

## PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

### TUESDAY

Call the police, don't post on Facebook  
 The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office said it received reports of numerous brass sprinkler head thefts at fields in the area along Canal Road between Diagonal and East Loop roads, Hermiston. The law enforcement agency urged anyone with information to contact the 24-hour dispatch center at 541-966-3651 rather than post information on Facebook.  
 People in the area need to be on the lookout and report anything suspicious, the sheriff's office stated on Facebook.  
 9:24 a.m. - Milton-Freewater police took a report for the theft of welding equipment and tools from the area of Southeast Ninth Avenue and South Mill Street.  
 9:41 a.m. - A woman told Hermiston police her sister is missing and was last seen three days ago.  
 10:07 a.m. - A caller told Pendleton police two youths at Homestead Youth & Family Services, 816 S.E. 15th St., need to be charged with theft for purchasing adult films on his account.  
 11:16 a.m. - Stanfield police looked into possible "unpermitted livestock" at Desert Springs Foursquare Church, 600 E. Coe Ave.

12:31 p.m. - Drivers in Hermiston at Southwest Ninth Street and West Orchard Avenue are "driving way too fast" on the way to work in the morning, a caller told police, as well as at night when coming home.

2:38 p.m. - A woman told Hermiston police she tried to fill a prescription, but the nurse who wrote it crossed out something, and the pharmacy told her "you can't change the prescription." She said she told them the nurse did that. She asked police for a handwriting analysis on the prescription.

4:43 p.m. - Hermiston police received a call from a mother who stated she was fed up with her 15-year-old son, who is out of control, emotional and leaves at will. She asked police to send an officer to intervene.

5:27 p.m. - A caller reported a possible illegal "fishing hog line" across the Umatilla River off Sixth Street, Umatilla.

6:22 p.m. - The Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call about a male getting aggressive with a female at the loading docks at the Irrigon Park and Marina, 510 N.E. Seventh St., Irrigon.

8:21 p.m. - The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office received a report of vehicle theft at Columbia Basin Compassionate Center, 82053 N. Highway 395, Umatilla.

9:58 p.m. - The train stopped in Pendleton for more than 30 minutes and blocked the crossing at Murietta and Northwest McKennon roads.

### ARRESTS, CITATIONS

•Umatilla County Sheriff's Office arrested Daniel Erwin Hood, 38, of 1926 N. Townsend Road, Hermiston, for furnishing alcohol to a minor, disorderly conduct, vandalism and a felony parole violation.

•Pilot Rock police arrested Brandon Glenn Anderson, 28, of Pendleton, for fourth-degree assault.

•Hermiston police arrested Robert Thomas Ray Gibbs, 19, of 1055 S.W. 10th Place, Hermiston, for second-degree burglary, second-degree theft and possession of a federally controlled substance.

## LOTTERY

<b>Tuesday, March 20, 2018</b>	Estimated jackpot: \$11,000
<b>Mega Millions</b>	<b>Pick 4</b>
14-38-51-64-70	1 p.m.: 5-8-7-4
Mega Ball: 9	4 p.m.: 8-1-2-6
Megaplier: 3	7 p.m.: 5-0-3-5
Estimated jackpot: \$377 million	10 p.m.: 1-5-4-5
<b>Lucky Lines</b>	<b>Wednesday, March 21, 2018</b>
02-07-10-16-FREE-20-24-28-29	<b>Pick 4</b>
	1 p.m.: 3-4-5-2

## OBITUARIES

### Evan E. Davis

Nyssa  
 April 2, 1951 - March 14, 2018

Evan E. Davis was born April 2, 1951, in The Dalles, Oregon, the son of Homer and Lola Davis. He died on March 14, 2018, in an assisted living facility in Nyssa, Oregon, at the age of 66 with family at his side.

Evan attended school in Lonerock and Condon, Oregon. After high school Evan owned his own general contracting business, building and renovating many homes in Eastern Oregon. After retiring from contracting he started his own Columbia River Guide Service.

Evan was an avid hunter, fisherman and leather craftsman.

He is survived by his brother Cris Davis of Hermiston, Oregon, and sisters Carolyn Holt of New Plymouth, Idaho, and Hildred Ells of Arlington, Oregon.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Homer and Lola Davis, and brother Roger Davis.

A celebration of life will be held March 28, 2018, at 1 p.m. Mountain Time at the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Parma, Idaho, where he was a member. Lunch will follow directly after the service.

Memorial contributions can be made to the charity of your choice or any animal shelter.

### Mark Edward Johnson

Pendleton  
 September 20, 1968 - March 6, 2018

Mark Edward Johnson, 49, of Pendleton, Oregon, passed away on March 6, 2018, while on the job in Hermiston, Ore.

He was born in The Dalles, Ore., on September 20, 1968, to James Johnson and Linda Sue (Neal) Johnson. He attended grade school, middle school, and high school in The Dalles and graduated in 1986.

On August 18, 2007, he married the love of his life, Michelle Dungey of West Linn, Ore. They would have celebrated their 11th wedding anniversary this year. Together they had one son, Grayden Johnson, on August 31, 2007. Mark had another son from a previous relationship, Thealand Clark, born in 2001.

In 2010-2011 they moved to Pendleton where Mark began employment with the City of Pendleton Water Department. He was well liked by coworkers. In 2016 Mark accepted a position with Swaggart Brothers as a

heavy equipment operator, which he absolutely loved to do. Mark loved and felt honored to work for Swaggart Brothers and WoodGroup Incorporated.

Mark is survived by his wife Michelle Johnson and their son Grayden Johnson of Pendleton, Ore.; his son Thealand Clark; brothers Scott Furstenberg of Walla Walla, Wash., and Jeff Furstenberg of Florence, Ore.; and a sister, Kim Furstenberg of Walla Walla, Wash.



Johnson

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, March 24, 2018, at 11 a.m. at the Vert Auditorium, 480 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton, Ore. Following the celebration there will be a gathering of friends and family at the Budweiser/Hodgen Distributing Plant at 4340 Westgate, Pendleton, Ore.

Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements. Sign the online condolence book at [www.burnsmortuary.com](http://www.burnsmortuary.com)

## UPCOMING SERVICES

### THURSDAY, MARCH 22

**SKOLD, EDNA** — Viewing from 1-5 p.m. and from 7-9 p.m. at Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home, 902 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 23

**HODGEN, LEROY AND CLARA** — Celebration of life and potluck dinner at 12:30 p.m. at the Milton-Freewater Rebekah/IOOF Lodge, 209 N. Main St.

**SKOLD, EDNA** — Viewing from 9 a.m. to noon at Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home, 902 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater. Burial will follow at 3 p.m. at the Milton-Freewater Cemetery.

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For more information, call 541-966-0818 or 1-800-522-0255, ext. 221.

## MEETINGS

### THURSDAY, MARCH 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-Freewater. (541-938-5531)

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

**PENDLETON PLANNING COMMISSION**, 7 p.m., Pendleton City Hall, 501 S.W. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton. September meeting moved to first Thursday; November meeting moved to last Thursday. (Jutta Haliewicz 541-966-0240)

### FRIDAY, MARCH 23

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

### MONDAY, MARCH 26

**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 WATER-SHED COUNCIL**, 6 p.m., Pendleton City Hall community room, 501 S.W. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton. (Michael T. Ward 541-276-2190)

### MILTON-FREEWATER

**CITY COUNCIL**, 7 p.m., Milton-Freewater Public Library Albee Room, 8 S.W. Elghth Ave., Milton-Freewater. (541-938-5531)

**HERMISTON CITY COUNCIL**, 7 p.m., Hermiston City Hall council chambers, 180 N.E. Second St., Hermiston. (541-567-5521)

**IRRIGON COMMUNITY PARKS & RECREATION DISTRICT**, 7 p.m., Irrigon Fire Station, 705 N. Main St., Irrigon. (541-922-3047)

**MORROW COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT**, 7 p.m., Port of Morrow, 2 Marine Drive, Boardman. (541-676-9133)

### TUESDAY, MARCH 27

**MORROW COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**, 7 p.m., Port of Morrow Riverfront Center, 2 Marine Drive, Boardman. (Stephanie Loving 541-922-4624)

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

**BUTTER CREEK IRRIGATION DISTRICT**, 8 a.m., River Point Farms conference room, 28790 Westport Lane, Hermiston. (Bonnie Kyger 509-820-3202)

**ECHO IRRIGATION DISTRICT**, 8:30 a.m., River Point Farms conference room, 28790 Westport Lane, Hermiston. (Bonnie Kyger 509-820-3202)

**MORROW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, 9 a.m., Bartholomew Government Building upper conference room, 110 N. Court St., Heppner. (Roberta Lutcher 541-676-9061)

**HERMISTON LIBRARY BOARD**, 4 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-2882)

## TRANSIT: Umatilla County stands to receive over \$1M

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to and from employment centers and operating services more than just from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A statewide payroll tax of one-tenth of 1 percent provides the money for the state fund. Tovey said the collection starts July 1 and should bring in about \$90 million.

Umatilla County stands to receive about \$1 million to \$1.4 million, Morrow County somewhere in the area of \$250,000 and CTUIR at least \$100,000.

Tovey said local governments have to spend 90 percent of the money within their boundaries.

But there is leeway on what that means, he said. Morrow County, for example, could build a new bus stop in Boardman, which also would benefit Kayak.

Boardman is one stop the tribes would like to see happen, Tovey said, and the fund also could re-establish Kayak's route to the Tri-Cities, Washington.

While 90 percent of the fund goes to qualified entities, the state is setting aside 5 percent for a competitive grant program for public transportation providers and another 4 percent for grants to improve public transportation between two or more communities.

And 1 percent, according to the Oregon Department of Transportation, is for a "statewide public transportation technical resource center to assist public transportation providers in rural areas with training, planning and information technology."

Tovey said he gave this same rundown to the CTUIR Board of Trustees, and members there were keen on the program and interested in working with regional partners. The two county boards agreed to have staff build a frame-

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work for a joint transportation model that would involve the tribes. Tovey said he thinks his board will give its support as well.

Qualified entities must form advisory committees, submit transportation improvement plans to the state and designate someone to handle the money before the state provides any. Morrow County Commissioner Jim Doherty said ODOT is already about the county's plans. Umatilla County Commissioner George Murdock said this is a new program, and whoever has their act together stands to reap rewards. Tovey said the first distribution of funds should occur next February or March.

## FOSTER: Parents receive \$26.50 a day

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### Care barriers

Frost said there are never enough general applicants to be foster parents.

According to the DHS audit, because of that shortage, many longtime foster families have been asked to take care of more children than they can handle.

"And very few are willing to take in teens," said Marvin Hamilton, a DHS certifier. Certifiers work with families on adoptions, and to make sure a family is ready to foster or adopt.

Many children enter foster care with high emotional needs, often the result of abuse or neglect. Those challenges can deter potential foster parents, Frost said. Children with severe psychosocial or emotional disorders often need to be placed in behavioral rehabilitation services such as therapeutic foster care.

While there is some reimbursement for foster parenting, the audit said the recently-revised payment model is still inadequate, granting foster parents roughly \$26.50 per day.

There are other options to help foster children and families outside of full-time care, Hamilton said, including weekend and respite care.

Respite care, limited to 14 days, is available for foster families who may need extra assistance, or have to travel somewhere. Those providers, too, have to pass background



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

**Monica Gilbertson, with the Morrow County Department of Human Resources, looks through donated foster care bags as Ron Benage drops off more donations from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Hermiston on Tuesday in Boardman.**

checks and home visits, Hamilton said, and have no criminal history.

Frost said foster parents in the area don't fit any one demographic.

"We have single people, same-sex couples, grandmas and grandpas," she said. But she said she would like to see more culturally diverse foster parents, which would help reflect the community they serve, as well as homes that address a range of needs from babies to teens.

### Staying staffed

Frost said the Umatilla/Morrow district has 14 Child Protective Services workers who conduct home investigations. There are 11 permanency workers, who will work to find a permanent plan for a child and ultimately reunite them with a family member. There are four

certification workers and 2.5 intake/screening workers.

The audit said instead of fixing staffing problems statewide, DHS management's solution has been to simply reorganize departments. Frost agreed, noting there are more CPS workers than there were last year, but the number of certifiers has not increased with the need for them.

"We've had to shift people around to meet the needs of other units," she said.

Frost said many people are interested in working in child welfare, but can't always follow through.

"Their heart is in the right place," Frost said. "But I don't think they've totally grasped what a CPS worker does. I share with people, there's no hard feelings if this job is not for you."

The nature of the work takes a toll on all involved.

"The average burnout

## How you can help foster children

- Become a foster parent (background check, home study and ongoing training)
  - Provide respite (14 day) or weekend foster care (same requirements)
  - Volunteer as a Court-Appointed Special Advocate (two-week training)
  - Donate hygiene supplies to foster kids in need
- Contact DHS Child Welfare at 541-567-2253 (Hermiston) or 541-276-9220 (Pendleton) for more ways to help Contact Umatilla-Morrow Head Start at 541-564-6878 for more information about CASA

rate for a CPS worker is two years," said Hamilton. "I tell them, it's the hardest job you'll ever love."

"Not everyone can do this job, listen to children talk about the horrific things done to them, or walk into a home," Frost said. "Because of confidentiality, we can't really say anything, but anything you hear about in the Metro area, it's happening here in Umatilla County."

Frost said often DHS workers are met with anger, and that workers try to be empathetic to the fear people feel when they see a child welfare worker at their door.

"We're not here to threaten kids or take them away from people," she said. "But it's our job to be intrusive."

"Most people love their kids, despite what they do or don't do for them."

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