

PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

TUESDAY

8:26 a.m. - Someone broke into a Pilot Rock residence on Northeast Douglas Street and stole medications.
 11:38 a.m. -A Pendleton officer responded to a juvenile complaint regarding an assault at Pendleton High School.
 1:38 p.m. - A Umatilla resident on Rio Senda Drive told police she believed someone siphoned gas out of her car.
 1:43 p.m. - Police in Milton-Freewater cleared out the U.S. Bank branch and shut down streets until bomb experts determined a duffel bag was not dangerous.
 Milton-Freewater Police Chief Doug Boedigheimer reported employees at the bank, 610 E. Broadway Ave., noticed a red duffel bag sitting on an end table in the lobby. "They had not seen who put or left it there," Boedigheimer stated, "as such, it was of concern."
 Employees asked police to check on the situation, and Milton-Freewater officers responded and without knowing who left it or what was inside considered it suspicious.
 "There was no threat made or communicated," according to Boedigheimer, "but bank employees reasonably perceived a safety concern, due to the overall suspicious nature of the circumstance."
 The employees evacuated and closed the bank, and vehicles in its west parking lot were moved to a safe distance. Police closed a portion of Broadway Avenue and sidewalks on adjacent Elizabeth Street.
 The Oregon State Police bomb squad responded and used remote X-ray technology to determine there was nothing dangerous in the duffel. Police reopened the area at 5:44 p.m.
 4:50 p.m. - Staff at Union Pacific Railroad's Hinkle rail yard reported one car derailed but there were no injuries and no need for emergency responders for hazardous materials.
 6:08 p.m. - A caller reported a white, bald man in a T-shirt at the Red Lion Hotel, 304 S.E. Nye Ave., was talking to himself, punched a rock and may have been high.

ARRESTS, CITATIONS

•Hermiston police arrested Craig Douglas Owens, 53, of 427 N. Georgia St., Kennewick, for second-degree assault, strangulation and interfering with making a report.
 •Oregon State Police arrested Kay Lorraine Sharpe, 64, of Milton-Freewater, for driving while suspended, driving under the influence of intoxicants (controlled substances) and on a warrant for failure to pay fines.
 •Pendleton police arrested Paulette Benning Hawley, 47, of Pendleton, for misdemeanor domestic violence assault.
 •Oregon State Police arrested David Warren Harper, 38, no address provided, for DUII (alcohol), reckless driving and felony possession of methamphetamine.

OBITUARIES

Paula Bonifer

Athena

Nov. 4, 1953 - March 11, 2018

Paula Bonifer passed away March 11, 2018, in Seattle, Washington. She was born Nov. 4, 1953, at the Misawa Air Force Base in Honshu, Japan.
 Paula attended school in Athena, Oregon, and graduated from McEwen High School in 1971. She moved from the area after graduation and returned in 1989.
 Recently retired from the Pendleton Public Library, she loved helping patrons with reading, but also enjoyed various other jobs throughout her life. With a natural green thumb, she assisted friends and family with gardening and planting. Paula learned to bead later in life; a skill at which she excelled. She made and beaded moccasins, earrings, claws and other items for people she loved.

Other interests included cooking, canning (prized peaches), baking, needlework, and reviewing books for writers. Paula's advice for others would include: find a positive, forgive always, and talk with the Lord daily.
 Paula is survived by her son, Ed Doremus (Melissa) of Elizabeth Colorado; her daughter, Amber Doremus of Weston, Oregon; siblings, Eric Pickard, Gail Phillips and Lori Osborne; grandchildren, Haley and Ben; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

No services will be held. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations may be made to the American Legion Veterans' Park in Athena at P.O. Box 477, Athena, OR 97813.

DEATH NOTICES

Melvin R. "Mel" Tompkins

Hermiston

April 8, 1940 - March 12, 2018

Melvin R. "Mel" Tompkins, 77, died Monday, March 12, 2018, at his home in Hermiston. He was born April 8, 1940, in Deary, Idaho. Services are pending. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Sign the online condolence book at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

Steven C. Grimes

Milton-Freewater

Feb. 16, 1996 - March 10, 2018

Steven C. Grimes, 22, of Milton-Freewater died Saturday, March 10, 2018, at Providence St. Mary Medical Center, Walla Walla, Washington. Arrangements are with Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home in Milton-Freewater.

Helen L. Beesley

Walla Walla

June 19, 1923 - March 12, 2018

Helen L. Beesley, 94, died Monday, March 12, 2018, at her home in Walla Walla, Washington. She was born June 19, 1923. Funeral services will be Sunday, March 18 at 3 p.m. in the small chapel at the Village Seventh-day Adventist Church, College Place, Washington. Burial is Monday, March 19 at 11 a.m. in the Milton-Freewater Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Christian Aid Center through Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home, 902 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater, OR 97862.

Donald L. Ledbetter

Plymouth, WA

April 28, 1942 - March 12, 2018

Donald L. Ledbetter, 75, died on Monday, March 12, 2018, at his home in Plymouth, Washington. He was born April 28, 1942, in Archey, Arkansas. A memorial service is Saturday, March 17 at 3 p.m. at Burns Mortuary Chapel, Hermiston. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Sign the online condolence book at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

Laura Jean Shaw

Pendleton

Jan. 30, 1920 - March 7, 2018

Laura Jean Shaw, 98, of Pendleton died Wednesday, March 7, 2018, in Oregon City. She was born Jan. 30, 1920, in Wilbur, Wash. Hillside Chapel in Oregon City is handling arrangements.

UPCOMING SERVICES

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

LYON, LEONARD — Viewing from 4-7 p.m. at Stevens Funeral Chapel, 511 S. Seventh Ave., Othello, Wash.

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

LYON, LEONARD — Graveside service at 1 p.m. at Bes Hampton Memorial Gardens, Othello, Wash., followed by a celebration of life service at 2:30 p.m. at Othello Church of the Nazarene, 835 S. 10th Ave. A reception will follow at JR Ranch Sale Barn, 1892 W. Hatton Road, Othello.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

BARRON, MILTON — Funeral service at 10 a.m. in the chapel at Burns Mortuary, 685 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston. Burial with military honors will follow at Sunset Hills Cemetery in Umatilla.
BURTON, DAISY — Celebration of life service at 1 p.m. at the Hermiston Assembly of God Church, 730 E. Hurlburt Ave.
LEDBETTER, DONALD — Memorial service at 3 p.m. at Burns Mortuary Chapel, 685 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston.

SEVERNS, AJ — Recitation of the rosary at 10 a.m., followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m., at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 800 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton. Burial with military honors will follow at 1:30 p.m. at the Echo Cemetery.

THOMSON, W. JEAN — Graveside memorial service at 1:30 p.m. at Skyview Memorial Park, 70116 S. Highway 395, Pendleton.
YORK-NORMAN, DONNA — Celebration of life at 11:30 a.m. at the Seaside Best Western Inn, 414 N. Prom. Oceanside services will follow.

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

BEESEY, HELEN — Funeral services at 3 p.m. in the small chapel at Village Seventh-day Adventist Church, 715 S.E. 12th St., College Place, Wash.

MONDAY, MARCH 19

BEESEY, HELEN — Burial at 11 a.m. at the Milton-Freewater Cemetery.
PHILLIPS, JEROLYN — Funeral services at 4 p.m. at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 325 S.W. Sixth Ave., Milton-Freewater.

STEPHEN HAWKING: 1942-2018

'His laboratory was the universe'

By **SETH BORENSTEIN**
AP Science Writer



Joel Ryan/Invision/AP, File

Professor Stephen Hawking poses for photographers March 30, 2015. Hawking, whose brilliant mind ranged across time and space though his body was paralyzed by disease, has died, a family spokesman said early Wednesday.

WASHINGTON — Everyone knew of Stephen Hawking's cosmic brilliance, but few could comprehend it. Not even top-notch astronomers.
 Hawking, who died at his home in Cambridge, England, on Wednesday at age 76, became the public face of science genius. He appeared on "Star Trek: The Next Generation" and "The Big Bang Theory," voiced himself in "The Simpsons" cartoon series and wrote the best-seller "A Brief History of Time." He sold 9 million copies of that book, though many readers didn't finish it. It's been called "the least-read best-seller ever." Hollywood celebrated his life in the 2014 Oscar-winning biopic "The Theory of Everything."
 In some ways, Hawking was the inheritor of Albert Einstein's mantle of the genius-as-celebrity, and he died on the 139th anniversary of Einstein's birth.
 "His contribution is to engage the public in a way that maybe hasn't happened since Einstein," said prominent astronomer Wendy Freedman, former director of the Carnegie Observatories. "He's become an icon for a mind that is beyond ordinary mortals. People don't exactly understand what he's saying, but they know he's brilliant. There's perhaps a human element of his struggle that makes people stop and pay attention."
 With Einstein, most people are familiar with $E=mc^2$, but they don't know what it means. With Hawking, his work was too

complicated for most people, but they understood that what he was trying to figure out was basic, even primal.
 "He was asking and trying to address the very biggest questions we were trying to ask: the birth of the universe, black holes, the direction of time," said University of Chicago cosmologist Michael Turner. "I think that caught people's attention."
 And he did so in an impish way, showing humanity despite being in a wheelchair with ALS, the degenerative nerve disorder known in the U.S. as Lou Gehrig's disease. He flew in a zero-gravity plane. He made public bets with other scientists about the existence of black holes and radiation that emanates from them — losing both bets

and buying a subscription to Penthouse for one scientist and a baseball encyclopedia for the other.
 "The first thing that catches you is the debilitating disease and his wheelchair," Turner said. But then his mind and the "joy that he took in science" dominated. And while the public may not have understood what he said, they got his quest for big ideas, Turner said.
 Andy Fabian, an astronomer at Hawking's University of Cambridge and president of the Royal Astronomical Society, said Hawking would start his layman's lectures on black holes with the joke: "I assume you all have read 'A Brief History of Time' and understood it." It always got

COMING EVENTS

THURSDAY, MARCH 15 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, free 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)
PENDLETON 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)
SENSORY STORY TIME, 12:30 p.m., Boardman Public Library, 200 S. Main St., Boardman. For children from birth to age 4. (541-481-2665)
SKILLS FOR LIFE, 3-5 p.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Gym activities at 3 p.m., life skills at 4 p.m. for middle and high school students. Registration requested. (Suzanne Moore 541-276-3987)
YARN CLUB, 5:30 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-2882)
THE ARC UMATILLA COUN-

TY BINGO, 6-10 p.m., The Arc Building, 215 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. Doors open at 6 p.m., seats may be held until 6:30 p.m., then all seats first come, first served; games begin at 7 p.m. Proceeds benefit Umatilla County citizens with developmental disabilities. 18 years or older, must have proof of age and photo I.D. Basic pot \$20, prizes range from \$20-\$750. (541-567-7615)
SEED TO SUPPER WORKSHOP, 6-7:30 p.m., Good Shepherd Medical Center conference room 1, 610 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston. Learn to plan, plant and harvest a home garden, and understand the nutritional value of food grown at home. Includes free gardening booklet, seeds and/or plant starts. Free, but registration requested by phone or in person at Umatilla Morrow Head Start, 100 N.E. Fourth St., Hermiston. (Chelle Hankinson 541-564-6878)
FIDDLER'S NIGHT, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Brookdale Assisted Living, 980 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston. Enjoy light refreshments, listen to some favorite oldies or join in the jam session. All ages welcome. (541-567-3141)
CHILDHOOD TRAUMA TALK, 6:30 p.m., Pendleton Public Library National Parks area, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Dr. Leland Beamer will present "The Role of Adverse Childhood Events: How They Determine Who We Will Become." Free. (Heather Culley 541-966-0380)

FIRST DRAFT WRITERS' SERIES, 7-9 p.m., Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Writer-photographer Ruby Hansen Murray and writer-educator Dawn Pinchon Barron will share from their work. Open mic slots of 3-5 minutes available following main presentation. Free. (Roberta Lavadour 541-278-9201)
"SEARCHING FOR MEANING", 7 p.m., St. Patrick's Catholic Church parish hall, 525 N. Gale St., Heppner. Annual St. Patrick's Day drama written and directed by Fr. Gerry Condon. Free admission, but donations will benefit the family of Anson Fairbanks.
FRIDAY, MARCH 16 WALKING FOR WELLNESS, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Pendleton Rec-

reation Center gymnasium, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Good music, new friends and indoor walking for health. Free. (541-276-8100)
WEE BIT O'IRELAND, 9 a.m., various venues, various venues, Heppner. See full events schedule at <http://www.heppnerchamber.com/stpattysday-schedule> or visit the chamber's Facebook page. (Sheryll Bates 541-676-5536)
PRESCHOOL STORY TIME, 10:15 a.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. For children from 3-6 years old. (541-567-2882)
TODDLER STORY TIME, 10:15-11 a.m., Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. (541-966-0380)
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)
LOUISE BOURGEOIS EXHIBIT OPENING PARTY, 5:30-7

p.m., Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. A selection of Bourgeois' works from the collection of Jordan D. Schnitzer and His Family Foundation. Refreshments will be served; beer, wine and soda available by donation. Free. (Roberta Lavadour 541-278-9201)
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)

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