-Feb. 11, 2015

Longtime Umatilla County resident Kevin Ray Morgan, 49, died Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2015, in Carlsbad, New Mexico. He was born Dec. 16, 1965, in La Grande. A funeral service will be held Saturday, Feb. 28 at 1 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 15 Grant St., Umatilla. Burial will follow at Sunset Hills Cemetery, Umatilla. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Sign the online guest book at burnsmortuary-hermiston.com.

Venita LaRose DePue

Kennewick, Wash.

Feb. 21, 2015

Former Hermiston resident Venita LaRose DePue, 87, died Saturday, Feb. 21, 2015, in Kennewick, Wash. Services will be held at a later date. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Send condolences at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

COMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 25
BABY BOOGIE & TAPPIN' TODDLERS, 10-10:45 a.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave. (541-567-2882).

STORY TIME, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave. (541-567-2882).

STANFIELD SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 noon, Stanfield Community Center, 225 W. Roosevelt. Suggested donation is \$3.50 for seniors, \$6 for those under 65.

PARENT UNIVERSITY, 5 p.m. (English session), dinner served at 6 p.m., with Spanish session following at 7 p.m., Hermiston High School commons, 600 S. First St. Luis Cruz will present tips to help children and families be successful in school and life. Dinner of pizza and salad is \$2 per family, tickets may be purchased at any elementary school office or at the door. Childcare available.

VEGAN/SUSTAINABLE LIVING POTLUCK SUPPER, 7 p.m., call 541-969-3057 to RSVP and for driving directions. Bring a vegan dish and recipe. New vegans welcome. Gluten-free friendly group.

THURSDAY, FEB. 26
HERMISTON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 noon, Hermiston Senior Center, 435 W. Orchard Ave. Costs \$3.50 for seniors 50 and over, \$4 for adults under 50, \$4 for Meals on Wheels home delivery. Extra 50 cents if center provides table service. Transportation can be arranged by donation. (541-567-3582).

AUCTION AND RAFFLE, 5-7 p.m., Desert View Elementary School, 1225 S.W. Ninth St., Hermiston. Fun-filled family-friendly event raises funds for field trips, library books, classroom projects and more. Raffle tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5; game/dinner tickets are 6 for \$5 or 26 for \$20. Dinner of chili dog bar with dessert available. (Amy Robinson 541-571-9353).

BULLPUP PARENT UNIVERSITY (SPANISH), 6 p.m. dinner, presentation begins at 6:30 p.m., Armand Larive Middle School commons, 1497 S.W. Ninth St. Luis Cruz will discuss the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium. Baked potato bar is \$2 per family, tickets may be purchased at any elementary school office or at the door. Childcare available. English translation available.

THE ARC UMATILLA COUNTY BINGO, 6 p.m. doors open, bingo starts at 7 p.m. 215 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-7615).

FIDDLER'S NIGHT, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Hermiston Terrace Assisted Living, 980 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston. Join jam session or just listen. Refreshments served. (541-567-3141).

FRIDAY, FEB. 27
STORY & CRAFT TIME, 2 p.m., Echo Public Library, 20 Bonanza St.

VFW BINGO, doors open at 6 p.m., games start at 7 p.m., Hermiston VFW, 45 W. Cherry St.

CIRQUE ZUMA ZUMA, 7 p.m., Hermiston High School auditorium, 600 S. First St. A synthesis of circus styles fuses African culture with acrobatics, comedy and dance. Tick-

ets are \$35 for adults, \$17.50 for children in advance, \$40/\$22.50 at the door, available at the Hermiston chamber office, Hermiston Parks and Rec office at city hall or online at www.desertartscouncil.com.

SATURDAY, FEB. 28
FUNDRAISER BREAKFAST, 7:30-10:30 a.m., Stokes Landing Senior Center, 195 N.W. Opal Place, Irrigon. Costs \$4.50 per person. Benefits Irrigon Multicultural Arts Center. (Peggy Price 541-567-3806).

HEARTS IN MOTION, 12 noon doors open, grand march at 12:45 p.m., performances begin at 1 p.m., Pendleton High School Warberg Court, 1800 N.W. Carden Ave. See performances by local high school dance teams and dance studios. Admission is \$8 for adults and students. Concessions available for purchase. Benefits Rhythmic Mode dance team.

SPECIAL NEEDS FAMILY TIME, 3-6 p.m., Children's Museum of Eastern Oregon, 400 S. Main St., Pendleton. For children who may need a quieter, less crowded environment. Free for members/\$1 for non-members. Registration required. (541-276-1066).

"RAPUNZEL", 3:30 and 5:30 p.m., Stanfield Elementary School, 1120 N. Main St. The Missoula Children's Theatre production features Stanfield students in grades K-8. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$1 for children 12 and under. (Cecili Longhorn 541-449-1254)

HERMISTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL DINNER & AUCTION, 4 p.m. doors open, 5 p.m. dinner begins, 1825 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston. Dinner of tri-tip steak, live and silent auctions. Tickets are \$12 per person in advance, \$15 per person at the door. (541-567-3480).

SUNDAY, MARCH 1
SPECIAL NEEDS OPEN GYM, 12 noon to 1:30 p.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave. Free for special needs children and families. (541-276-8100).

HOUR OF POWER SINGING, 6 p.m., New Hope Community Church, 1350 S. Highway 395, Hermiston. A gathering of song includes the singing of hymns accompanied by Louise Sundvall. (Doug Fehrenbacher 541-561-8327).

TUESDAY, MARCH 3
PRESCHOOL STORY TIME, 10:30-11 a.m., Stanfield Public Library, 180 W. Coe Ave. (541-449-1254).

HERMISTON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 noon, Hermiston Senior Center, 435 W. Orchard Ave. Costs \$3.50 for seniors 50 and over, \$4 for adults under 50, \$4 for Meals on Wheels home delivery. Extra 50 cents if center provides table service. Transportation can be arranged by donation. (541-567-3582).

HELP WITH MEDICARE, 3-5 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave. Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance Office volunteers answer Medicare questions for Medicare recipients or their providers. Call 541-667-3507 to schedule individual consultations.

Brown supports water fund

Governor to pursue Umatilla Basin project

BY HILLARY BORRUD
CAPITAL BUREAU

Newly minted Gov. Kate Brown said last week she will pursue the \$51.6 million water development fund in former governor John Kitzhaber's budget targeted to help irrigators and conservationists reach a deal in the Umatilla Basin.

"I anticipate we will maintain that in the budget," Brown said during her first press conference since being sworn in as governor Friday. "I know how critical it is to the economy in that area, so I look forward to working with folks to make sure we get some more resources into that project."

Under Kitzhaber's proposal, communities around the state could compete for government loans and grants to assist with planning and development of water supply, watershed restoration and other projects.

Oregonians outside the Portland metropolitan area are watching to see how Brown handles issues of importance in their com-



CHRISTOPHER ONSTOTT/PAMPLIN MEDIA GROUP

Kate Brown wishes Oregon a happy birthday while participating in the annual Statehood Day celebration at the Oregon Historical Society Feb. 14. The new governor said last week she supports the proposed Umatilla Basin water project.

unities. Kitzhaber had proposed spending more than \$200 million on projects related to irrigated agriculture, forest products research and sage grouse habitat over the next biennium.

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Sidney Webb
UMATILLA HIGH SCHOOL

Sidney Webb is an outstanding student athlete at Umatilla High School. Sidney, a junior, has a 3.57 cumulative GPA. Sidney models the term student athlete at Umatilla High School. Sidney is a leader inside and outside the classroom. Sidney is a 3 sport athlete that plays and excelled in volleyball, basketball and tennis. Sidney is the starting point guard on the Umatilla High School basketball team currently ranked 8th in the state. Outside of school Sidney enjoys fishing, hunting and all outdoor activities. She also enjoys cooking and hanging out with friends and family. Her favorite subject is math. After high school Sidney plans on staying close to home and enrolling in a nursing program to become an OBGYN.

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