

**PUBLIC SAFETY LOG**

**FRIDAY**

•Pendleton police at 7:35 a.m. received a theft report from a resident of Southwest Emigrant Avenue. The caller said he had some company over the previous night when he went to bed and when he woke up 84 oxycodone were missing.

•A resident of East Highland Avenue, Hermiston, called the Umatilla County Sheriff's Office at 10:17 a.m. to report someone had ripped the door off her chicken house, took some of her chickens and killed others. The caller said the same thing happened in December. She requested deputy contact.

•An Echo resident at 11:41 a.m. reported to the Stanfield police her house on West Buckley Street was burglarized sometime within the last 24 hours.

•The Irrigon postmaster reported at 3:20 p.m. that someone had attempted to break into several mail lock boxes on Pleasant View Road, Irrigon, but was unsure if any mail was stolen. A Morrow County sheriff's deputy took a report.

•A Heppner resident called the Morrow County Sheriff's Office at 7:25 p.m. to report his motorcycle, which was stolen from his garage on Southeast Court Street, had been returned but it was now damaged. He requested contact from a deputy.

•The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office at 10:20 p.m. received a report from an elder at the Milton-Freewater Church on Highway 11, who said a red Toro riding lawn mower was stolen from a storage unit on the side of the church the previous evening.

•A rifle was reported stolen at 10:48 p.m. from a residence on Southeast Brandon Street, Irrigon. The caller said the rifle was not in the bedroom where he left it but no windows were broken and the doors were locked.

**SATURDAY**

•A caller at 12:01 p.m. called the Morrow County Sheriff's Office to report a car in the water below the boat ramp at High Bank near the hatchery, Irrigon. The caller said the windshield wipers were still working and the car was filling with water, but they couldn't tell if anyone was in the car.

•The Umatilla Police Department at 12:26 p.m. received a report from a resident of Columbia Boulevard that his tires had been slashed. The same man called at 11:56 a.m. Sunday to report his car stereo stolen.

•A Pilot Rock man called the Pilot Rock Police Department at 4:38 p.m. to report he had stolen his girlfriend's car and burned it about a month ago.

•A resident at Oasis RV Park, W. Highway 730, Irrigon, reported a neighbor pulls a .357 Magnum every time he walks by. The caller said the man doesn't point the gun at him, just "shows it to him." He requested a Morrow County sheriff's deputy talk to the man.

**SUNDAY**

•Locks were cut off the concession stand at the Yantis Park Little League field, Milton-Freewater, but the caller was unsure whether anything was taken, she reported at 3:01 p.m. to the Milton-Freewater police.

•Milton-Freewater police at 3:25 p.m. received a report of a burglary in a storage unit in the 400 block of Northeast Eighth Avenue. The caller said several items were stolen including irrigation equipment and gas cans.

•A car dealer on Highway 11, Milton-Freewater, at 6:17 p.m. called the Umatilla County Sheriff's Office to report someone had broken into the dealership office, took papers from a cabinet and drilled holes in all the gas tanks of the vehicles on the lot.

•A Milton-Freewater resident at 7:04 p.m. reported his home in the 1000 block of Northeast Third Avenue was broken into and cash was stolen.

**ARRESTS, CITATIONS**

**Saturday**

•Pendleton police arrested Daniel Roy Walchli, 40, address not provided, for unauthorized entry of motor vehicle, possession of methamphetamine, attempted unauthorized use of motor vehicle, third-degree theft and second-degree criminal mischief.

•John A. Collins, 52, 204 S.W. First St. Apt. 17, Milton-Freewater, was arrested by Pendleton police for DUI.

•Oregon State Police arrested Calvin Hunter Netherda, 20, address not provided, on charges of DUI, driving while suspended, failure to display license, giving false information to police and recklessly endangering another.

•Umatilla Tribal Police arrested Morgan Tyesh Johnson, 22, address not provided, for possession of methamphetamine and on a felony probation violation.

**Sunday**

•The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office arrested Jason Thomas Payton, 32, address not provided, on charges of identity theft, first-degree forgery, first-degree criminal possession of forged instrument and credit card fraud.

**COMING EVENTS**

**TUESDAY, FEB. 10**

**WALKING FOR WELLNESS,** 8:30-9:30 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Free. (541-276-8100).

**PRESCHOOL STORY TIME,**

10:30-11 a.m., Stanfield Public Library, 180 W. Coe Ave. (541-449-1254).

**LITERARY HOUR,** 11 a.m., Children's Museum of Eastern Oregon, 400 S. Main St., Pendleton. A book and activity designed to promote literacy, self-expression and early reading. (541-276-1066).

**BOARDMAN SENIOR MEAL SERVICE,**

12 noon, Boardman Senior Center, 100 Tatone St., Boardman. Cost is \$4 for seniors 55 and older and \$5 for adults. All ages welcome. (541-481-3257).

**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).

**PENDLETON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE,**

12 noon, Pendleton Senior Center, 510 S.W. 10th St., Pendleton. Cost is \$3.50 for seniors, \$6 for those under 60. Meet new friends, enjoy pool, puzzles, crafts, snacks, Second Time Around thrift store and more from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For Meals on Wheels call CAPECO at 541-276-1926. (Maxine 541-276-5303).

**BABY BASH,**

5 p.m., Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave. For ages birth to 2 and their parent/guardian. Free (541-966-0380).

**HOMEBUYERS WORKSHOP,**

6-7 p.m., Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, 130 N.E. Second St., Hermiston. Free information for prospective homebuyers. (Bethany Winters 541-564-1979).

**PENDLETON KNITTING GROUP,**

6 p.m., Prodigal Son Brewery & Pub, 230 S.E. Court Ave. (541-966-0380).

**PENDLETON EAGLES BINGO,**

6:30-9 p.m., Pendleton Eagles Lodge No. 28, 428 S. Main St. Benefits local charities. (541-278-2828).

**STORY AND CRAFT TIME,**

6:30 p.m., Milton-Freewater Public Library, 8 S.W. Eighth Ave., Milton-Freewater. For elementary school-age children. (Lili Schmidt 541-938-8247).

**EASTERN OREGON FORUM,**

7 p.m., Blue Mountain Community College Science & Technology Building room 200, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton. A panel of speakers will discuss "Climate Change: Impacts to the Mid-Columbia Basin." Cost is \$6 at the door, free for students. (Karen Parker 541-966-3177).

**PREPAREDNESS FAIR PLANNING MEETING,**

7 p.m., Pendleton City Hall community room, 501 S.W. Emigrant Ave. Individuals and organizations interested in helping plan the second annual Preparedness Fair are invited to attend. Free. (541-276-9492 or pepfair2015@yahoo.com)

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**BABY BOOGIE & TAPPIN' TODDLERS,**

10-10:45 a.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave. (541-567-2882).

**PRESCHOOL STORY TIME,**

10:15 a.m., Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave. (541-966-0380).

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

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**TOT TIME,**

1-2 p.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave. For children ages 0-5. Cost is \$1 per child. (541-276-8100).

**ADULT BEGINNING COMPUTER CLASS,**

3 p.m., Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave. Learn the most basic of basics. Free, but space is limited and pre-registration is required. (541-966-0830).

**HERMISTON**



Staff photo by George Plaven

**A Safeway semi-trailer sustained front end damage after a three-vehicle crash Monday afternoon on Interstate 84 near Hermiston.**

**Three-vehicle collision sends two to hospital**

East Oregonian

Two semi-trailers and a roadside service truck were involved in a crash Monday afternoon on Interstate 84 westbound near Hermiston.

According to Oregon State Police Trooper John Lombardi, one of the rigs,

operated by Triple J Express, was limping along in the slow lane at about 35 mph followed by the service truck trying to reach the Westland Road exit.

A second semi, operated by Safeway, attempted to pass at about 55 mph but could not change lanes due to

traffic and rear-ended the service truck, which slammed forward into the back of the Triple J trailer. The driver of the Safeway truck, 61-year-old Blair Andersen, was cited for following too closely. He refused medical, though the other two drivers were taken to Good Shepherd

Medical Center with minor injuries.

OSP shut down one lane of I-84 at the crash scene for an hour while crews worked to clear debris from the road. The Safeway truck sustained serious front end damage, while the service truck was totaled.

**HERMISTON**

**Students strive for right moves in local chess tournament**

By PHIL WRIGHT

East Oregonian

Fierce concentration and hushed competition filled the Hermiston High School library Saturday at the Region 23 Chess Tournament.

Eleven high school and 17 junior high students from Hermiston and Irrigon each played five matches over almost a five-hour stretch.

For high schoolers, Oscar Galdamez, 15, of Hermiston, tied for first in the tournament with Darin Hauner, an Irrigon senior. Hermiston junior Larkin Havin took second, and three freshman tied for third: Logan Miller, Hermiston, Ethan Geer, Irrigon, and Jadwin Lyons, Hermiston.

Galdamez's younger sister, Allison, is in eighth grade and tied for third with Oliver Rodriguez, also of Hermiston, in the junior high category. She said she practices with her brother — though he has to push her to sit at a board. Gracie Stirk, an Irrigon eighth grader, took second, losing in a tough match to Bobby Bellinger, a Hermiston eighth grader.



Staff photo by Phil Wright

**High school students from Hermiston and Irrigon prepare to play final matches Saturday at a regional chess tournament at Hermiston High School.**

Hermiston High's librarian and chess club advisor Delia Wallis says a computerized chess tournament pairing system took care of the details squaring up players based on wins, losses or draws. Players earned one point per win and a half point per stalemate. The top four scorers advance to the state contest in mid-March in Portland.

The Hermiston School District secondary schools chess program hosted the

regional tournament under the umbrella of the Chess For Success organization in Portland. The region encompasses Umatilla County and four nearby counties. Wallis stated this marks the return of the contest to Hermiston, which has a strong resurgence in participation by older students.

"In fact, both Hermiston middle schools and the high school were maxed out on allowable registrations of 10 players for each team," she

reported.

She also said while this turnout was a little down, she is excited about the prospect of chess teams of younger students. She said it only takes one interested parent volunteer to help form a school club, and you do not have to be a chess master.

Oscar (senior) and Claudia Galdamez were happy for their children's success. They moved to Hermiston last year, they said, and have encouraged their children to participate in sports and music. The senior Galdamez said his son started playing chess when he was 6 and has enjoyed it since. Claudia Galdamez said she likes that chess is exercise for their brains.

Allison said she started playing about a year ago and found it fun, but also saw it helped her study and improved her concentration in soccer and basketball, as well as for band, where she plays trumpet and trombone.

The younger Oscar said he enjoys the thrill of strategy chess demands, and "crushing" an opponent feels pretty good, too.

**BRIEFLY**

**Power out briefly at UHS**

UMATILLA — Umatilla High School students spent the beginning of their school day in the dark Monday morning due to a power failure.

The outage, caused by a problem with a line serving the high school's main building, also disrupted phone service for the district. It was fixed by Pacific Power & Light at approximately 10 a.m.

Students stayed at the school during the power failure. Before the power came back on Superintendent Heidi Sipe said the district had until 10:15 a.m., when the food service department starts preparing school lunches, to decide whether to send students home for the day.

**Pendleton to host two Common Core meetings**

PENDLETON — With the Common Core State Standards a hot topic in education, Pendleton will host a series of public meetings on that subject and other educational developments in the coming weeks.

The first meeting, at McKay Creek

Elementary School on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., will be held by the Pendleton School District.

The information session will address Common Core instruction, content integration and state assessments.

A district press release promises attendees will hear thoughts about the matter from administrators, including Laura Miltenberger, curriculum, instruction and assessment coordinator.

"There are a lot of myths and misunderstandings out there regarding the Common Core State Standards and assessments, and we're hoping to bring some clarity to parents on what's going on inside their students' classrooms," she said in the release.

The information session will include free childcare.

The second meeting will be sponsored by the Oregon Department of Education and will feature state assessment director Derek Brown.

Brown will focus on student assessments and will dedicate most of the meeting to opening the floor to the audience.

The meeting will be held March

2 at 6 p.m., with a location to be announced later.

**Milky rain likely caused by Nevada dust**

KENNEWICK, Wash. (AP) — The milky rain that fell on Eastern Oregon and Washington on Friday likely was from a large dust storm in northwest Nevada, according to the National Weather Service.

Winds faster than 60 mph whipped across the northwest Nevada desert Thursday and Friday. The dust caused traffic accidents and poor visibility in Reno.

Dust blown from Nevada between midnight and 5 a.m. would have reached Eastern Oregon by midday Friday, said the weather service. On Friday, the weather service speculated that the particulate could be either dust or volcanic ash and could be from anywhere in the world because the rain storm came across the Pacific Ocean.

The rain left cars spotted with white and gray residue throughout northeast Oregon and across western Washington.

*Happy Valentine's Day!*

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**When:** Friday, February 27th • 6-9 pm  
**Where:** Hamley's Slickfork Saloon  
**What:** • no-host bar • hors d'oeuvres  
• silent auction • music by the PHS Jazz Band  
• dressing up optional but encouraged  
**Cost:** \$40 pre-registration • \$80 at-the-door  
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