

Men's league gets ready to tee off

The Thursday Night Men's League starts this week with a two-person scramble at Big River Golf Course in Umatilla. For those who haven't signed up yet, contact the pro shop as soon as possible. The cost is \$200 for league and \$45 for to

join men's club and establish a handicap. Non-members also need to pay greens fees. If you're a single and don't have a partner or would like to be added to the substitute list, contact Megan Olsen at 541-922-3006 or megan@golfbigriver.com.

Students launch website to show engineering's feminine side

Social campaign shows women in technology fields

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Students from Umatilla are working to change the face of engineering.

Umatilla students recently launched the website www.facesofengineering.com, a joint effort between Umatilla's FIRST Robotics Competition team 4125 "Confidential" and FRC team 4980 "Canine Crusaders" of Kettle Falls, Wash. The website is a spin-off of the #Ilooklikeanengineer campaign to show girls and young women they can become engineers.

The Canine Crusaders has 27 members on the team, including six female students from Kettle Falls; Team Confidential has 25 female students, almost half its total enrollment.

"We have 46 percent female representation on our team. That's pretty rare," website designer

and UHS junior Cameron Sipe said. "Most of the (FRC) teams you see are primarily boys."

That observation isn't only limited to robotics competitions. When Sipe tried to search Google Images for "engineer," only four of the first 28 images showed women.

"When you search engineers, you should have a variety of people, and that's what this campaign is trying to do," Sipe said.

The Kettle Falls team had already found the hashtag campaign, had a photo shoot and made posters showing its team as #Ilooklikeanengineer. Naomi Edwards, a computer science engineer and head mentor for the Kettle Falls team, said the initiative shows what women are capable of.

"So much of the media tells our young girls that they should be seen and not heard or over-sexualized," she said. "Our goal is to compete with that, to put some images in front of our young girls to promote the good things these girls are do-

ing and are capable of. My dream is to see this culture change."

Umatilla students saw the posters at a recent robotics competition and formed a partnership with the Washington school. The teams have set up photo booths at events to take photos to post on Twitter and other social media.

Sipe took the time to draft the website during spring break using the Crusaders' photos. The website launched March 22 and has already brought in contacts from as far as Illinois and attention from Gov. Kate Brown's office. Umatilla plans to host their own photo shoot in between upcoming competitions.

"We're just going to let it grow and see where it goes," Sipe said. "We're hoping to bring this into the engineering community and not just the robotics community. For now we're going to see where it goes and do our best to represent all the people who are changing the world."

IN BRIEF

Father sentenced to 10 years in death of infant daughter

HEPPNER — On Friday, a judge sentenced Travis Michael Martin, 22, of Irrigon, to 10 years in prison for the death of his 10-month-old daughter in 2015.

In Morrow County Circuit Court, Martin pleaded guilty to one count of first-degree manslaughter, one count of abuse in the third degree and one count of first-degree criminal mistreatment.

On May 28, 2015, Martin reportedly threw his 10-month-old daughter, Savannah, onto the ground. The girl was awake after the incident but appeared sick the next morning. When she became unresponsive while in the care of her mother, KaSandra Martin, she was taken to St. Anthony Hospital. The child was then flown to Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center and Children's Hospital in Spokane, where she died.

Martin was arrested June 1, 2015. Martin originally pleaded not guilty to the charges but changed his plea in the three counts earlier this year.

Martin had no prior criminal history.

Martin stared straight ahead through most of the court proceedings. He addressed Circuit Court Judge Christopher Brauer when given the opportunity to speak.

"My family and friends are behind me in this," Martin said. "They know what happened. That's all I have to say, Your Honor."

Brauer sentenced Martin to 120 months — 10 years — incarceration for the manslaughter charge, 14 months for the assault charge and 30 months for the criminal mistreatment charge, as well as three years of post-prison supervision, anger management and parenting classes. The charges will be served concurrently, and Martin will receive credit for time served.

Brauer called the incident ghastly and despicable.

D.A. charges woman for abusing cemetery memorials

A Boardman woman faces criminal charges in connection with abusing memorials to the dead in a cemetery.

Morrow County District Attorney Justin Nelson said this is his first time dealing with that particular Class A misdemeanor.

Boardman police officer George Shimer responded to a call Sunday at 8:24 a.m. of a woman "throwing stuff" at Riverview Cemetery, 301 Columbia Ave N.E., according to Shimer's probable cause arrest affidavit. When

he arrived, he found Heather Marie Payne, 40, of Boardman, in the south half of the cemetery.

Payne told Shimer she was being paid to clean up her family's grave sites, and made a few piles of cemetery mementos, including crosses, flowers and solar lights. He noted multiple items were broken. Shimer brought in the caretaker and the secretary of the cemetery board to check out the graves and the three determined Payne removed items from six graves.

Shimer in the affidavit stated he told to Payne people use the mementos to show their grief. Payne, though, told the cop, "the stuff was garbage, and that it should be illegal to put on gravesites."

Shimer then reported he watched as Payne took a can of Coke belonging to a grave, opened it and drank it.

Shimer arrested Payne for second-degree theft and six counts of abusing memorials to the dead.

Nelson said the state on Monday arraigned Payne, who pleaded not guilty. He explained there are laws for damaging headstones and graves, but abusing memorials to the dead has wider applications. He also said he argued to keep Payne in the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton, because she has skipped court appearances in the past.

Local circuit judges were at a conference, Nelson said, so Circuit Judge Robert Morgan of Union County presided over the case, and he allowed Payne free. Nelson said he doubted Payne would show up for her April 28 hearing, and missing the date could lead to a felony.

Boardman police Lt. Loren Dieter said this was his first time seeing the memorial abuse charge in almost 20 years on the job. Boardman police have trespassed Payne from businesses for loitering and bothering customers, he said, but she has not acted out like this before. He also said the case

remains active and more charges are possible if victims come forward.

Payne also could face charges in Umatilla County. Nelson said she had 16 prescription allergy pills on her when police brought her to the jail, but she did not report that to corrections deputies. Each of those pills could lead to a charge of supplying contraband, Nelson said, but he did not know how likely that was given these were not hard street drugs.

Court records on Tuesday showed the Umatilla County District Attorney's Office has not charged Payne in this case.

Woman a suspect in three Hermiston cases

Hermiston Police arrested a woman who is a suspect in three cases. Chief Jason Edmiston said the investigations are ongoing.

Police responded to a report of a car prowl at Ridgeway Apartments, 725 W. Ridgeway Ave., and found Jessica Denise Pankey, 32, of Pendleton, who had a warrant for violating probation. Pankey is serving 18 months probation, according to court records, after she pleaded guilty in February to possession of methamphetamine.

Officers backtracked, Edmiston said, and connected Pankey to two burglaries, a vehicle theft plus the car prowl. He said car prowls ticked up the last two weeks in Hermiston, but police do not know if Pankey is connected to that trend.

Police arrested and booked Pankey into the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton, on two counts of first-degree burglary and one count each of second-degree theft, third-degree theft, second-degree criminal mischief and third-degree criminal mischief, as well as on the probation violation warrant.

Edmiston said he is hopeful that warrant means she will be in jail long enough for police to gather more evidence in the other cases.

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Port of Morrow • Riverside Room

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