

PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

FRIDAY

12:03 p.m. - Hermiston police received a request to check on the welfare of child at a home on Southwest 11th Street after an adult there yelled and may have thrown something at the child.
 3:13 p.m. - A caller reported the theft of her wallet, which contained her driver's license and \$472, from her vehicle at the Hermiston Safeway, 990 S. Highway 395.
 3:29 p.m. - Hermiston police took a report for a burglary more than a month old on Northwest 12th Street involving the theft of a snow blower, air compressor and other tools.
 4:15 p.m. - Pilot Rock police responded to Southwest Cedar Street on a report of a solicitor violation, but police did not find anyone causing trouble.
 8:26 p.m. - Stanfield police took a report of an assault on East Coe Avenue.

SATURDAY

8:46 a.m. - A 911 caller on West Juniper Avenue, Hermiston, reported locking an infant in the car while the car was running.

SUNDAY

4:18 a.m. - A 911 caller on North Townsend Road, Hermiston, reported a domestic violence emergency.
 3:21 p.m. - The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office took a report for a burglary on Northeast Riverside Avenue, Pendleton. About 40 minutes later, the sheriff's office took another burglary report, this time in Weston.

MONDAY

5 a.m. - The Morrow County Sheriff's Office took a report on telephonic harassment and opened an investigation into a possible restraining order violation.
 4:27 p.m. - A Boardman-area resident reported someone charged \$3,500 on his credit card, and he may know the suspect. A Morrow County sheriff's deputy got back the man's card, and he no longer wanted to pursue the case.
 5:25 p.m. - A Pilot Rock officer responded to Southwest Birch and Second streets to help someone locked out of a vehicle.

ARRESTS, CITATIONS

Sunday

Morrow County Sheriff's Office arrested Jayden Amund Taylor, 19, of Irrigon, for fourth-degree assault.
 Milton-Freewater Police Chief Doug Boedigheimer on Tuesday provided the background on what led to the arrest of two Walla Walla residents.
 Milton-Freewater police at 2:44 a.m. Sunday responded to El Ojo De Agua Bar And Grill, 1004 S. Main St., where a crowd of about 30 to 40 intoxicated people were outside the bar. "Officers were directed inside the bar on a fight in progress, which upon entry had stopped," Boedigheimer reported.
 Outside the bar, police tried to arrest Jesus Pedro Villalpando, 27, for disorderly conduct, and he resisted. Officers struggled with Jesus Villalpando, according to the police chief, when Rosa Isabel Flores Villalpando, 29, interjected herself into the matter and punched an officer in the face.
 Police arrested her for assaulting a public safety officer, interfering with a police officer, second-degree disorderly conduct and second-degree mischief.
 Police booked the pair into the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton. Boedigheimer also stated the bar is under investigation for violation of Oregon liquor laws.

Monday

Law enforcement caught a naked burglary suspect in the basement of a Hermiston-area home.
 The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office reported deputies and Hermiston police at about 3:30 a.m. responded to a burglary on the 1000 block of West Nelson Lane, Hermiston. The officers entered the basement and found a man without a stitch on standing in the corner. Deputies arrested Federico Hernandez-Hernandez, 33, of Kelso, Washington, for first-degree burglary, first-degree trespass and third-degree mischief.
 Hermiston police arrested Nicolas Lucas Rhorer, 31, of Hermiston, for felony possession of methamphetamine and violating parole.
 Boardman police arrested Lois Ann Hibbits, 51, of Sheridan, on a warrant and for possession of methamphetamine.
 Hermiston police arrested Eduardo Venegas, 25, of Hermiston, for domestic violence assault and strangulation.

LOTTERY

Monday, Feb. 19, 2018

Megabucks
 01-07-20-21-26-45
 Estimated jackpot: \$8.1 million

Lucky Lines
 01-06-10-15-FREE-17-21-26-30
 Estimated jackpot: \$33,000
Win for Life

52-56-72-74
Pick 4
 1 p.m.: 1-9-2-6
 4 p.m.: 8-3-8-0
 7 p.m.: 5-0-3-1
 10 p.m.: 8-1-6-4

Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2018

Pick 4
 1 p.m.: 2-4-0-9

OBITUARIES

Heather Lynn Gastin

Pendleton
January 18, 1973 - February 16, 2018

Heather Lynn Gastin, 45, of Pendleton passed away in Richland, Washington, on February 16, 2018.



Gastin

She was born on January 18, 1973, in La Grande, Oregon, to Lynn Murray and Nancy Hermann. Beginning in childhood Heather was very feisty and you never had to wonder what was on her mind. She graduated from Imbler High School in 1991.

In 1997 Heather moved to Pendleton and worked at the ESD for about six years before returning to school, and graduated from BMCC in 2002. For the last 10 years Heather worked at BMCC as an academic secretary.

On July 3, 2003, she married John Gastin in Newport, Oregon. She enjoyed gardening, collecting owls, coloring, cooking and always enjoyed expressing herself through art.

Heather is predeceased by her grandparents, father Lynn

Murray, and sister Kady Murray.

She is survived by her husband, John Gastin of

Pendleton; mother Nancy Hermann of Pendleton; sister Heidi Ruth of Pendleton; brother Geoff Olsen of St. Cloud, Minn.; children Zach Mangione of Meridian, Idaho, Levi Coalwell of Watford, N.D., Ryan Gastin of Pendleton, and Travis Gastin of Eagle River, Alaska; nieces Kaila Mendoza of Pendleton, Kim Michaels of Lind, Wash., Morgan Warner of Hastings, Minn., Ellie Murray of Bloomington, Ind., Karlee Olsen of St. Cloud, Minn., and Briela Olsen of St. Cloud, Minn.; and great-nieces Harlee and Peyton.

A Celebration of Heather's Life will be held at a later date.

Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements.

Jane Elizabeth Akers

Boardman
January 10, 1943 - February 17, 2018

Jane Elizabeth Akers of Boardman was born January 10, 1943, in Lufkin, Texas, the daughter of John and Alverna (Allen) Grantham. She passed away in her home on Saturday, February 17, 2018, at the age of 75.



Akers

Jane grew up in Corvallis, Oregon, where she attended school through her junior year. She then moved to Portland where she graduated from Wilson High School in the early 1960s. She lived in the Portland area for several years until moving to Boardman in 1978.

She worked as a cook for Riverside High School and Sam Boardman Elementary School for 23 years. She also worked many other part-time jobs in the area.

Jane was a member of the Boardman First Baptist Church and she was the co-founder of the Thanksgiving Celebration Dinner in Boardman. Jane was also a charter member of Boardman Fire Corps.

She was easy to get to know any made many lasting friendships. For many years Jane delivered *The Oregonian* newspaper. A route that should have taken 45 minutes often took hours as

she stopped and greeted her many friends along the way. She loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Jane married Ivan R. Akers on March 9, 1978. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ivan, and both of her parents.

She is survived by her daughter, Suzanne (David) Gray; son Glen (Annie) Whitson; brother Al (Bev) Grantham; sister

Grace Grantham; and grandchildren Shawn Akers, Nick and Zach Whitson and Josh and Ari'el Gray. Along with these, numerous people who called her sister, mom, grammy and closest friend are recognized. Jane held each in her heart.

The family would like to acknowledge with deepest gratitude those who surrounded Jane with love around the clock during her final days.

Services will be announced at a later time.

In lieu of flowers it is the families wish for donations to be made to the First Baptist Church in Boardman.

To leave an online condolence for the family go to www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

Betty Ann (Thompson) Gertlar

Lynnwood, Wash.

January 14, 1930 - February 14, 2018

Betty Ann was born in Spokane, Wash., and spent most of the last 20 years in Boardman, Ore.



Gertlar

Betty was highly involved for years in the running of the Boardman Senior Center, including as treasurer. She was also an involved member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Boardman.

She was known as a giving and sweet lady, a great cook and a hard worker.

Betty Ann is survived by her husband of 62

years, LaVern; sons Rick, Ken and Dave; and granddaughter Brooke.

Services will be held on Monday, February 26, 2018, 12:30 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, Medical Lake, Wash.

Interment will be at Washington State Veterans Cemetery, Medical Lake, Wash.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to either the Parkinson's Fund, Evergreen Health Foundation, Kirkland, Wash., or to the Boardman Senior Center in

Boardman, Oregon.

DEATH NOTICES

Howard L. Hagen

Gresham

Jan. 23, 1916 - Feb. 20, 2018

Former Pendleton resident Howard L. Hagen, 102, of Gresham died Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2018, in Gresham. He was born Jan. 23, 1916, in Pendleton. Arrangements are with Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop.

Albertsons buys Rite Aid in health care push

By TOM MURPHY
 AP Health Writer

The owner of Safeway and other grocery brands is buying the drugstore chain Rite Aid as retailers continue to plunge deeper into health care and adjust to swiftly changing shopping habits.

Albertsons Companies executives said Tuesday that their purchase of Rite Aid's more than 2,500 remaining stores will help the combined company become a "leader in food, health and wellness."

The combination will have 4,892 stores and more than 4,300 pharmacies with a stronger presence on both coasts of the U.S. market. Leaders of both companies said the deal will help attract pharmacy customers who tend to spend more at Albertsons grocery stores.

That comes as the grocer starts to strengthen same-day deliveries, a meal-kit business and other products that cater to customers who want fast service.

Retailers have been pushing home deliveries and other customer-friendly services in the wake of expanded competition from Amazon. The online giant bought the grocer Whole Foods last year and plans to roll out a two-hour delivery service this year to customers who pay for its \$99-a-year Prime membership.

Amazon's competitors also are bulking up health care services, which cannot be purchased online. Late last year, Rite Aid rival CVS Health Corp. said it would buy the health insurer Aetna for \$69 billion. That deal could turn many of the chain's



AP Photo/Matt Rourke

This 2016 file photo shows a Rite Aid location in Philadelphia.

9,800 stores into one-stop-shop locations for an array of health care needs like blood work and eye or hearing care in addition to their traditional role of filling prescriptions.

In Rite Aid, Albertsons Companies is buying a chain that has already remodeled more than half of its stores into a format that includes expanded pharmacy services and more health products. Like its drugstore chain competition, Rite Aid also operates walk-in clinics that can deal with cases of the flu, sinus infections and other relatively minor complaints.

It also has a pharmacy benefit management business that runs prescription drug coverage.

Albertsons said it will continue to run Rite Aid stand-alone stores, and most of the grocery operator's pharmacies will be rebranded as Rite Aid.

Albertsons also runs Jewel-Osco, Shaw's, Vons and Acme stores.

The deal will create a company with "a large scale and diversified revenue base necessary to compete in today's highly competitive food and drug retail environment," Moody's Vice President Mickey Chadha said in a statement.

Rite Aid has struggled with high debt levels and tough competition from larger rivals, as narrowing drugstore networks have pushed customers away from its stores.

The nation's largest drugstore chain, Walgreens, tried unsuccessfully to buy all of Rite Aid last year but scuttled that deal after encountering regulatory resistance. Last September, Walgreens Boots Alliance Inc. announced a slimmer agreement to buy

nearly 2,000 Rite Aid locations and some distribution centers for about \$4.38 billion.

For the remaining Rite Aid stores, Albertsons Companies is offering either a share of its stock and \$1.83 in cash or slightly more than a share for every 10 shares of Rite Aid.

The grocer did not disclose a deal value. But it said the combined company would bring in about \$83 billion in annual revenue.

That would rank it just below the Blue Cross-Blue Shield insurer Anthem Inc., which is 29th on the latest Fortune 500 list of largest companies.

The companies expect their combined entity to trade on the New York Stock Exchange. Shareholders of Boise, Idaho-based Albertsons, which is currently private held, will own more than 70 percent of the combined company.

MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 21
ATHENA-WESTON SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL MEETING, 7 a.m., Athena Elementary School library, 375 S. Fifth St., Athena. Personnel will be discussed. (Paula Werner 541-566-3551)

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

UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, 9 a.m., Umatilla County Courthouse room 130, 216 S.E. Fourth St., Pendleton. (Doug Olsen 541-278-8208)

INTERMOUNTAIN EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT, 5 p.m., IMESD office, 2001 S.W. Nye Ave., Pendleton. 5 p.m. work session, 5:45 p.m. 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)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22
SALVATION ARMY ADVISORY BOARD, 12 p.m., Salvation Army, 150 S.E. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton. (541-276-3369)

MILTON-FREEWATER LIBRARY BOARD, 4 p.m., Milton-Freewater Public Library, 8 S.W. Eighth Ave., Milton-Freewa-

ter. (541-938-5531)
UMATILLA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION, 6:30 p.m., Umatilla County Justice Center, 4700 N.W. Pioneer Place, Pendleton. (541-278-6252)

PENDLETON PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Pendleton City Hall, 501 S.W. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton. (Jutta Haliewicz 541-966-0240)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23
EASTERN OREGON TRADE & EVENT CENTER AUTHORITY, 7 a.m., EOTEC main building, 1705 E. Airport Road, Hermiston. (541-289-9800)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26
UMATILLA-MORROW COUNTY HEAD START, 11:30 a.m., EOTEC, 1705 E. Airport Road, Hermiston. (Monina Ward 541-564-6878)

NIXYAAWII COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD, 4:30 p.m., Nixyaawii Community School, 73300 July Grounds Lane, Mission. (541-966-2680)

CASON'S PLACE CHILDREN AND FAMILY GRIEF RECOVERY CENTER BOARD, 6 p.m., Cason's Place, 1416 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton. All those interested in volunteering are encouraged to attend. (Matt Terjeson 503-720-1620)

UMATILLA BASIN WATERSHED COUNCIL, 6 p.m., Eastern Oregon Higher Education Center room 134, 975 S.E. Columbia Drive, Hermiston. (Michael T. Ward 541-276-2190)

Live Auction Fundraiser
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