

PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

MONDAY

•Pendleton police at 9:40 a.m. received information that one parent assaulted another last week at a basketball game at Sunridge Middle School, Pendleton.

•A man at 10:08 a.m. told Umatilla police he lent his car to his brother's girlfriend and has not heard from her since and was concerned something may have happened to her.

•A sweater-wearing brindle Chihuahua mix escaped a car crash at about 11:20 a.m. on the eastbound side of Interstate 84 near Boardman. The owner of the tiny dog reported it wore a pink sweater with white polka dots and a pink milk bone collar and also was micro-chipped.

•A caller at 12:42 p.m. reported a broken window and a pool cue at the Food Basket, 405 N. Sherman St., Stanfield, and what looks like the site of a warning fire.

•An employee at the Umatilla Army Depot near Hermiston reported a break-in at a building and possible theft of items.

•A man at 1:47 p.m. reported he picked up his work check from place of employment on Bud Draper Drive, Umatilla, and a man there was rude and offended his wife.

•A man at 2:33 p.m. reported a break-in at his shed on East Airport Road, Hermiston, and the theft of a welding torch, tank and more.

•A Heppner-area caller at 2:36 p.m. was concerned with a neighbor burning during high winds. Heppner fire responded, and the person reported it was an agriculture burn, and Heppner fire lacks jurisdiction over ag burns, even during dangerous weather.

•An employee of Eastern Oregon Rental & Sales, 338 N.W. 57th Drive, Pendleton, told police at 4:46 p.m. someone stole a Bobcat T190 skidder from the lot.

•A fight occurred at about 8:15 p.m. at 40 Taps, 337 S.W. Emigrant Ave., and a caller asked police to remove two people from the business.

•The bartender at Mosa, 138 S. Main St., Pendleton, told police at 9:33 p.m. a customer broke a toilet and she wanted the person to pay for the damages.

•A woman at 9:42 p.m. reported a man in a dark jacket on West Coe Ave, Stanfield, had something in his hand and was "hitting everything he walks by ... cars, trees and fences." She said she walked to her car, he started running toward her so she ran in the house. Police did not find the man.

•A fire destroyed a barn south of Pendleton and shut down Highway 395 for more than two hours while crews fought the blaze.

A caller at 10:51 p.m. reported a structure fire at 43490 Covey Lane off Highway 395. Pendleton Fire Chief Mike Ciraulo in a written statement reported the first engine arrived at 11:05 p.m. and found the fire fully engulfing the barn.

"The firefighters were challenged by burning power lines, limited water supply, and limited manpower," according to Ciraulo. "They were successful in confining the fire to the building of origin."

The Pilot Rock Fire Department provided mutual aid. Pacific Power, Oregon State Police and the Umatilla County Sheriff's office also provided assistance. The Pendleton Fire Department and the Oregon State Fire Marshal are investigating the cause.

ARRESTS, CITATIONS

Friday

•Milton-Freewater police arrested Gabriel Ledezma Rodriguez, 33, of 111 N. Fifth St., Walla Walla, for possession of methamphetamine.

**Monday**

•Pendleton police arrested Michael Telles Peden, 39, of Pendleton, for second-degree trespass, second-degree disorderly conduct and second-degree assault.

OBITUARIES

Laverne O. 'Bonnie' Weitzel

Umatilla

November 12, 1917-December 17, 2015

Laverne O. "Bonnie" Weitzel of Umatilla, Oregon, was born with her twin sister, Crystal, on November 12, 1917, in Saskatchewan, Canada, to parents Alex-



Weitzel

ander and Ella Grace Henrikson Park. She died on December 17, 2015, in Hermiston, Oregon, at the age of 98 years.

Bonnie attended 7th and 8th grade in Holdman, Oregon, before moving to Stanfield, Oregon, where she attended high school. She married Frank C. Weitzel on June 1, 1936, in Walla Walla, Washington. They lived in Cincinnati, Ohio, for 4 years before returning to Stanfield, Oregon. They owned the Echo Gas Station before moving to Reith, Oregon, in 1955. Bonnie worked at the Pendleton Woolen Mills until 1968. They moved to Seaside, Oregon, and then Stanfield, Oregon, before settling in Umatilla, Oregon, in 1983 where she has lived since.

Bonnie was a foster grandparent at McNary Heights Elementary School in Umatilla, Oregon, for 27 years where she was known and loved by all as "Grandma Bonnie." She enjoyed crocheting, crossword puzzles, oil painting, embroidery, reading, playing Skip Bo, and praying the

rosary. Bonnie was a member of Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church, where she was a Catholic Daughter for many years.

She is survived by her daughters Frances Marnee, Weiser, Idaho, Theresa Sponberg, Seaside, Ore., and Rebecca Morris, Umatilla, Ore.; sister Yvonne Davidson, Portland, Ore.; eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her husband Frank Weitzel; her parents; daughter Mary Strand; three granddaughters, Tina, Kay and LaDonna; and seven siblings.

Recitation of the rosary will be held on Saturday, December 26, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church in Hermiston, Oregon, followed by mass of Christian burial at 11:30 a.m. Burial will be at Echo Cemetery, Echo, Oregon.

Contributions may be made in Bonnie's memory to OLACC Building Fund.

Please sign the online guest book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon, is in care of arrangements.

DEATH NOTICES

Glenn Shroyer

Pendleton

Dec. 29, 1923-Dec. 21, 2015

Glenn Shroyer, 91, of Pendleton died Monday, Dec. 21, 2015, in Richland, Wash. He was born Dec. 29, 1923, in Nebraska. Arrangements are pending with Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop.

Betty J. Siebert

College Place, Wash.

June 27, 1930-Dec. 21, 2015

Betty J. Siebert, 85, of College Place, Wash., died Monday, Dec. 21, 2015, in Walla Walla. She was born June 27, 1930. Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home in Milton-Freewater is in charge of arrangements.

UPCOMING SERVICES

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 23

No services scheduled

THURSDAY, DEC. 24

No services scheduled

OBITUARY POLICY

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For more information, call 541-966-0818 or 1-800-522-0255, ext. 221.

MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 23

**MORROW COUNTY COURT,** 9 a.m., Pioneer Annex conference room, 150 Rock St., Heppner.

**HERMISTON LIBRARY BOARD,** 4-5 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave. (541-567-2882).

THURSDAY, DEC. 24

**SALVATION ARMY ADVISORY BOARD,** 12 noon, 150 S.E. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton.

**UMATILLA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION,** 6:30 p.m., Umatilla County Justice Center, 4700 N.W. Pioneer Place, Pendleton.

LOTTERY

Monday, Dec. 21

**Megabucks**  
06-11-25-40-42-47  
Estimated jackpot: \$4 million

**Lucky Lines**  
03-05-12-15-FREE-18-24-27-32  
Estimated jackpot: \$13,000

**Win for Life**  
03-14-65-71

**Pick 4**  
1 p.m.: 5-2-8-1  
4 p.m.: 4-3-5-6  
7 p.m.: 8-7-4-4  
10 p.m.: 9-1-8-4

Tuesday, Dec. 22

**Pick 4**  
1 p.m.: 6-6-2-0

At lottery-fixing trial, prosecutor wants Bigfoot kept out

By RYAN J. FOLEY  
Associated Press

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Three friends involved in buying tickets and claiming jackpots that were allegedly fixed by a state lottery insider have something else unusual in common, prosecutors say: They hunt for Bigfoot in their spare time.

In a legal motion that is as strange as the elusive humanoid, Iowa prosecutor Rob Sand asked a judge Monday to bar any discussion of Bigfoot hunting at the upcoming trial of Eddie Tipton, the lottery official accused of fixing multiple jackpots.

"The prejudicial effect could potentially be as strong as Sasquatch itself," Sand wrote. "Jurors could be incredulous. They could find it unusual enough that it outweighs other evidence in their mind."

Tipton is the former Multi-State Lottery Association security director who is accused of rigging jackpots in Iowa, Colorado, Wisconsin, Kansas and Oklahoma from 2005 to 2011 to enrich himself



Brian Powers/The Des Moines Register, File

**In this July 15 file photo, Eddie Tipton looks over at his lawyers before the start of his trial in Des Moines, Iowa. The former security director of the Multi-State Lottery Association, accused of tampering with lottery drawings to rig jackpots in four states, was convicted of fraud in the attempt to claim a \$16.5 million jackpot in Iowa.**

and his friends. Investigators say he manipulated the computers that run games for dozens of state lotteries so he could know winning combina-

tions in advance. Then, they say he worked with accomplices including his brother Tommy Tipton to play those numbers and claim jackpots

worth millions.

Eddie Tipton has been convicted of fraud in an attempt to claim a \$16.5 million Hot Lotto jackpot in Iowa. He's expected to soon stand trial a second time on charges of ongoing criminal conduct and money laundering related to the jackpots in other states.

Sand wrote in his motion that Iowa's lengthy investigation has found that Bigfoot hunting is a hobby that Tommy Tipton — who recently resigned as a justice of the peace in Flatonia, Texas — shares with two unidentified friends who "were involved in purchasing or claiming jackpot-winning tickets." He said their relationships can be established without mentioning that quirky pastime, and that hauling Bigfoot into the proceeding would have "no probative value on the ultimate question."

The motion noted that members of the Gulf Coast Bigfoot Research Organization — which is dedicated to searching for the hairy humanoid in Southern states — "prefer to keep a low profile, due to the

repercussions from their peers or employers."

That group distanced itself from the lottery scandal Tuesday, saying it hasn't had a Tommy Tipton sighting in years.

"It's been right at, or nearly 15 years since any of us, has conversed with him in any way, shape or form," founder Bobby Hamilton said.

Eddie Tipton's attorney, Dean Stowers, called the motion "kind of comical" and a publicity stunt. He contends that any evidence to prove the state's claim that his client tampered with machines is what's elusive.

"I think their whole case is a Bigfoot hunt. And now they want to prevent us from introducing evidence about real Bigfoot hunters?" he said, laughing.

Asked whether his client is known to search for Sasquatch as well, Stowers was unsure.

"I don't know if Eddie Tipton wants to be disclosed as a Bigfoot hunter or not but we'll certainly look into the whole Bigfoot issue and file a response," he said.

COMING EVENTS



EO file photo

**Emmarie Lozano, of Pendleton, didn't quite know what to think about Santa at last year's Community Christmas Eve Dinner at Blue Mountain Community College. This year's event is Thursday from 4-6 p.m. at BMCC Pioneer Hall in Pendleton.**

**CANDLELIGHT SERVICE,** 6-7 p.m., Hermiston Christian Center, 1825 W. Highland Ave. Christmas music and the reading of the Christmas story.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE,** 6 p.m., First Christian Church, 518 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater. Worship, music and fellowship.

**THE ARCS UMATILLA COUNTY BINGO,** 6 p.m. doors open, bingo starts at 7 p.m. 215 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-7615).

**FIDDLER'S NIGHT,** 6:30-8:30 p.m., Hermiston Terrace Assisted Living, 980 W. Highland Ave. Join jam session or just listen. (541-567-3141).

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE,** 7 p.m., Red Lion Inn Oregon Trail Room, 304 S.E. Nye Ave., Pendleton. Faith Lutheran Church will host an evening of hymns, Christmas carols, scripture readings and a celebration of the birth of Jesus. The service will

be followed by fellowship and refreshments. Everyone welcome. (Bob Wright 541-276-6549).

**CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE,** 11 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 201 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Service includes communion. Everyone welcome. (541-276-7681).

FRIDAY, DEC. 25

**COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP DINNER,** 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Hermiston Senior Center, 435 W. Orchard Ave. (For meal delivery or transportation, call 541-567-3013 through Wednesday or 541-567-3582 on Christmas eve/day).

SATURDAY, DEC. 26

**FUNDRAISER BREAKFAST,** 7:30-10:30 a.m., Irrigon Senior Center, 195 N.W. Opal Place. Cost is \$4.50 per person. Proceeds benefit the Irrigon Multicultural Arts Center project. (Peggy 541-567-3806).

**LIL BUCKS OPEN GYM,** 8:30-9:30 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave. For students in first and second grade and parents/guardians. Free basketball skills and pickup games.

**FREE FOR ALL,** 9:30-10:15 a.m. Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Family art experience for children up to age 12. Children under 8 should be accompanied by an adult. (541-278-9201).

**FAMILY HISTORY WORKSHOPS,** 10 a.m., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 850 S.W. 11th St., Hermiston. Workshops at 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. (Jeanette Byers 541-667-7046).

**HIP & HANDMADE,** 11 a.m. to noon, Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Free drop-in art project class for adults. (541-278-9201).

**SATURDAY CRAFT TIME,** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave. Enjoy craft projects for children ages 5th grade and younger.

**SPECIAL NEEDS FAMILY TIME,** 3-6 p.m., Children's Museum of Eastern Oregon, 400 S. Main St., Pendleton. For children who may need a quieter, less crowded environment. Free for members/\$1 for non-members. Registration required. (541-276-1066).

SUNDAY, DEC. 27

**SPECIAL NEEDS OPEN GYM,** 12 noon to 1:30 p.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave. Free for special needs children and families. (541-276-8100).

**FIDDLER'S NIGHT,** 2 p.m., Hermiston Terrace Assisted Living, 980 W. Highland Ave. Hermiston. Join the jam session or just listen. (541-567-3141).

**ADULT OPEN GYM,** 6:30-7:30 p.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave. Free access for ages 16 and up. (541-276-8100).

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**WILDHORSE RESORT & CASINO**

**12/23**

**Cineplex Show Times**

**\$5 Classic Movie**  
12/30 12:00 PM  
WILLY WONKA AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

**STAR WARS: THE FORCE AWAKENS (PG13)**  
2D: 12:10\* 12:40\* 3:20\*  
6:30 7:00 9:40  
2D: 3:50\* 10:10

**SISTERS (R)**  
1:20\* 4:10 7:10 10:00

**ALVIN & THE CHIPMUNKS: THE ROAD CHIP (PG)**  
12:00\* 2:10\* 4:30 6:40 9:20

**IN THE HEART OF THE SEA**  
4:00 6:50 9:30

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