

PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

MONDAY

7:52 a.m. - A resident of Highway 204, Weston, reported his windshield was smashed and a backpack full of survival gear was stolen from his Jeep sometime in the past 21 hours. A Umatilla County sheriff's deputy took a theft report.

1:32 p.m. - Hermiston police responded to a report of domestic violence on East Catherine Avenue.

2:24 p.m. - The Morrow County Sheriff's Office was called when a master lockpick set of lockout tools was stolen from a vehicle parked at Brannon's Auto Repair, 126 E. May St., Heppner.

2:53 p.m. - A resident of Water Street, Heppner, reported an assault by her children's grandfather. The caller said she didn't require medical assistance but wanted him trespassed from the home.

4:13 p.m. - Umatilla County sheriff's deputies took another report of burglary from a resident of Highway 204, Weston.

4:20 p.m. - A woman and her child, whom she was teaching to drive, were in a rollover and took out a fence on the Umatilla Wildlife Refuge on Riverview Lane, Irrigon. A Morrow County sheriff's deputy and a fish and wildlife officer responded.

7:46 p.m. - A Hermiston woman called 9-1-1, hung up, then called back and said she thought she needed emergency medics but did not.

ARRESTS, CITATIONS

•Hermiston police arrested Olajawon Lee Thomas, 26, 75 Hemlock Court, Umatilla, for possession of methamphetamine and resisting arrest.

•Umatilla police arrested Luis Cabrera, 24, no address provided, for reckless driving and felony attempt to flee.

HONORS

EOU names fall Dean's List

LA GRANDE — Eastern Oregon University named 520 students to the dean's list for the 2016 fall term. Qualifying students achieve and maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale while completing a minimum of 12 hours of graded coursework for the duration of the term.

The following local students were named to the list:

Adams: Zachary Szumski; **Athens:** Taylor Entze, Kyra Fairchild, Devin Griggs, Crystal Wortman; **Boardman:** Alesia Sterner; **Echo:** Sean Hoogstraten; **Helix:** Tegan Jackson; **Heppner:** Patrick Collins, Makenzie Correa; **Hermiston:** Maria Arenas, Christopher Atwood, Caitlynn Barton, Samantha Baumgartner, Matthew Booher,

Jessica Dixon, Makayla Mangione, Christian Peterson, Gaige Phillips, Lily Ringe, Brittany Smith, Emily Spinden, Truc Truong; **Ione:** Shannon Boor, Jasmine Dixon, Jaqueline Juarez, Jason Juarez Alvarez; **Irrigon:** Jennifer Matlack; **Milton-Freewater:** Tasha Marshall, Jazmin Ornelas, Victor Saldana Meza, Amy Arzen, Danielle Veitenheimer; **Pendleton:** Patrick Blaine, Jeremy Cochrane, Kimberly Denton, Michael Derrickson, Aaron Hines, Elizabeth Hoffman, Greg Jones, Brian Mandella, Mayra Mendoza, Crystal Mitchell, Charissa Newman, Deidra Nitz, Shannon Smith-Gruenhagen, Jami Stevens, Eleanor Stuart, Kaylie Thompson, Bethany VanCleave; **Pilot Rock:** Bailey Weinke; **Spray:** Benjamin Henry; **Stanfield:** Eddy Ramos.

OBITUARIES

Jackie L. Gentry

Hermiston
July 22, 1931-January 7, 2017

Jackie L. Gentry, 85, of Hermiston died Saturday, January 7, 2017, at a local care facility. A graveside service will be held on Friday, January 13, 2017, at 2 p.m. at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Jackie Lee Gentry was born July 22, 1931, to Allie Sibyl Shipp Gentry and Orville "Cotton" William Gentry in Ava, Missouri. Jackie was born premature and kept alive in an incubator made with a dresser drawer and hot rocks wrapped in towels. When he was two years old he had German measles and whooping cough, which caused him to lose his hearing.

In 1939 the family moved to Jordan, below Ione, looking for work. His father got a job at the Glavey Ranch taking care of the sheep. The family lived in Salem, Vancouver, Washington, Pendleton, Pilot Rock, Heppner and Portland, wherever work could be found. Jack went everywhere with his big brother Billy Eugene.

Jack helped build Pioneer Memorial Hospital in



Gentry

Heppner and helped Bob Low with janitorial duties at the hospital. He later worked at Pilot Rock and Pendleton at Harris Pine Mill.

Some of his favorite pastimes were dancing, visiting with people around town, and it was said he could not be beat at checkers or tic tac toe. He especially enjoyed hunting and fishing. Jack was a member of the Pendleton Lighthouse Church in Pendleton.

When Jack's health deteriorated, he moved into a nursing home in Pendleton for several years. His final home was Ashley Manor in Hermiston.

Survivors include his brother Bill Gentry of Heppner, one nephew, three nieces, and numerous great-nieces and -nephews and great-great-nieces and -nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in care of arrangements.

UPCOMING SERVICES

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 11

SHIRILLA, DON — Memorial service at 2 p.m. at Multnomah Presbyterian Church, 7555 S.W. 45th Ave., Portland.

THURSDAY, JAN. 12

No services scheduled

OBITUARY POLICY

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DEATH NOTICES

Robert A. 'Bucky' Farrens

Milton-Freewater
April 7, 1952-Jan. 7, 2017

Robert A. "Bucky" Farrens, 64, of Milton-Freewater died Saturday, Jan. 7, 2017, at his home. He was born April 7, 1952. Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home in Milton-Freewater is in charge of arrangements.

Elizabeth M. Fleshman

Milton-Freewater
April 21, 1941-Jan. 9, 2017

Elizabeth M. Fleshman, 75, of Milton-Freewater died Monday, Jan. 9, 2017, at her home. She was born April 21, 1941. Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home in Milton-Freewater is in charge of arrangements.

MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 11
UKIAH SCHOOL DISTRICT, 8 a.m., Ukiah Community School, 201 Hill St., Ukiah. (541-427-3731)
MORROW COUNTY COURT, 9 a.m., Irigon Public Library, 200 N.E. Main Ave., Irigon. (541-676-9061)
MILTON-FREEWATER CEMETERY MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 3, 12 p.m., Milton-Freewater Golf Course restaurant, 301 Catherine St., Milton-Freewater. (541-938-5531)
PORT OF MORROW COMMISSION, 1:30 p.m., Port of Morrow, 2 Marine Drive, Boardman. (541-481-7678)
PENDLETON FACADE COMMITTEE, 3:30 p.m., Pendleton City Hall administrative conference room, 500 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. (Julie Chase 541-966-0204)
RIVERSIDE SITE COUNCIL, 5:30 p.m., Riverside High School library, 210 N.E. Boardman Ave., Boardman. (541-678-9128)
WESTON CITY COUNCIL, 6 p.m., Memorial Hall, 210 E. Main St., Weston. (541-566-3313)
BLUE MOUNTAIN BOARD OF EDUCATION, 6 p.m., Pioneer Hall boardroom, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton. (Shannon Franklin 541-278-5951)
EASTERN OREGON REGIONAL AIRPORT COMMISSION, 6 p.m., Eastern Oregon Regional Airport terminal/administration office, 2016 Airport Road, Pendleton. (Erica Stewart 541-276-7754)
ATHENA PLANNING COMMISSION, 6:30 p.m., Athena City Hall, 215 S. Third St., Athena. (541-566-3862)
ADAMS CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Adams City Hall, 190 N. Main St., Adams. (541-566-9380)
CONDON PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Condon City Hall, 128 S. Main St., Condon. (541-384-2711)
CONDON SCHOOL DISTRICT, 7 p.m., Condon Grade School, 220 S. East St., Condon. (541-384-2441)

HERMISTON PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Hermiston City Hall, 180 N.E. Second St., Hermiston. (541-567-5521)
STANFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT, 7 p.m., Stanfield School District office, 1120 N. Main St., Stanfield. (541-449-3305)
UMATILLA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1, 7 p.m., Hermiston Safety Center, 320 S. First St., Hermiston. (Reta Larson 541-567-8822)
HELIX SCHOOL DISTRICT, 7:30 p.m., Helix School library, 120 Main St., Helix. (541-457-2175)

THURSDAY, JAN. 12
PORT OF MORROW STRATEGIC PLAN WORKSHOP, 9 a.m., Port of Morrow, 2 Marine Drive, Boardman. (Brandy Warburton 541-561-3440)
UMATILLA-MORROW COUNTY FARM BUREAU, 12 p.m., TBA, TBA, Pendleton. (Julie Sprattling 541-457-8045)
BOARDMAN RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, 1 p.m., Boardman Fire Department, 300 S. Wilson Lane, Boardman. (541-481-3473)
MORROW COUNTY ROAD COMMITTEE, 1 p.m., Bartholomew Government Building upper conference room, 110 N. Court St., Heppner. (Sandi Putman 541-989-9500)
HERMISTON PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION, 5:30 p.m., Hermiston City Hall, 180 N.E. Second St., Hermiston. (541-567-5521)
ATHENA CITY COUNCIL, 6:30 p.m., Athena City Hall, 215 S. Third St., Athena. (541-566-3862)
UMATILLA SCHOOL DISTRICT, 7 p.m., Umatilla School District office, 1001 Sixth St., Umatilla. (541-922-6500)

FRIDAY, JAN. 13
EASTERN OREGON TRADE & EVENT CENTER AUTHORITY, 7 a.m., EOTEC main building, 1705 E. Airport Road, Hermiston. (541-289-9800)

Dylann Roof sentenced to death for killing nine church members

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — An unrepentant Dylann Roof was sentenced to death Tuesday for killing nine black church members during Bible study, the first person to face execution for federal hate crime convictions.

A jury deliberated his sentence for about three hours, capping a trial in which the white man did not fight for his life or show any remorse. He was his own attorney during sentencing and insisted that he wasn't mentally ill, but he never asked for forgiveness or mercy, or explained the crime.

And he threw away one last chance to plead for his life on Tuesday, telling jurors: "I still feel like I had to do it."

Every juror looked directly at Roof, 22, as he spoke for about five minutes. A few nodded as he reminded them that they said during jury selection they could fairly weigh the factors of his case. Only one of them, he noted, had to disagree to spare his life.

"I have the right to ask you to give me a life sentence, but I'm not sure what good it would do anyway," he said.

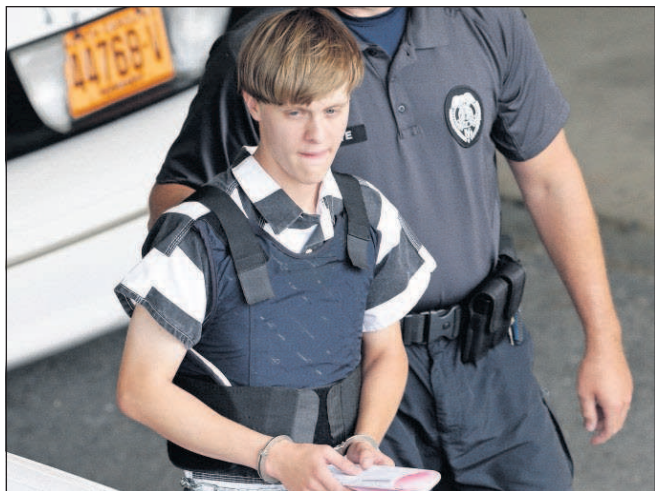
When the verdict was read, he stood stoic and showed no emotion. Several family members of victims wiped away quiet tears.

Roof told FBI agents when they arrested him after the June 17, 2015, slayings that he wanted the shootings to bring back segregation or perhaps start a race war. Instead, the slayings had a unifying effect, as South Carolina removed the Confederate flag from its Statehouse for the first time in more than 50 years and other states followed suit, taking down Confederate banners and monuments. Roof had posed with the flag in photos.

Malcolm Graham, whose sister Cynthia Hurd was slain, said he thought the jury made the right decision.

"There is no room in America's smallest jail cell for hatred, racism and discrimination," he said from his home in Charlotte, North Carolina. "The journey for me and my family today has come to an end."

Roof specifically picked



AP Photo/Chuck Burton, File

In this 2015 file photo, Charleston, S.C., shooting suspect Dylann Roof is escorted from the Cleveland County Courthouse in Shelby, N.C. A federal jury has sentenced Roof to death for killing nine black church members in a racially motivated attack in 2015.

out Emanuel AME Church, the South's oldest black church, to carry out the cold, calculated slaughter, Assistant U.S. Attorney Jay Richardson said.

The 12 people he targeted opened the door for a stranger with a smile, he said. Three people survived the attack.

"They welcomed a 13th person that night ... with a kind word, a Bible, a handout and a chair," Richardson said during his closing argument. "He had come with a hateful heart and a Glock .45."

The gunman sat with the Bible study group for about 45 minutes. During the final prayer — when everyone's eyes were closed — he started firing. He stood over some of the fallen victims, shooting them again as they lay on the floor, Richardson said.

The prosecutor reminded jurors about each one of the victims and the bloody scene that Roof left in the church's lower level.

Nearly two dozen friends and relatives of the victims testified during the sentencing phase of the trial. They shared cherished memories and talked about a future without a mother, father, sister or brother. They shed tears, and their voices shook, but none of them said whether Roof should face the death penalty.

The jury convicted him last month of all 33 federal

charges he faced, including hate crimes.

Roof did not explain his actions to jurors, saying only that "anyone who hates anything in their mind has a good reason for it."

Roof had the opportunity to present evidence that he had possibly suffered from mental illness, but he did not call any witnesses or present any evidence.

In one of his journals, he wrote that he didn't believe in psychology, calling it "a Jewish invention" that "does nothing but invent diseases and tell people they have problems when they don't."

His attorneys said he didn't want to present any evidence that might embarrass him or his family.

After he was sentenced, Roof asked a judge to appoint him new attorneys, but the judge said he was not inclined to because they had performed "admirably."

"We are sorry that, despite our best efforts, the legal proceedings have shed so little light on the reasons for this tragedy," the attorneys said in a veiled reference to the mental health issues they wanted to present.

A judge will formally sentence him during a hearing Wednesday.

The last person sent to federal death row was Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev in 2015.

Forceful and tearful, Obama says goodbye in emotional speech

CHICAGO (AP) — Conceding disappointments during his presidency yet offering vigorous encouragement for the nation's future, Barack Obama issued an emotional defense Tuesday night of his vision to Americans facing a moment of anxiety and a dramatic change in leadership.

Obama's valedictory speech in his hometown of Chicago was a public meditation on the trials and triumphs, promises kept and promises broken that made up his eight years in the White House. Arguing his faith in America had been confirmed, Obama said he ends his tenure inspired by America's "boundless capacity" for reinvention, and he declared: "The future should be ours."

His delivery was forceful for most of his speech, but by the end he was wiping away tears as the crowd embraced him one last time.

Reflecting on the corrosive recent political campaign, he said, "That potential will be realized only if our democracy works. Only if our politics reflects the decency of our people. Only if all of us, regardless of our party affiliation or particular interest, help restore the sense of common purpose that we so badly need right now."

He made no mention of Republican Donald Trump, who will replace him in just 10 days. But when he noted the imminence of that change and the crowd began booing, he responded, "No, no, no,



AP Photo/Charles Rex Arbogast

President Barack Obama wipes his tears as he speaks at McCormick Place in Chicago, Tuesday, giving his presidential farewell address.

no, no." One of the nation's great strengths, he said, "is the peaceful transfer of power from one president to the next."

Earlier, as the crowd of thousands chanted, "Four more years," he simply smiled and said, "I can't do that."

Soon Obama and his family will exit the national stage, to be replaced by Trump, a man Obama had stridently argued poses a dire threat to the nation's future. His near-apocalyptic warnings throughout the campaign have cast a continuing shadow over his post-election efforts to reassure Americans anxious about the future.

Indeed, much of what Obama accomplished over the past eight years — from health care overhaul and environmental regulations to his nuclear deal with Iran — could potentially be upended by Trump. So

even as Obama seeks to define what his presidency meant for America, his legacy remains in question.

After returning to Washington, Obama will have less than two weeks before he accompanies Trump in the presidential limousine to the Capitol for the new president's swearing-in.

Happy 6 Birthday Brody!

We are sending you Fabulous & Fantastic Birthday Wishes and Hugs!

You are Always in our Thoughts & Prayers!

Love, Grandpa and Grandma Powell

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