

## PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

### WEDNESDAY

12:36 a.m. - Hermiston police responded to a disturbance at a home on the 300 block of Northwest 11th Street.

8:23 a.m. - Pendleton police took a complaint for harassment at Sunridge Middle School, 700 S.W. Runion Ave.

10:17 a.m. - Emergency agencies from lone and Hepper responded to an electrical fire in a crawl space of an lone home on West Second Street.

11:10 a.m. - There are thieves, then there are thieves. A caller at the Umatilla Baptist Church, 146 Columbia Blvd., Umatilla, asked to speak to an officer about the theft of Girl Scout cookies.

12:05 p.m. - Pendleton police responded to the city library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave., for an intoxicated person causing problems.

2:12 p.m. - The Morrow County Sheriff's Office received information about possible child abuse.

3:22 p.m. - Pendleton police responded to the back side of the city library for a man assaulting a woman who may have been pregnant.

3:55 p.m. - A 911 caller reported a man who may be intoxicated fell out of his pickup at Southeast Court Avenue and First Street, and someone helped him up from the ground. Police looked but did not see the suspect.

4:35 p.m. - Stanfield police received a 911 report that a man twice punched someone in the head on South Earl Street. The suspect left in a red car and the victim declined medical help.

4:38 p.m. - A Heppner man on Southeast Cannon Street reported the theft of a chainsaw and possibly more.

5:35 p.m. - Law enforcement in Morrow County received a report of a man on Wilson Lane, Boardman, yelling and shooting a gun multiple times.

6 p.m. - Someone broke into vehicles on Southeast Utah Avenue, Irrigon and stole a stereo system.

6:27 p.m. - The driver of a yellow pickup sped and made "burn-outs" at the Hat Rock Campground, Hermiston. Law enforcement responded and gave the driver a warning.

9:32 p.m. - Two large white dogs running on the 2100 block of Southeast Court Avenue prompted a caller to report concern for their safety. The owner of the dogs knows they are at large, the caller said, but the owner believes the dogs know their way home and how to avoid traffic.

### THURSDAY

1:55 a.m. - Hermiston police responded to a report of an assault on the 500 block of West Hermiston Avenue.

### ARRESTS, CITATIONS

\*Hermiston police arrested Rebecca Anne Estes, 41, of Hermiston, for possession of a federally controlled substance.

## DEATH NOTICES

### Aidyn Jay Bert

Pendleton  
Jan. 10, 2018 - Feb. 14, 2018

Aidyn Jay Bert, 1 month, died Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2018, in Pendleton. He was born Jan. 10, 2018, in Pendleton. Arrangements are with Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop.

## UPCOMING SERVICES

### FRIDAY, FEB. 16

**JAEGER, BILL** — Recitation of the rosary at 7 p.m. at St. John's Catholic Church, 103 S. Lincoln St., Condon.

**JONES, GENE** — Graveside funeral service with military honors at 10 a.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery.

### SATURDAY, FEB. 17

**BAUM, RAYMOND** — Funeral service at 1 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Stake Center, 1802 Gekeler Lane, La Grande.

**GAUNT, LEANNE** — Memorial service at 2 p.m. at Echo Community Church, 21 N. Bonanza, Echo.

**HARVEY, KANDI** — Celebration of life at 1 p.m. at the Rebekah Hall, 209 N. Main St., Milton-Freewater.

**JAEGER, BILL** — Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. at St. John's Catholic Church, 103 S. Lincoln St., Condon, with concluding service and burial following at St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery.

**MILBY, KYLEE** — Celebration of life service at 2 p.m. at Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop, 131 S.E. Byers Ave. A reception will follow at the Pendleton VFW Hall, 1221 S.E. Court Place.

**SHOCKMAN, RED** — Graveside funeral service at 11 a.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery.

## OBITUARY POLICY

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## MEETINGS

For a complete listing of regional events, visit [eastoregonevents.com](http://eastoregonevents.com)

### FRIDAY, FEB. 16

No meetings scheduled

### MONDAY, FEB. 19

**HELIIX CITY COUNCIL**, 7 p.m., Helix City Hall, 119 Columbia St., Helix. (541-457-2521)

**PENDELTON YOUTH COMMISSION**, 7 p.m., Intermountain ESD office, 2001 S.W. Nye Ave., Pendleton. (541-276-6711)

### TUESDAY, FEB. 20

**UMATILLA MORROW RADIO & DATA DISTRICT SPECIAL MEETING**, 1:30 p.m., Umatilla County Fire District Station 23, 78760 Westland Road, Hermiston. (Shawn Halsey 541-966-3774)

**ATHENA CEMETERY DISTRICT**, 5:30 p.m., Athena City Hall, 215 S. Third St., Athena. (541-566-3862)

**ECHO SCHOOL DISTRICT**, 6 p.m., Echo Community School, 600 Gerone St., Echo. (541-376-8436)

**IRRIGON CITY COUNCIL**, 6 p.m., Irrigon City Hall, 500 N.E. Main Ave., Irrigon. (541-922-3047)

**MORROW COUNTY FAIR BOARD**, 6 p.m., SAGE Center, 101 Olson Road, Boardman. (Ann Jones 541-676-9474)

**UMATILLA COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**, 6 p.m., USDA Service Center conference room, 1 S.W. Nye Ave., Pendleton. (Kyle Waggoner 541-278-8049 ext. 138)

**PENDELTON DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**, 6 p.m., Pendleton City Hall, 501 S.W. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton. (541-276-1811)

**UMATILLA CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**, 6 p.m., Umatilla City Hall council chambers, 700 Sixth St., Umatilla. (Nanci 541-922-3226 ext. 105)

**BOARDMAN CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AND WORKSHOP SESSION**, 6 p.m., Boardman City Hall, 200 City Center Circle, Boardman. Special meeting at 6 p.m. will discuss an ordinance regarding an access easement vacation and dedication of a tax lot at the Port of Morrow. Work session will follow at 6:15 p.m. (Jackie McCauley 541-481-9252)

**STANFIELD CITY COUNCIL**, 7 p.m., Stanfield City Hall council chambers, 160 S. Main St., Stanfield. (541-449-3831)

**PILOT ROCK CITY COUNCIL**, 7 p.m., Pilot Rock City Hall council chambers, 143 W. Main St., Pilot Rock. (541-443-2811)

**PENDELTON CITY COUNCIL**, 7 p.m., Pendleton City Hall council chambers, 501 S.W. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton. (541-966-0201)

**EAST UMATILLA COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT**, 7 p.m., district office, 431 E. Main St., Athena. (541-566-3813)

**OREGON TRAIL LIBRARY DISTRICT**, 7 p.m., Oregon Trail Library District office, 200 S. Main St., Boardman. (541-481-3365)

**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 21**

**MORROW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, 9 a.m., SAGE Center, 101 Olson Road, Boardman. (541-676-9061)

**INTERMOUNTAIN EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT**, 6:30 p.m., IMESD office, 2001 S.W. Nye Ave., Pendleton. An executive session to discuss the superintendent evaluation will be followed by the regular meeting. (Marla Royal 888-437-6892)

**BOARDMAN PLANNING COMMISSION**, 7 p.m., Boardman City Hall, 200 City Center Circle, Boardman. (541-481-9252)

**PILOT ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT**, 7 p.m., Pilot Rock High School library, 101 N.E. Cherry St., Pilot Rock. (541-443-8291)

**UMATILLA HOSPITAL DISTRICT**, 7:30 p.m., Umatilla Medical Clinic, 1890 Seventh St., Umatilla. (541-922-3104)

## COMING EVENTS

### FRIDAY, FEB. 16

**STORY AND CRAFT TIME**, 2 p.m., Echo Public Library, 20 S. Bonanza, Echo. (541-376-8411)

**NIGHT AT THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM**, 5-8:30 p.m., Children's Museum of Eastern Oregon, 400 S. Main St., Pendleton. Includes dinner, games, crafts and a movie. Costs \$20 members/\$25 non-members, \$10 for each additional child. Preregistration required. (541-276-1066)

**VFW BINGO**, 6 p.m., Hermiston VFW, 45 W. Cherry St., Hermiston. Doors open at 6 p.m., games begin at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome. (541-567-6219)

**"SUSSICAL: THE MUSICAL"**, 7 p.m., Hermiston High School, 600 S. First St., Hermiston. Hermiston High School drama and music students present the popular musical. Tickets are \$10/adults, \$8/senior citizens and \$5/students. (Beth Anderson 541-667-6100)

**SAGE MOVIE EVENT**, 7:15 p.m., SAGE Center, 101 Olson Road, Boardman. Enjoy a family-friendly movie and popcorn for \$3 admission. Additional concessions and bottled water available for purchase. (Stefanie Swindler 541-481-7243)

**SATURDAY, FEB. 17**

**ADULT OPEN GYM**, 7-8 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Pick-up basketball for adults only. Free. (541-276-8100)

**FREE FISHING DAY**, 7 a.m.-8 p.m., all fishable waters, in Oregon including, Pendleton. No fishing, crabbing or clamming tags or licenses required on Free Fishing Days, but all other regulations apply including closures, bag limits and size restrictions. (Michelle Dennehy 503-947-6022)

**L'IL BUCKS OPEN GYM**, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. For students in first through third grades. (541-276-8100)

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

**YARN CLUB**, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-2882)

**CLAY CREATIONS FOR KIDS**, 10:15 a.m.-12 p.m., Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Explore clay building including pinch pots, slab constructed boxes, free-form sculpture and, if there's student interest, wheel throwing. Drop-in class for ages 7-12, cost is \$10 per session. (Kaisa Hill 541-278-9201)

**SATURDAY CRAFTS FOR KIDS**, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. Drop-in craft time for kids. Free. (541-567-2882)

**HIP & HANDMADE**, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Free drop-in project class for adults. (Roberta Lavadour 541-278-9201)

**STRAIGHT TALK WITH BECKY MARKS**, 2-4 p.m., The Saddle Restaurant, 2220 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton. Share thoughts with Ward I councilwoman. (541-276-9147)

**SAGE MOVIE EVENT**, 2:15 p.m., SAGE Center, 101 Olson Road, Boardman. Enjoy a family-friendly movie and popcorn for \$3 admission. Additional concessions and bottled water available for purchase. (Stefanie Swindler 541-481-7243)

**IMBIBE @ BLUE**, 5-7 p.m., Blue Mountain Community College Student Union, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton. Tasting event includes local wineries, breweries, distilleries and cheese/chocolate purveyors in one room. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door, includes tasting glass and tickets as well as food. Advance tickets available at Pendleton Art + Frame or by calling the BMCC Foundation. 21 and older only; "casual-dressy" attire requested. (541-278-5775)

**SWEETHEARTS DINNER AND DANCE**, 6-11:30 p.m., Pendleton Eagles Lodge, 428 S. Main St., Pendleton. Prime rib dinner



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Hanna Kelley and Paul Ernst, who play Mr. and Mrs. Mayor, sing during a rehearsal of "Suessical" at Hermiston High School.

from 6-9 p.m., \$22 per person, dancing to follow. Public welcome. (541-278-2828)

**"SUSSICAL: THE MUSICAL"**, 7 p.m., Hermiston High School, 600 S. First St., Hermiston. Hermiston High School drama and music students present the popular musical. Tickets are \$10/adults, \$8/senior citizens and \$5/students. (Beth Anderson 541-667-6100)

**SUNDAY, FEB. 18**

**FREE FISHING DAY**, 7 a.m.-8 p.m., all fishable waters, in Oregon including, Pendleton. No fishing, crabbing or clamming tags or licenses required on Free Fishing Days, but all other regulations apply including closures, bag limits and size restrictions. (Michelle Dennehy 503-947-6022)

**PAUL GORHAM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST**, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., Pendleton Masonic Lodge, 1350 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for ages 6-12. Call-in orders welcome. (541-276-3760)

**SUNDAY BREAKFAST**, 8:30-9:15 a.m., First Christian Church, 518 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater. Donations accepted. Everyone welcome. (541-938-3854)

**KIDS KLUB**, 9:30 a.m., First Christian Church, 518 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater. For children of all ages. Includes arts, crafts, music and more. Free. (Janet Collins 541-938-3854)

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

**"SUSSICAL: THE MUSICAL"**, 2 p.m., Hermiston High School, 600 S. First St., Hermiston. Hermiston High School drama and music students present the popular musical. Tickets are \$10/adults, \$8/senior citizens and \$5/students. (Beth Anderson 541-667-6100)

**KBLU CITIZENS ADVISORY GROUP**, 3 p.m., Pridogal Son Brewery & Pub, 230 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton. Share ideas on format of Pendleton area's newest radio station. (Vickie or Gary 541-566-2744 or 541-566-0131)

**ADULT OPEN GYM**, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Half-court basketball. Adults only. (541-276-8100)

**MONDAY, FEB. 19**

**WALKING FOR WELLNESS**, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center gymnasium, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Good music, new friends and indoor walking for health. Free. (541-276-8100)

**TOT TIME**, 10-11 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. For children ages 0-5. \$1 per child. (541-276-8100)

**PRESCHOOL STORY TIME**, 10:30 a.m., Athena Public Library, 418 E. Main St., Athena. For ages birth to 6. (541-566-2470)

**PENDELTON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE**, 12-1 p.m., Pendleton Senior Center, 510 S.W. 10th St., Pendleton. Costs \$3.50 or \$6 for those under 60. Pool, puzzles, crafts, snacks, Second Time Around thrift store 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For Meals On Wheels, call 541-276-1926. (541-276-7101)

**ART STUDIO**, 4-5:30 p.m.,

Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Free class for ages 7-12 to develop skills and encourage art exploration. (Roberta Lavadour 541-278-9201)

**CRARY FOR CONGRESS FORUM**, 5:30 p.m., Agape House, 500 W. Harper Road, Hermiston. Meet Democrat Jim Crary, who is running for Congress, and have your questions answered. Everyone welcome. (Mike Sanderson or Yvonne Griffin 541-720-1519 or 541-567-1072)

**ATHENA KNITTERS GROUP**, 7 p.m., Athena Public Library, 418 E. Main St., Athena. Open to all knitters, crocheters and lovers of needle work. (541-566-2470)

**TUESDAY, FEB. 20**

**WALKING FOR WELLNESS**, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center gymnasium, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Good music, new friends and indoor walking for health. Free. (541-276-8100)

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

**FUNDER FORUM**, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Oregon Grain Growers Distillery, 511 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton. More than a dozen Pacific Northwest funders will participate in a panel discussion and networking event for Umatilla County non-profits and city governments about making funding requests stand out. Free. (Susan Bower 541-276-1811)

**HERMISTON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE**, 12 p.m., Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church parish hall, 565 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston. Cost is \$4 for adults, \$4 for children 10 and under, \$4 for Meals on Wheels. Extra 50 cents for utensils/dishes. Bus service to parish hall by donation. (541-567-3582)

**BOARDMAN SENIOR MEAL SERVICE**, 12 p.m., Boardman Senior Center, 100 Tatone St., Boardman. Cost is \$4 for seniors 55 and over or \$5 for adults. (541-481-3257)

**PENDELTON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE**, 12-1 p.m., Pendleton Senior Center, 510 S.W. 10th St., Pendleton. Costs \$3.50 or \$6 for those under 60. Pool, puzzles, crafts, snacks, Second Time Around thrift store 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For Meals On Wheels, call 541-276-1926. (541-276-7101)

**ART ROCKS TEENS: ACRYLIC PAINTING**, 3:30-5 p.m., Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Free class for teens focusing on materials exploration, discovering your own painting styles and techniques, and getting comfortable working with paint. Four consecutive sessions. (Kaisa Hill 541-278-9201)

**CRAFTERNOONS**, 4:15 p.m., Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Drop in for a group or individual craft project. All ages. (541-966-0380)

**PENDELTON EAGLES TACOS AND BINGO**, 6 p.m., Pendleton Eagles Lodge, 428 S. Main St., Pendleton. Regular packet \$10, special packet \$5. Proceeds donated to local charities. Public welcome. (541-278-2828)

**INSIDE OUTSIDE THE LINES ADULT COLORING**, 6-7:30 p.m., Irrigon Public Library, 490 N.E. Main St., Irrigon. Materials provided. Bring snacks to share. (541-922-0138)

# Amtrak: We'll stop service on tracks lacking speed controls

By MICHAEL R. SISAK  
Associated Press

Amtrak is considering suspending service on tracks that don't have sophisticated speed controls by a Dec. 31 deadline, the railroad's top executive said Thursday, threatening to disrupt operations across the U.S. in a push to strengthen safety after a series of deadly wrecks.

President and CEO Richard Anderson told a House subcommittee that Amtrak is worried passengers are being put at risk by delays in installing Positive Train Control systems on tracks it uses but doesn't own. Those tracks make up a majority of Amtrak's network.

Railroads face a year-end deadline mandated by Congress for installing the GPS-based system, known as PTC, but some are asking regulators for an extension until 2020. That's on top of a three-year delay granted in 2015. They've cited challenges including equipment problems and delays in testing to ensure it's compatible with other railroads' systems.

Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Ore., has proposed to ban further extensions. DeFazio's bill would offer more than \$2.5 billion in grants to speed railroads' progress. Industry groups estimate railroads will spend about \$10 billion in total to install and implement the systems.

Amtrak already has PTC in place on about 700 miles of tracks it owns on the Northeast Corridor from Boston to Washington, D.C., and in Michigan. Elsewhere, the government-owned railroad operates on track owned by freight carriers and other entities.

Anderson said Amtrak is evaluating whether it will continue running trains on third-party tracks where the PTC deadline is extended.



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In a Feb. 2014 file photo, Metrolink Director of Operations, R.T. McCarthy, demonstrates Metrolink's implementation of Positive Train Control, (PTC) at the Metrolink Locomotive and Cab Car Simulators training facility in Los Angeles' Union Station.

**"Without PTC, the system is too vulnerable to single points of failure many of which are dependent upon the memory of a single human being interacting with a big, complicated system"**

— Richard Anderson, Amtrak president and CEO

He said the railroad won't operate on tracks whose owners haven't made enough progress to warrant a delay and is unlikely to operate on stretches that regulators have excluded from PTC requirements.

Amtrak's stance could also affect commuters. Anderson said the railroad would be unlikely to let regional carriers such as MARC and NJ Transit run trains lacking PTC on Amtrak-owned tracks after the deadline.

PTC is designed to slow or stop trains that are going too fast, take control when an engineer is distracted or incapacitated and prevent collisions with other trains.

"We believe that PTC should ultimately be in place for all Amtrak routes and, as a matter of U.S. policy, PTC should be required for all passenger rail trips in America," Anderson told the House Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials.

Amtrak's warning came after two of its trains were

involved in fatal crashes on third-party tracks in the past two months — the latest of about 150 crashes killing more than 300 people over the last five decades that investigators said were preventable by PTC.

On Dec. 18, a train entered a curve at nearly 50 mph over the speed limit and derailed on tracks south of Seattle owned by a regional authority, killing three people. On Feb. 4, a train was switched to the wrong track and slammed into a CSX train on tracks owned by the freight carrier in Cayce, South Carolina, killing two people.

"Without PTC, the system is too vulnerable to single points of failure many of which are dependent upon the memory of a single human being interacting with a big, complicated system," Anderson said. "When an engineer loses situational awareness or forgets a rule, we have no systems to assist them and help them prevent that error."

Destiny Theatres Fri - Wed, Feb. 16 - Feb. 21, 2018 Subject to change. Check times daily.

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**PETER RABBIT** (PG)

**FIFTY SHADES FREED** (R-17)

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