

COURTS

Sentences

PENDLETON — The following sentences have been imposed in Umatilla County courts:

MISDEMEANOR

•Michael Ray Scott Garcia, 38, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Failure to Report as Sex Offender: sentenced to 180 days jail-suspended, 5 years probation and \$2,000 fine-suspended, plus court costs and fees; pleaded guilty to Theft II: sentenced to 5 days jail, 175 days jail-suspended, 2 years probation, 80 hours community service and \$2,000 fine-suspended, plus court costs and fees; Plead guilty to Failure to Appear II: sentenced to 180 days jail-suspended, 2 years probation, 80 hours community service and \$2,000 fine-suspended, plus court costs and fees.

Suits Filed

PENDLETON — The following suits have been filed in Umatilla County courts (interest, court costs and fees not listed):

- Quick Collect Inc. vs. Brianna K. Abbott of Hermiston: seeks \$628.03.
- Nationwide Recovery Service Inc. vs. William Lewis Mesteth of Hermiston: seeks \$4,971.17.
- Credits Inc. vs. Maria V. and Jose Andrade of Hermiston: seeks \$2,795.35.
- Credits Inc. vs. Travis A. and Talese Dollarhide of Hermiston: seeks \$714.74.
- Credits Inc. vs. Margarita Gutierrez of Hermiston: seeks \$8,425.71.
- Credits Inc. vs. Luis and Sara Ann Hernandez of Hermiston: seeks \$2,118.95.
- Credits Inc. vs. Joseph Rivera and Karina Torres of Hermiston: seeks \$1,342.69.
- Credits Inc. vs. John and Jami C. Niord of Hermiston: seeks \$1,160.99.

- Credits Inc. vs. Joseph A. and Nicole Tovar of Hermiston: seeks \$778.61.
 - Credits Inc. vs. Karina and William L. Venoy of Hermiston: seeks \$1,484.71.
 - Cavalry SPV I LLC vs. Tara Machado of Hermiston: seeks \$4,442.88.
 - Capital One Bank vs. Emerald L. Eshleman of Stanfield: seeks \$1,481.16.
 - Ray Klein Inc. dba Professional Credit Service vs. Heather Lancaster of Hermiston: seeks \$426.41.
 - Citibank N.A. vs. Ronald W. Wart of Hermiston: seeks \$7,214.55.
 - Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Minerva Flores of Hermiston: seeks \$1,534.55.
 - Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Bruce Doty of Hermiston: seeks \$1,795.73.
 - Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Jasmin Ramirez of Hermiston: seeks \$5,231.69.
 - Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Austin J. McCulough of Hermiston: seeks \$1,787.18.
 - Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Michelle Weber of Hermiston: seeks \$4,711.90.
- Judgments**
- PENDLETON — The following judgments have been rendered in Umatilla County courts (interest, court costs and fees not listed):**
- Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Lisa M. Ruiz: judgment for \$1,549.40.
 - Credits Inc. vs. Luis R. Gutierrez of Irrigon: judgment for \$1,147.83.
 - Bonneville Billing & Collections Inc. vs. Valerie R. Califf of Hermiston: judgment for \$301.73.
 - Credits Inc. vs. Jamie Bautista of Umatilla: judgment for \$2,134.22.
 - Credits Inc. vs. Rhonda Cole of Umatilla: judgment for \$1,321.53.
 - Evergreen Financial Services Inc. vs. Yubany Razon and Dora Molina of Umatilla: judgment for \$526.89.
 - Credits Inc. vs. Maria G. and Francisco Arreola of Umatilla: judgment for \$8,058.08.
 - Credits Inc. vs. Dalyla Campos Ramos of Irrigon: judgment for \$1,225.08.
 - Credits Inc. vs. Lynnea A. Kennedy of Umatilla: judgment for \$983.72.
 - Bonneville Billing & Collections Inc. vs. Daniel Rhorer of Hermiston: judgment for \$252.62.
 - Credits Inc. vs. Ronald E. Deardurff of Boardman: judgment for \$1,152.96.
 - Credits Inc. vs. Maranda Thongdy of Stanfield: judgment for \$1,294.08.
 - Credits Inc. vs. Edith Trujillo and Moses Cardona Loera Jr. of Stanfield: judgment for \$531.65.
- Marriages**
- PENDLETON — Marriage licenses have been registered in Umatilla County for:**
- Daniel Pelayo Gilbon, 27, and Corina Chavez, 33, both of Boardman.
 - Javier Martinez Jr., 26, and Rosalinda Mendoza Sanchez, 23, both of Boardman.
 - Lloyd Ervin Austin IV, 40, of Umatilla, and Amy Ruth Greenhalgh, 30, Mermaid Beach, Queensland, Australia.
 - Joshua Allen Hart, 40, of Umatilla, and Michelle Leigh Smith, 40, of Salem.
 - Daniel Craig Hlavinka Jr., 31, of Umatilla, and Stevie Patten, 31, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, United Kingdom.

OPINION

Professional assistants deserve more than a day

By TAMMY MALGESINI
COMMUNITY EDITOR

Even though Administrative Professionals Day has passed, it's important to remember how vital these men and women are in the workplace.

Years ago, my pops expressed simple words of wisdom: "The secretary and janitor are your friends." After I started working, I really began to understand what he meant by that.

I recently had the opportunity to speak at the Boardman Chamber of Commerce luncheon, which also served to acknowledge the importance of administrative assistants. The chamber's notice about the meeting referred to them as employees "that keep our workplaces going like a well-oiled machine." While my presentation was light-hearted and fun (at least for me), I certainly have appreciated co-workers who have worked in this capacity — whether their official job title is receptionist, secretary, clerical support, office manager or administrative assistant.

During my presentation, which was a bit of a stand-up routine, I joked about how professional assistants have a particular skill set, including that as a sort of air traffic controller through their ability to screen phone calls. Every boss or co-worker truly appreciates this — especially when someone calls five minutes before lunch or quitting time.

Another skill that seems to be universal with administrative assistants is the "phone voice." Tiah Estrabrook, who I pre-

viously worked with at Umatilla County Mental Health's alcohol and drug program had this one down to a fine art.

She could be rattling on (more like barking out commands) about what I needed to do to finish up a client file and suddenly the phone would ring. Tiah would stop mid-sentence, pick up the phone and very pleasantly say, "Good morning, Umatilla County Mental Health. This is Tiah, how can I help you?"

Equally impressive is the ability for professional assistants to decipher even the worst of handwriting. I know because I've worked with several people over the years that have truly amazed me.

Kathy Brittain, who worked the graveyard shift at Beth Enterprises, didn't have the luxury of knocking on my door to double-check what I had written. Yet, she always seemed to be able to figure it out what my chicken scratch said. And, Tiah always reminds me of the time I went to her with my notes and asked her what I had written.

Between now and next April's Administrative Professionals Day, I urge you to regularly express appreciation to those who help make your job easier. And, it would be great if Tiah or Kathy could stop by the newsroom in the next couple of weeks and help me decipher some of my reporter notebooks.

Tammy Malgesini is the community editor. Her column, *Inside my Shoes*, includes general musings about life. Contact her at malgesini@eastoregonian.com or 541-564-4539.

Plant sales bloom this week

With spring in the air, plants and flowers are blooming. Several FFA chapters have announced plant sales:

•Echo FFA Chapter: Wednesday and Thursday from 1-5 p.m.; Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 600 E. Gerone St., Echo. Bedding flowers and vegetables start at \$1. Hanging baskets also available. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/echo.ffa.

•Hermiston FFA: Thursday from 4-7 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., HHS greenhouse, 600 S. First St. Students are selling hanging baskets, flowers (geraniums, snapdragons, petunias allyssum and more) vegetables (peppers, tomatoes, cucumbers), wooden planter boxes and special items made by the HHS metal shop. For more information, contact Brianna Smith at brianna.smith@hermistonffa.org or visit www.facebook.com/HermistonORFFA.

•Irrigon FFA: Thursday from 6-8 p.m., Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., 315 S.E. Wyoming Ave. For more information, call 541-922-5551.



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The Hermiston FFA Chapter offers a variety of flowers and vegetables during its annual plant sale.

Arts center seeks exhibit entries

Artists from across northeast Oregon and southeast Washington are invited to submit work for this year's Open Regional Exhibit.

The artwork drop-off date is Saturday, May 4 from noon to 4 p.m. at Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St. Accepted works include but are not limited to painting, printmaking, book arts, sculpture, mixed media and fiber arts. Photography is the only medium not accepted (the exhibit focuses on photography every other year).

In its 45th year, the exhibit showcases beginning, emerging and established artists from throughout the region. Adults and teen artists may enter up to

two pieces. The entry fee is \$10 per work for adults and \$5 for teens. Artists may designate their works for sale, with a 30% commission retained by the arts center.

Banner Bank of Pendleton contributes \$1,000 in cash prizes that are awarded to artists in both adult and teen categories.

The exhibit opens Thursday, May 9 with a judge's critique at 5 p.m. and reception from 5:30-7 p.m. in the East Oregonian Gallery. Both events are free and open to the public.

For entry forms or more information, stop by the arts center or visit www.pendletonarts.org. For questions, call 541-278-9201.

Murder defendant has plea hearing scheduled

BY HERMISTON HERALD

HERMISTON — Aggravated murder defendant David Edgar Sommerville of Boardman has a hearing to enter his plea.

Sommerville, 19, along with Vincent Wesley David Shermantine, 29, of Hermiston, are on the hook for the 2018 shooting death of Eric Navarete of Hermiston. Sommerville faces the aggravated murder charge, the only crime that carries the threat of the death penalty in Oregon, as well as murder, first-degree robbery and unlawful use of a weapon. Shermantine faces

murder but not aggravated murder, first-degree robbery, felon in possession of a weapon and unlawful use of a weapon.

Shermantine on April 12 pleaded not guilty to the charges. But Sommerville has yet to enter a plea. He remedies that with a hearing Wednesday at 8:15 a.m. at the Stafford Hansell Government Center, Hermiston. Circuit Judge Daniel Hill also will consider a defense motion to preserve evidence.

Shermantine had a pre-trial hearing Tuesday morning. Hill set the next conference for May 29.

Echo Kiwanis award scholarships

The Echo Kiwanis Club recently announced it awarded \$1,000 scholarships to three Echo High School seniors, Annalee Barnes, Lexie Cox and Bobbie Sharp.

At the time of her application, Barnes was finishing up work on a certified nursing assistant (CNA) license and plans to continue her studies in nursing at East Texas Baptist University. As a student leader, athlete and member of the Honor Society, Barnes also is committed to community service.

Cox also is interested in pursuing a career in nursing and plans to attend Wenatchee Valley College. A four-year varsity athlete, she also has distinguished herself as a leader. While serving as a teacher's aide, Cox has demonstrated a

professional attitude and is dedicated to success.

Sharp plans to pursue further studies in agriculture communication at the University of Idaho. In addition to being a reliable teacher's assistant in Echo's agriculture department and serving on the 2018 Umatilla County Fair court, Sharp has held several leadership positions in school and the community.

The Echo Kiwanis has been awarding scholarship grant awards to graduating seniors to encourage their success since 2011. The program is made financially possible through Kiwanis fundraisers and the generous contributions of local individuals and businesses who enthusiastically support the success of future community leaders.

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