

Police Department Awards 2015

The American Legion Maynard-Price Post #52 in Pullman presented awards to four Pullman Police staff during the Feb. 2 Pullman City Council meeting.

Officers **Michael Crow** and **Aaron Breshears** received the Humanitarian Award. On January 10, 2015, a mass shooting occurred in Moscow, Ida., approximately 8 miles from Pullman. The shooter killed three persons and wounded a fourth at three different locations. A radio broadcast alerted Pullman officers to the incident and gave a description of the suspect and vehicle, including a license plate number. At approximately 3 p.m. Crow was assigned to cover SR 270 in case the suspect drove from Moscow toward Pullman. Crow observed the suspect vehicle as it was entering Pullman and notified other officers. Instead of initiating a car stop in the Pullman business district, Crow merely followed behind the suspect vehicle which subsequently stopped for a red traffic light in the business district. Breshears, who had just reported for duty, drove his police vehicle to the location of the traffic light. When the light changed both officers merely followed the suspect vehicle that eventually left the business district headed toward Spokane.

Upon entering agricultural land, the officers attempted to initiate a traffic stop but the suspect failed to yield and a high speed pursuit

began that included driving in fog. The pursuit lasted approximately 22 minutes at which time the suspect's vehicle lost control and went into a field. Crow and Breshears were able to take the suspect into custody.

The members of the Post believe that the judgement of the two officers not to initiate a traffic stop in the Pullman business district averted the potential for innocent persons to be harmed. Upon arrest, the suspect was found to have been armed with numerous weapons.

Records Specialist I **Joshua Sanders** received the Lifesaving Award. On June 28, 2015, Josh observed unusual behavior of an arrestee in a cell. Upon further observation, he saw that the subject had placed his shirt around his neck and began twisting it in an apparent attempt to strangle himself. Josh called for assistance and officers responded to the cell and removed the shirt from the subject's neck. His actions likely saved his life.

Josh also received an Official Commendation from Police Chief **Gary Jenkins** at the December 14, 2015, Police Advisory Committee meeting.

Sergeant **Jake Opgenorth** received the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award. Sergeant Jake Opgenorth was assigned to lead the Detective Division of the Pullman Police Department on January 1,

2015. As sergeant for detectives, Opgenorth directs all major investigations. This year provided some challenging, and high profile, cases including the Luden homicide and the Planned Parenthood arson. The investigations of high profile cases come under a high level of scrutiny for thoroughness and professionalism. Opgenorth ensured that the work done by our investigators held up to that scrutiny.

No investigation is conducted in a vacuum, particularly those requiring the assistance of regional, state, and federal law enforcement partners. Opgenorth effectively coordinated the responses, information flow, and assistance by the Whitman County Coroner's Office, Whitman County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives, and the Joint Terrorism Task Force. Opgenorth has flourished in his leadership role and has represented the Pullman Police Department to the highest standards. He is a leader who exemplifies the Pullman Police Department mission statement, "Serving our Community with Compassion and Professionalism." Opgenorth has been a police officer for over 23 years.

Think Spring!

We would like to request your cooperation in helping us remove all the gravel that we placed on the streets for traction purposes. Please sweep the gravel from the sidewalk in front of your home or business into the street so that we can pick it up with our street sweepers. Thanks for your cooperation in this annual gravel removal process.

Studded Tires

Studded tires are legal only from Nov. 1 - Mar. 31 unless specifically extended by the Washington Department of Transportation. Motorists using studded tires after the deadline could incur a fine from law enforcement. More information is available here: <http://www.wsdot.com/winter/studtire.htm>.

PAFC

Family fun programs

- 6-9 p.m. Sunday, March 6, In service
- 5:30-9 p.m. Friday, March 11 SRS Swim Meet
- Saturday-Sunday, March 12-20, Closed for annual maintenance
- Monday, March 21, M/W Swim Lessons: Session 3 begin
- Tuesday, March 22, T/Th Swim lessons: Session 3 begin
- Saturday, March 26, Sat Swim Lessons: Session 3 begin

Wibit time

There won't be any Splash 'n' Dash opportunities for a while, but the Wibit will be up from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, March 25.

Supervision Policy

Remember that children 7 years old and under who are in the water must be supervised at all times within arm's reach of a responsible caregiver 16 years or older. Children ages 8 to 12 years old who have passed the swim test* need to be supervised in the pool area by a responsible caregiver 16 years old or older. All non-swimmers in the water, including those wearing flotation devices, must be within arm's reach at all times of a responsible caregiver, 16 years old or older. Children 7 years and under who successfully demonstrate the swim test* requirements may be exempt from arm's-length supervision policy. Caregivers of children who pass the swim test are still required to actively supervise their children.

***Swim Test:** to complete the swim test, participants must swim the full length of the lap pool, half on their front, and half on their back. Upon completion, the swimmers must then tread water for one minute in the deep end of the pool.

Pullman Aquatic and Fitness Center
500 NW Larry Street
338-3290

www.pullmanparksandpec.com

ACTIVE ADULTS

Annual Egg Hunt

Pullman Parks and Recreation, Pullman Kiwanis Club and many local businesses are proud to sponsor the 55th Annual Egg Hunt at Kruegel Park for children ages 1-9 on Saturday, March 26. Ages 1-4 will start at 10 a.m. and ages 5-9 will begin at 10:10 a.m. There will be lots of prizes, thousands of eggs and special surprise guests. For more information call the Pullman Parks and Recreation office at 338-3227.

Fitness Classes

It's not too late to get started on that New Year's resolution! Various fitness class sessions are starting in March. Detailed descriptions, times, dates, and cost can be found in the Pullman Parks and Recreation 2016 Winter/Spring brochure or online at www.pullmanparksandrec.com.

Mini-Hoops Basketball

Kids participate in drills, specialized games and scrimmages to develop fundamentals and an appreciation of basketball. This program will be held on Tuesdays. Youth ages 3-4.5 practice from 5:45-6:30 p.m. and ages 4.5-5 practice from 6:45-7:30 p.m. Program is held at Sunnyside Elementary School Gym from March 29-May 3. *Fee: \$25.

Youth Volleyball

Co-ed youth volleyball offers instruction in volleyball basics including serving, passing, setting and hitting. This outstanding program is for all player skill levels. Participants practice on

Mondays and Wednesdays with games on Fridays. Grades 2 and 3 practice from 3:30-4:30 p.m. and grades 4 and 5 will practice from 4:35-5:35 p.m. Program is held at Sunnyside Elementary School Gym from March 21-May 6. *Fee: \$40.

Youth Micro Soccer

Micro Soccer guarantees fun, skill development and soccer fundamentals instruction that a child can understand. All team game play will be on Saturday mornings starting the second week of the program. Teams in kindergarten/grade 1 and grades 2/3 have the option of playing Mondays/Wednesday or Tuesdays/Thursdays; 4th-5th grade teams play Tuesdays/Thursdays only. Call Parks and Recreation at 338-3227 for more information. Program at various Pullman locations runs from March 21-May 5. *Fee: \$40.

Spring Break Camp —Wild About Spring!

Join us for a wild week of fun and adventure! Each day will include a story, craft, music, games and more! We will spend time indoors and outdoors. Snack is provided. Children must be completely potty-trained by class start and must be able to separate from parents. Youth ages 3-6 are welcome to join preschool instructor Ms. Jean from 9 a.m.-noon, April 4-7. *Fee: \$75.

*All registrants who live outside Pullman city limits will be charged an additional \$2.

For more information or to register, go to www.pullmanparksandrec.com or call 338-3227.

Your library—for all your entertainment and research needs!

Adult Programs

- **English Conversation Club.** Join other adults to practice your English language skills through basic conversation from 5:30—7 p.m. on Mondays in the Young meeting room and from 5:30-7 p.m. on Wednesdays in the Hecht meeting room. For more information Contact **Louise Davison** (208) 310-0962 or lmdavison66@gmail.com
- **Grand Avenue Book Club** meets at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 3 in the Hecht meeting room to discuss *The Heretic's Daughter* by **Kathleen Kent**. For more information contact **Rezina** or **Michelle** at 334-3595.
- **Good Yarns** knit and crochet group meets from 1-2:30 p.m. every Friday in the Hecht meeting room. Join fellow fiber enthusiasts to work on your projects, share tips, and get new ideas. All skill levels are welcome. For more information, call 334-3595.
- **Sew Happy** hand and machine sewing club meets 10-11:30 a.m. every Tuesday in the Hecht meeting room. Come work on your sewing projects or learn how to sew. All skill levels are welcome. Some machines are available or bring your own. For more information, contact **Linhda** at 332-5340 or linhdasagen@yahoo.com.

Children's Programs—For information contact

Kathleen Ahern at kathleen@neill-lib.org 338-3258.

- **Mother Goose Time** (newborns-24 months) meets from 9:30-10 a.m. on Wednesdays or Thursdays. Enjoy this language enrichment program that features songs, rhymes, movement activities and great books. Pre-registration is not required. Call 338-3258 for weekly scheduling.
- **Time For Twos Story Time** (2-3 years) from 10:30-11 a.m. on Wednesdays. Enjoy fun books, songs, rhymes, flannel board stories, movement activities and more. Pre-registration is not required.
- **Preschool Story Time** (3-5 years) from 10:30-11 a.m. on Thursdays. Enjoy wonderful books, stories, puppets, songs, rhymes, flannel board stories, movement activities and more. Pre-registration is not required.
- **Lego® Time!** (ages 5 and older) from 3:30-4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1. Drop in and join your friends for Lego® Time! Imagine, build, create! Thousands of Legos await you. Pre-registration is not required.

Library Hours

Mon • 1-7 p.m.	Neill Public Library
Tue • 10 a.m.-7 p.m.	210 N. Grand Ave
Wed & Thu • 9 a.m.-6 p.m.	www.neill-lib.org
Fri & Sat • 1-5 p.m.	334-3595

Directory of City Officials

Elected Officials

Glenn A. Johnson.....Mayor
 Jeff Hawbaker.....Councilmember
 Fritz Hughes.....Councilmember
 Eileen Macoll.....Councilmember
 Ann Parks.....Councilmember
 Al Sorensen.....Councilmember
 Nathan Weller.....Councilmember
 Pat Wright.....Councilmember

Administration

Mark WorkmanCity Supervisor
 Joanna BaileyLibrary Services Dir.
 Wayne BrannockIS Manager
 Kurt DahmenRecreation Mgr.
 Alan DavisParks Manager
 Pete DickinsonPlanning Director
 Kevin GardesPublic Works Dir.
 Mike HestonFire Chief
 Leann HubbardFinance Director
 Gary JenkinsChief of Police
 Laura McAloonCity Attorney
 Karen SiresHuman Res. Mgr.

Phone: 338-3208 • Fax: 334-2751
 Police Nonemergency Services: 334-0802
 Web address: www.pullman-wa.gov

Grand Avenue Greenway Entry Sign Update

A wet spring in 2015 has slowed construction of the south entry sign to Pullman according to Alan Davis, city liaison for the Grand Avenue Greenway Committee.



The Grand Avenue Greenway Committee, formed in 1998, has raised more than \$110,000 in donations to beautify Pullman's main arterial by funding nine projects to date from Terre View Dr. to Bishop Blvd. The group has been fundraising for entry signs since 2012 and plans call for signs on the north near the Albion Road intersection as well as to the east. Initial signage estimates ranged from \$70,500 to \$76,800 according to co-chairs Rosemary Waldrop and Rosalie Harms.

Tentative completion dates for the signs on the north and south entrances to Pullman is anticipated in fall of 2016.

THEY DROVE a million miles for you

In December 2015, Pullman Transit recognized five drivers who achieved the Million Mile Driver Award. To qualify, a driver must have driven 25,000 hours and have 12½ years of safe driving. The drivers were given their awards at the Safety and Awards banquet in front of their peers. Congratulations to the following drivers:
Rocky Finley, Greg Johnson, Bob Sanders, Jan Simonsen and Randy Wendt.

ACTIVE ADULTS

Uniontown Sausage Feed and Church Tour

The ultimate, old-fashioned, German-style food event held in the Palouse for more than 50 years includes an all-you-can-eat meal of homemade sausage, sauerkraut, apple sauce, potatoes, corn, and your choice of pie for dessert. Home pickup begins at 8 a.m. on Sunday, March 6. We leave city hall at 9 a.m. and return about noon. Register by March 4. *Fee: \$13, which includes meal, escort and transportation.

Sons of Norway Norwegian Breakfast

This Clarkston event is always a real hit with our breakfast crowd, offering various very good Scandinavian dishes. Home pickup begins at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 12. We leave city hall at 9:30 a.m. and return about noon. Register by March 7. *Fee: \$12, which includes meal, escort and transportation.

Sandhill Crane Tour

We will enjoy a personal tour to view visiting cranes feeding in the fields local to Othello. Our guide will also take us through Columbia National Wildlife Refuge and describe the animals and birds of the area. Afterward we will have lunch at Michael's on the Lake in Moses Lake. Home pickup begins at 7 a.m. on Tuesday, March 22. We leave city hall at 8 a.m. and return about 5 p.m. Register by March 18. *Fee: \$20, which includes tour, escort and transportation. The meal cost is not included.

Spokane INB Theatre presents '42nd Street'

This musical comedy is the Broadway song-and-dance fable—an American dream story that includes some of the greatest songs ever written. This sparkling new production will have you on the edge of your seat. We will have dinner before the show at Anthony's. Home pickup begins at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 24. We leave city hall at 3:30 p.m. and return about 11:30 p.m. Register by March 4. There will be no refunds, as tickets are pre-purchased.

*Fee: \$65, which includes admission, escort and transportation. Meal cost not included.

Mega Shopping Trip

A day of shopping in Spokane! First, we will stop at Trader Joe's to find some healthy groceries or unique wines. Lunch will be at the Black Angus. Our next stop will be the Spokane Valley Mall where you will have lots of time to check out all the stores. Home pickup begins at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, March 30. We leave city hall at 9 a.m. and return about 5:30 p.m. Register by March 25. *Fee: \$12, which includes escort and transportation. Meal cost not included.

AARP Tax-Aide

Back again this year, Tax-Aide provides help for seniors to prepare their income tax and get the deductions and credits they deserve. For more information contact **Randy**

Baukol at 208-882-5406. This free service will be offered on Thursdays through Apr. 14, from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at the senior center. Services are on a first-come, first-served basis.

Irish Feast Luncheon Fundraiser

For more than twenty years, this has been a Pullman Senior Center annual fundraiser. The whole community is invited to the city hall senior center from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 17 for a delicious luncheon of the traditional Irish dish, corned beef and cabbage, with tasty coleslaw, fresh-baked bread, mouth-watering pie, and a hot or cold beverage. All funds generated support the senior programs and events. Pay at the door or purchase tickets in advance at the Senior Center office. Fee: \$7

*All registrants who live outside Pullman city limits will be charged an additional \$2.

NOTE: Many of these trips are listed in the 2016 Winter/Spring Parks & Recreation brochure and may fill up due to pre-registration. Call for info at 338-3307 or 338-3227.