

PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

MONDAY

2:25 a.m. - A semitrailer side-swiped an Oregon Department of Transportation plow on Interstate 84 at the Meacham interchange. Both vehicles sustained damage but were drivable. Oregon State Police cited the semi driver for unsafe passing on the left.

8:39 a.m. - Hermiston police received a report of a burglary on the 1200 block of West Ridgeway Avenue.

9:03 a.m. - Callers reported a disturbance involving a female who was naked from the waist down on East Cherry Avenue, Hermiston.

10:05 a.m. - The Morrow County Sheriff's Office and Irrigon ambulance responded to Southeast Park Place, Irrigon, for a woman who reported she was the victim of an attack. She said she went to retrieve belongings from a man's place and he assaulted her. She declined a ride to the hospital.

10:35 a.m. - A Umatilla resident reported her ex-husband threatened to post her Social Security number online.

12:36 p.m. - The school resource officer for the Morrow County Sheriff's Office received information about stalking at Irrigon High School. The report is under investigation.

1:27 p.m. - Athena residents on North Hunt Street have been dumping their garbage into the neighbor's container, a caller reported.

2:48 p.m. - A woman told Hermiston police someone has been taking advantage of her mother-in-law, who continues to allow the suspect to come into her home. However, the woman continued, "They do have a power of attorney over the mother-in-law."

3:17 p.m. - Pendleton police received a report of a man in a red plaid jacket on Southeast Court Avenue "crawling on the ground, possibly intoxicated."

3:58 p.m. - Umatilla police responded to a report of an elderly man in the road at Tyler Avenue and Powerline Road, but officers did not find anyone.

4:02 p.m. - An Oregon State Police trooper responded to eastbound Interstate 84 near milepost 209 on a report of a syringe on the freeway. The trooper talked with the caller, who said several males left trash and syringes by the Umatilla River. The trooper collected the syringes for destruction.

10:13 p.m. - The Morrow County Sheriff's Office and Heppner fire and ambulance responded to Northwest Motel & RV Park, 389 Main St., Heppner, for a trailer fire that threatened another trailer. Instead of a trailer, the emergency workers found a tent on fire, which did not damage other structures or displace anyone. The cause of the blaze remains unknown.

HERMISTON



Staff photo by Jayati Ramakrishnan
UCFD firefighters extinguish a fully engulfed backhoe on Hermiston Foods property Tuesday afternoon.

Fire engulfs excavator

HERMISTON — A fire that engulfed a backhoe on property that formerly belonged to Hermiston Foods was knocked down quickly on Tuesday, but not before it sent a column of smoke into the sky south of Hermiston.

Daryl Fuchs, harvest supervisor, said the cause of the blaze is unknown. He said the excavator was working on the scrap metal pile when it caught fire.

MEETINGS

For a complete listing of regional events, visit eastoregonevents.com

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 6
HERMISTON AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, 4 p.m., Hermiston Airport lounge, 1600 Airport Way, Hermiston. (541-567-5521)

MEACHAM VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, 6 p.m., Meacham Fire Department, Meacham. (541-786-2069)

BLUE MOUNTAIN BOARD OF EDUCATION, 6 p.m., Blue Mountain Community College, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendle-

ton. (Shannon Franklin 541-278-5951)

CONDON CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Condon City Hall, 128 S. Main St., Condon. (541-384-2711)

UMATILLA RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, 7 p.m., Umatilla Fire Department, 305 Willamette St., Umatilla. (541-922-2770)

THURSDAY, DEC. 7
ADAMS PLANNING COMMISSION, 6:30 p.m., Adams City Hall, 190 N. Main St., Adams. (541-566-9380)

FRIDAY, DEC. 8
No meetings scheduled

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 6
CAY-UMA-WA TOASTMASTERS, 12-1 p.m., Wildhorse Resort & Casino, 46510 Wildhorse Blvd, Pendleton. Everyone welcome. (Jeannette Taylor 541-276-9492)

RETIRED ST. ANTHONY HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES, 12 p.m., Sunridge Retirement Community, 3234 S.W. Nye Ave., Pendleton. Luncheon \$3.50 per person, reservations requested. (Edith 541-276-8622)

HERMISTON LIONS CLUB, 12 p.m., Desert Lanes Bowling Alley, 1545 N. First St., Hermiston.

GREENFIELD GRANGE GWA, 1 p.m., Greenfield Grange 579, 209 N.W. First St., Boardman. (541-481-7397)

HERMISTON ELKS DINER, 5:30-8 p.m., Hermiston Elks Lodge, 480 E. Main St., Hermiston. (541-567-6923)

OREGON GRASS ROOTS CRIBBAGE CLUB NO. 2, 6:30 p.m., Desert Lanes Bowling Alley, 1545 N. First St., Hermiston. All levels of players welcome. (541-567-6594)

BLUE MOUNTAIN A'S MODEL A FORD CLUB, 7 p.m., Pendleton City Hall community room, 501 S.W. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton. Anyone interested in learning about the Model A Ford is welcome. (Jim Smootz 541-276-2858)

THURSDAY, DEC. 7
BOARDMAN KIWANIS CLUB, 6:30 a.m., Riverfront Lodge, 6 Marine Drive, Boardman.

TUMBLEWEED TOASTMASTERS, 6:30 a.m., Eastern Oregon Higher Education Center, 980 S.E. Columbia Drive, Hermiston. Visitors welcome. (541-567-3360)

PENDLETON LIONS CLUB, 7 a.m., Roosters Restaurant, 1515 Southgate, Pendleton.

ARTS AND CRAFTS FROM THE DRY SIDE, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Hermiston Assembly of God Church, 730 E. Hurlburt Ave., Hermiston. Use Seventh Street entrance. Monthly business meet-

ing at noon. (541-567-4446)

PENDLETON KIWANIS CLUB, 12 p.m., Roosters Restaurant, 1515 Southgate, Pendleton. Guests welcome. (541-278-5785)

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF HERMISTON, 12 p.m., ARC Umatilla County, 215 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston.

HERMISTON LINEBACKERS CLUB, 12 p.m., Desert Lanes Bowling Alley, 1545 N. First St., Hermiston. Hear HHS football coach David Faateete discuss last week's game and talk about the upcoming tilt. RSVP by Wednesday at 3 p.m. Meets during football season only. (541-567-5215)

HEPPNER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, 12-1 p.m., Heppner City Hall conference room, 111 N. Main St., Heppner. (Sheryll Bates 541-676-5536)

PAULINE REBEKAH LODGE NO. 13, 2 p.m., IOOF Hall, 19 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. (Gladys or Marguerite 541-276-4417 or 541-276-2853)

LOTTERY

Monday, Dec. 4
Megabucks
8-12-17-28-41-44
Estimated jackpot: \$4.2 million
Lucky Lines
1-8-10-15-17-21-25-29
Estimated jackpot: \$13,000
Win for Life
34-45-47-61
Pick 4
1 p.m.: 4-0-8-0
4 p.m.: 7-1-2-7
7 p.m.: 0-8-5-1
10 p.m.: 6-3-9-5

Tuesday, Dec. 5
Pick 4
1 p.m.: 2-7-0-3

OBITUARIES

Wesley Berdar

Hermiston
July 27, 1935 - November 18, 2017

Wesley Berdar was born July 27, 1935, in Roundup, Montana, the son of George and Matilda (Algra) Berdar. He passed away on November 18, 2017, in Hermiston at the age of 82.



Wesley grew up and attended school in Roundup, Mont. After high school, he served in the Army for several years and was stationed in Korea. He then returned to Montana where he worked in coal mines. He moved to Oregon in 1965, then to Dayton, Wash., in 1966.

He worked on the construction of the Little Goose Dam near Dayton, Wash. He then worked as a custodian for the Dayton School District for many years. He moved to Hermiston in the late 1990s. Wesley married Ileen

Cook and from this union two children, Patty and Clifford "Buster," were born. The couple divorced many years later. Wesley later married Kay Ford who preceded him in death a couple of years ago.

Wesley was an avid hunter and fisherman and enjoyed going to rodeos.

He is survived by daughter Patty (Jim) Bly of Dayton, Wash.; son Clifford "Buster" (Shelley) Berdar of Spokane, Wash.; grandchildren Daniel, Pete, Joshua and Taylor; and brother Junior Berdar of Kamiah, Idaho.

A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, December 16, 2017, at the Burns Mortuary chapel.

To leave an online condolence for the family go to www.burnsmortuary-hermiston.com

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DEATH NOTICES

Clarence E. Collyer

Hermiston
Feb. 8, 1929 - Dec. 2, 2017

Clarence E. Collyer, 88, of Hermiston died Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017, in Hermiston. He was born Feb. 8, 1929, in Mesa County, Colo. Services are pending with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

Warren Palmer

Pendleton
Feb. 25, 1934 - Nov. 26, 2017

Warren Palmer, 83, of Pendleton died Sunday, Nov. 26, 2017, in Milwaukie, Ore. He was born Feb. 25, 1934, in Pocatello, Idaho. Burial will be at Olney Cemetery in Pendleton at a later date. Autumn Funerals, Cremation & Burial in Tigard is handling arrangements.

James Personette

Pilot Rock
July 1, 1953 - Dec. 3, 2017

James Personette, 64, of Pilot Rock died Sunday, Dec. 3, 2017, at his home. He was born July 1, 1953. Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements.

Margaret Louise Stone

Gresham
Oct. 14, 1933 - Nov. 29, 2017

Margaret Louise Stone, 84, died Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2017, in Gresham. She was born Oct. 14, 1933, in La Grande. Viewing will be held Thursday, Dec. 7 at 10 a.m. followed by a funeral service at 11 a.m. at Bateman Carroll Funeral Home in Gresham. Burial will be at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Gresham. Arrangements are with Bateman Carroll.

UPCOMING SERVICES

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 6

No services scheduled

THURSDAY, DEC. 7

STONE, MARGARET — Viewing at 10 a.m. followed by a funeral service at 11 a.m. at Bateman Carroll Funeral Home, 520 W. Powell Blvd., Gresham.

California suburbs again under siege from fires

VENTURA, Calif. (AP) — For second time in two months, wind-driven fires tore through California communities in the middle of the night, leaving rows of homes and a psychiatric hospital in ruins Tuesday and sending tens of thousands of people fleeing for their lives.

There were no immediate reports of any deaths or serious injuries in the blazes burning in Southern California's Ventura County, on the edge of Los Angeles and in inland San Bernardino County.

The Ventura County wildfire broke out Monday and grew wildly to nearly 80 square miles in a matter of hours. It was fanned by dry Santa Ana winds clocked at well over 60 mph that grounded firefighting helicopters and planes.

Lisa Kermod ignored the first evacuation alert that buzzed on her phone when it said the fire was 15 miles away. But the flames were nearly on top of her an hour later when she rounded up her three children, still in their pajamas, and told them to grab some jeans.

They returned Tuesday to find the home in ashes, including a Christmas tree and the presents they had just bought.

"We got knots in our stomach coming back up here," Kermod said. "We lost everything, everything, all our clothes, anything that was important to us. All our family heirlooms — it's not sort of gone, it's completely gone."

A smaller fire erupted on the northern edge of



AP Photo/Noah Berger

Flames consume a home on Via Arroyo as a wildfire rages in Ventura, Calif., on Tuesday.

Los Angeles, threatening the Sylmar and Lakeview Terrace neighborhoods, where residents scrambled to get out as heavy smoke billowed over the city, creating a health hazard for millions of people.

Just eight weeks ago, wildfires that broke out in Northern California and its wine country killed 44 people and destroyed 8,900 homes and other buildings.

Fires aren't typical in Southern California this time of year but can break out when dry vegetation and too little rain combine with the Santa Ana winds. Los

Angeles has gotten hardly any measurable rain in two months.

Like the deadly October fires in Napa and Sonoma counties, the blazes are in areas more suburban than rural.

"That means that there are going to be far greater numbers that are going to be evacuated, as we're seeing now. And counties and cities are going to have to expand their budgets," said Char Miller, a professor of environmental analysis at Pomona College who has written extensively on wildfires. "These fires are

not just fast and furious, but they're really expensive to fight."

The early official count was that at least 150 structures burned in the Ventura County fire, but it was sure to go higher.

Mansions and modest homes alike were in flames. The Hawaiian Village Apartments burned to the ground. The Vista del Mar Hospital, which treats patients with mental problems or substance abuse, including veterans with post-traumatic stress syndrome, smoldered after burning overnight.

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