

MILTON-FREEWATER

# Police catch frequent eluder

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A Milton-Freewater man with a history of fleeing police is again behind bars on multiple charges including trying to get away from the cops.

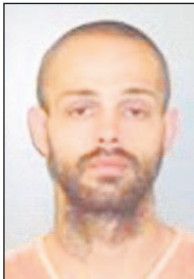
Milton-Freewater Police Chief Doug Boedigheimer reported in an email an officer tried to stop a Subaru Forester a little before 5 a.m. Wednesday on the 1200 block of North Main Street, Milton-Freewater. The chief said he did not have the report on what led to the stop, but it may have been because the officer recognized the driver, Jimmy Boy Humbert, 28, of Milton-Freewater.

“Historically, he runs/eludes from police as a matter of behavior and practice,” Boedigheimer stated. “When

the elude occurred, Humbert had two felony warrants out of Umatilla County, which in this case added to his propensity to run from police.”

Humbert led the officer into the county near Locust Road and Highway 339, according to the chief, then jumped out of the vehicle and ran into a nearby orchard. Humbert’s girlfriend was a passenger and told police Humbert was the driver.

The officer did not catch Humbert, Boedigheimer stated, so he wrote a “probable cause statement” that outlined the cause for Humbert’s arrest and posted it in the police department. Boedigheimer



Humbert

explained the statement gave other officers the knowledge and authority to arrest him.

And later that day, another officer found Humbert at 392 Raspberry Loop, took him into custody and booked him into the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton, on charges of felony attempt to elude a police officer via a vehicle and misdemeanors of reckless driving and recklessly endangering another (the girlfriend), as well as on the two warrants.

Boedigheimer also said Humbert could face another misdemeanor for running from police on foot.



Photo contributed by Brianna Sutton

## Isolated downpour

A thunderstorm pours rain on Hermiston on Thursday afternoon in this photo taken from Westland Road west of town.

### BRIEFLY

#### Hermiston to award grants for recreation

HERMISTON — Money from Hermiston’s transient room tax is available for recreational activities and projects around the city.

The city is accepting applications for grants until 4 p.m. on June 5. Last year \$38,500 was awarded and the city expects a similar amount to be available this year.

Projects must be recreational in nature, take place within the city limits and the grant applicant must have nonprofit tax status. Proposals that benefit the most people, have the most support and are designed to boost tourism, marketing or lodging will be given preference.

Nine projects were awarded funds last year, including the Cinco de Mayo festival, Hermiston Little League and a citywide three on three basketball tournament.

Applicants will be invited to make a 10-minute presentation on their proposal on Wednesday, June 10.

Applications can be found online at [www.hermiston.or.us/trt-community-grants](http://www.hermiston.or.us/trt-community-grants) or at city hall. Questions can be directed to Parks and Recreation director Larry Fetter at 541-667-5009.

#### Boardman Five-O benefits police reserves

BOARDMAN — A fun run/walk to benefit Boardman’s volunteer reserve police officers is planned this weekend.

The Boardman Five-0 5K Run/Walk is Saturday with registration beginning at 4 p.m. and the event at 6 p.m. at Boardman Marina Park, 1 Marine Drive. The fee is \$10 in advance or \$15 on race day. To register in advance, stop by Boardman City Hall, 100 City Center Drive, or Turquoise Yeti Coffee Co., 425 W. Main St., Ione.

The inaugural fun run/walk, which is for

all ages, goes along the Boardman Riverfront Trail. Participants are encouraged to dress up as additional prizes will be given for the best dressed.

For more information, call Boardman City Hall at 541-481-9252 or Keri Heideman at 541-571-9666.

#### Bluegrass concert helps food bank

MILTON-FREEWATER — A bluegrass band from La Grande will perform a concert to benefit the Milton-Freewater Bread Basket.

The Blue Plate Special will perform Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at St. James Episcopal Church, 719 Pierce St., Milton-Freewater. Donations will be accepted at the event to help support the food bank. Cookies and coffee will be served following the concert.

For more information, call Jon St. Hilaire at 509-522-0168.

#### Exercise class for moms with youngsters

PENDLETON — A 60-minute total body workout for moms with kids in strollers is offered through Pendleton Parks & Recreation.

The exercise includes cardio, strength, toning, stretching and songs and activities for the children. The classes are set up for all fitness levels, including women who are pregnant. Children of all ages are welcome as long as they stay in the stroller most of the time.

The groups will meet Wednesdays and Fridays beginning May 27 from 9-10 a.m. or an evening session Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning May 26 from 5:45-6:45 p.m. at Community Park, Pendleton.

The \$38 registration fee is due by Friday. To register, go to [www.pendletonparksandrec.com](http://www.pendletonparksandrec.com) or stop by the parks office, 865 Tutuilla Road. For more information, call 541-276-8100.

## Wal-Mart aims to double hiring of veterans

By JADE MCDOWELL  
East Oregonian

Locals who have served in the military could see more job opportunities after Wal-Mart announced it was increasing its commitment to hiring veterans.

Since the company — one of Umatilla County’s largest employers — committed two years ago to hiring 100,000 veterans by 2018, Wal-Mart has hired 795 additional veterans in Oregon. Spokeswoman Becca Sterbenz said Wal-Mart’s Hermiston distribution center and stores in Eastern Oregon have contributed to that number.

On Wednesday Wal-Mart announced it was more than doubling its goal of hiring veterans, aiming to employ 250,000 veterans by the end of 2020.

Hermiston distribution center manager Joshua Burns is an Air Force veteran and graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy. He said in a statement

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— Gary Profit, Wal-Mart’s senior director of military programs

that the teamwork and leadership skills he gained through his military background have helped him be a better manager to the center’s employees, which include several other veterans.

“There is something special about the focus on fulfilling a mission with integrity that our veterans are bringing to the Distribution Center floor,” he said. “The sense of service and teamwork is infectious.”

One in every 34 people in Umatilla County’s workforce is employed by Wal-Mart. About 800 people are employed by the Hermiston distribution center and another 500 are spread between the Hermiston and Pendleton stores.

Retired Brigadier General Gary Profit, Wal-Mart’s senior director of military programs, said in a news release that the company has experienced a “tremendous response” in Oregon to the Veterans Welcome Home Commitment and he knows there is more to be done as service members continue to transition out of active duty.

“We believe veterans represent the largest, diverse, talent-rich pool in the world and are an essential segment of the next generation at Wal-Mart,” he said.

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| <b>Adams Community Church</b><br><i>Duane Geyer, Pastor</i><br><b>140 N. Main, Adams, OR 566-9457</b><br><u>Worship</u><br><b>9 am</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>GRACE AND MERCY LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA</b><br>OPEN HEARTS – OPEN DOOR<br><a href="http://www.graceandmercy.lutheran.org">www.graceandmercy.lutheran.org</a><br>Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.<br>Sunday School 10:00 a.m. (Nursery Provided)<br>Fellowship, Refreshments & Sunday School<br>Check Out our Facebook Page or Website for More Information<br><b>541-289-4535</b><br>Tom Inch, Pastor<br>Grace and Mercy Lutheran Church, ELCA<br>164 E. Main St. / P.O. Box 1108<br>Hermiston, Oregon 97838 | <br><b>St. Johns Episcopal Church</b><br>All People Are Welcome<br><i>Scripture, Tradition and Reason</i><br><b>Family service 9am Sunday</b><br>Gladys Ave & 7th Hermiston<br>Fr. Dan Lediard, Priest. PH: 567-4672                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Redeemer Episcopal Church</b><br><b>241 SE Second St. Pendleton (541)276-3809</b><br><a href="http://www.pendletonepiscopal.org">www.pendletonepiscopal.org</a><br>Sunday Morning Worship 9:00 a.m.<br>Wednesday Worship Noon<br>Wednesday Evening Prayer and Pot Luck 6:00 p.m.<br><b>All Are Welcome</b> |
| <b>Grace Baptist Church</b><br>555 SW 11th, Hermiston 567-9497<br><i>Nursery provided for all services</i><br>Sunday School - 9:30 AM<br>Worship - 10:45 AM 6:00 pm<br>Wed Prayer & Worship - 7:00 PM<br>“Proclaiming God’s word, growing in God’s grace”                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <br><b>FIRST CHURCH OF GOD</b><br>First Service @ 8:30am<br>Second Service @ 10:30am<br><br>712 SW 27th Pendleton<br>541-276-1894<br><a href="http://www.fcogpendleton.com">www.fcogpendleton.com</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b><br>-Presbyterian Church (USA)-<br><b>201 SW Dorion Ave. Pendleton</b><br><br>Service of Worship - 10:00 am<br>Children’s Sunday School - 10:20 am<br>Fellowship - 11:00 am<br><a href="http://www.pendletonpresbyterian.com">www.pendletonpresbyterian.com</a><br><b>Open Hearted...Open Minded</b>                                     | <i>Come meet Jesus at</i><br><b>PENDLETON BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br>3202 S.W. Nye Avenue, Pendleton, OR 541-276-7590<br>Sunday Morning Worship 8:30 & 11:00 AM<br>Sunday Bible Classes 9:45 AM<br>Sunday Youth Group 6:00 PM<br>Awana Kids Club<br>Tuesdays 6:30 - 8:00 PM<br>K - 6th Grade (Sept-May)            |
| <b>FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH</b><br><i>in Mission for Christ LCMC</i><br>Bible Study.....9:00 AM<br>Sunday Worship.....10:30 AM<br><br><b>Red Lion Hotel (Oregon Trail Room )</b><br><a href="http://www.faithpendleton.org">www.faithpendleton.org</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>Living Word Christian Center</b><br>Sunday Worship Service 10:00 AM<br>Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM<br>Sharon Miller, Pastor<br>401 Northgate • Pendleton 278-8082<br><a href="http://www.livingwordcc.com">www.livingwordcc.com</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <br><b>The Salvation Army</b><br><i>Center for Worship &amp; Service</i><br><br>Sunday Worship Service 9:30 - Sunday School 10:30 - <b>Worship Service</b><br>Wednesday Bible Study<br>5:30 Family Fellowship Meal 6:00 Bible Study<br><b>COME AS YOU ARE</b><br><b>150 SE EMIGRANT (541)276-3369</b>                                                                    | <b>Peace Lutheran Church ELCA</b><br>210 NW 9th, Pendleton<br>Join us Sundays<br><b>9:30 am Sunday Worship</b><br><b>10:30 am Fellowship</b><br><b>11:00 am Sunday School &amp; Adult Class</b><br><i>~Come and be at Peace~</i><br>on 1290 KUMA noon each Sunday                                             |
| <b>Community Presbyterian Church</b><br><br><b>14 Martin Drive, Umatilla, OR 922-3250</b><br><br><b>Worship: 10 AM Sunday School at 11:30</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>Faith Center Church</b><br><b>Worshipping God • Loving People</b><br><br>108 S. Main • 276-9569<br><b>Sunday School 9:30 am</b><br><b>Sunday Worship 10:30 am</b><br>Sr. Pastor, Ray O’Grady<br><a href="http://pendletonfaithcenter.org">pendletonfaithcenter.org</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)</b><br><b>215 N Main • Pendleton</b><br>Ph:541-276-5358<br>Web: <a href="http://www.fccpendleton.org">www.fccpendleton.org</a><br>Join us for 10:40am Sunday Worship with Sunday School at 9:30am. Wednesday Fellowship Meal & Study Groups-Open to All Ages-at 5:15pm.<br>Quality Nursery Care is Offered at No Charge. | <b>New Hope Community Church</b><br><i>Ministries for the entire family</i><br>1350 S Hwy 395, Hermiston<br>Sunday Worship Services: 9 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.<br>Classes for kids during both!<br><i>Call 567-8441</i><br>Servicios en Español                                                                     |
| <i>a place to belong</i><br><b>Pendleton First</b><br>INVITING ENRICHING INVOLVING EMPOWERING<br><b>SUNDAY SERVICES</b><br>AM Celebration-10:00am<br>AM Kids Place -10:00am<br>The Connection--6:00pm<br>Groups for all ages: Adults, Children, Youth, & College<br><b>Thursdays</b><br>Celebrate Recovery-6:00pm<br>Celebration Place-6:00pm<br>Other Groups Available Weekly<br><b>For more info visit</b><br><b>WWW.PENDLETONFIRST.COM</b><br>1911 SE Court Ave<br>541-276-6417<br>Assembly of God Church | <b>Seventh-Day Adventist Church</b><br><br><b>Saturday Services Pendleton</b><br><b>1401 SW Goodwin Place 276-0882</b><br><b>Sabbath School 9:20 am</b><br><b>Worship Service 10:45 am</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>First United Methodist Church</b><br>352 SE 2nd St., Pendleton, OR Office 276-2616<br><i>New Pastor Dr. Jim Pierce</i><br>Worship Service 9:00 AM<br>Fellowship 10:15 AM<br>Broadcast KUMA 11:00 AM<br>Childcare Available<br>Choir practice<br>Sundays 8:30 AM                                                                                                       | <br><b>PILOT ROCK BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br>585 SW Birch, Pilot Rock, OR 97868 (541) 443-2500<br><a href="http://prbconline.blogspot.com">prbconline.blogspot.com</a><br>Sunday School: 9:30 am<br>Worship Service: 10:45 am<br><b>Wednesday Services:</b><br>Kids’ Club: 6:00 pm<br>Youth Group: 7:00 pm         |

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