

**HERMISTON**

# Transportation provided, rules in place for Toyota Center graduation

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is about 30 miles away from Hermiston.

The Toyota Center is located at 7000 W. Grandridge Blvd., Kennewick, WA 99336.

The district is providing buses for parents to and from Kennewick, but district spokesperson Maria Duron said the high school already sent a letter informing parents that they need to sign up if they want to use school transportation. The deadline was May 11, she said, but if parents missed the deadline and still need transportation, they should contact counseling secretary Tammy Gattis as soon as possible. Families taking school transportation to Kennewick need to be at the high school parking lot by 5:45 p.m.

Gattis can be reached at 541-667-6125 or at tammy.gattis@hermistonisd.org.

Graduates will be bused up to the Toyota Center on the day of graduation, and will need to be at the high school by 5 p.m.

Graduation will also be live-streamed at the district's YouTube channel. To find it, family members can search "HSD Communications" on YouTube.

Duron said there are some clothing requirements for graduating seniors. Those students are not allowed to wear shorts or flip-flops, and caps and gowns are to remain intact, with no additional decorations.

Though it's been a common practice at previous graduations, Duron

said things like noisemakers, silly string and confetti will not be allowed in the Toyota Center, and flowers are not allowed on the floor with graduates. Outside food and beverages are also not allowed in the Toyota Center.

"Due to the fact that there will be subsequent graduations other than just ours, it is imperative that the above rules are followed," Duron said in a written statement.

A professional photography studio, LifeTouch, will be taking photos of individual students during the ceremony, and will be available for purchase.

The after-graduation party will be at the Tri-City Court Club after the ceremony.

# Pendleton woman dies in Wallowa County rollover

ENTERPRISE — A Pendleton woman died Sunday in a single-vehicle crash on Highway 3 in Wallowa County.

According to a press release from Oregon State Police, Joanne Norris, 62, was driving a 2005 Mercury sedan southbound on the highway about six miles north of Enterprise when the vehicle left the roadway and

rolled. Emergency personnel responded at about 10:12 a.m. but Norris died at the scene. She was the only person in the vehicle.

OSP is in charge of the investigation and were assisted by the Wallowa County Sheriff's Department, ODOT, and Enterprise Fire Department.



Photo contributed by Oregon State Police

**Joanne Norris, 62, from Pendleton, died Sunday in a single-vehicle crash on State Route 3 in Wallowa County.**

# Sheriff's office arrests two for theft near Tollgate

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TOLLGATE — Two people were arrested at gunpoint as they left a cabin police say they were robbing.

According to a press release, two Umatilla County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a cabin near Milepost 12 on Highway 204 in the Tollgate area on Saturday morning after a person viewing security cameras off-site reported two people breaking into the back of the cabin.

The sheriff's office said the deputies surrounded the cabin, where they could hear



Livingston



Williams

into custody at gunpoint.

The sheriff's deputies arrested Amber Pauline Livingston, 37, of Walla Walla, for first-degree burglary, second-degree criminal mischief and a misdemeanor warrant for failing to appear in court on a previous criminal trespass charge, and Jonathan Prescott Williams, 40, of Milton-Freewater for first-degree burglary, possession of methamphetamine, unauthorized use of

a motor vehicle, possession of burglary tools and second-degree criminal mischief. Once they were taken into custody, the sheriff's office said that Williams admitted he had driven a stolen black sedan found near the cabin. The sheriff's office investigation revealed there could be additional victims and the office is encouraging anyone with property in the Weston Mountain area to check it and report any thefts to the dispatch center at 541-966-3651.

**MEETINGS**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 5 MORROW COUNTY**

**PARKS COMMISSION**, 1:30 p.m., Morrow County Public Works conference room, 365 W. Highway 74, Lexington. (Kirsti Cason 541-989-9500)

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

**PENDLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT WORK SESSION**, 3 p.m., Pendleton School District office, 107 N.W. 10th St., Pendleton. (541-276-6711)

**WESTON LIBRARY BOARD**, 5:30 p.m., Weston Public Library, 108 E. Main St., Weston. (541-566-2378)

**IRRIGON PLANNING COMMISSION**, 6 p.m., Irrigon City Hall, 500 N.E. Main St., Irrigon. (541-922-3047)

**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)

**UMATILLA CITY COUNCIL**, 7 p.m., Umatilla City Hall council chambers, 700 Sixth St., Umatilla. (Nanci 541-922-3226 ext. 105)

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

**BOARDMAN URBAN RE-NEWAL AGENCY**, 7 p.m., Boardman City Hall, 200 City Center Circle, Boardman. (Jackie McCauley 541-481-9252)

**BOARDMAN CITY COUNCIL**, 7:15 p.m., Boardman City Hall, 200 City Center Circle, Boardman. (Jackie McCauley 541-481-9252)

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6 MORROW COUNTY**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, 9 a.m., Morrow/Grant County OHV Park, 71000 E. Morphine Lane (33 miles south of Highway 74), Heppner. (Roberta Lutzer 541-676-5613)

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

**UMATILLA COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE**, 5:30 p.m., Milton-Freewater Public Library Albee Room, 8 S.W. Eighth Ave., Milton-Freewater. All interested persons are encouraged to attend and provide input. (Doug Olsen 541-276-6208)

**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 Pioneer Hall boardroom, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton. 5 p.m. executive session, 6 p.m. regular meeting. (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)

**WESTON PLANNING COMMISSION**, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall, 210 E. Main St., Weston. (Debi Russell 541-566-3313)

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

**MONDAY, JUNE 11 IRRIGON FIRE DISTRICT**, 7 a.m., Irrigon Fire Department, 705 N.E. Main Ave., Irrigon. (541-922-3133)

**PENDLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT**, 6 p.m., Pendleton School District office, 107 N.W. 10th St., Pendleton. (541-276-6711)

**HERMISTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**, 6:30 p.m., district office, 502 W. Standard Ave., Hermiston. (541-667-6000)

**MILTON-FREEWATER SCHOOL DISTRICT**, 6:30 p.m., Central Middle School, 306 S.W. Second St., Milton-Freewater. (541-938-3551)

**ADAMS CITY COUNCIL**, 6:30 p.m., Adams City Hall, 190 N. Main St., Adams. (541-566-9380)

**HEPPNER CITY COUNCIL**, 7 p.m., Heppner City Hall, 111 N. Main St., Heppner. (541-676-9618)

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

**PILOT ROCK FIRE DISTRICT**, 7 p.m., Pilot Rock Fire Department, 415 N.E. Elm St., Pilot Rock. (541-443-4522)

**ATHENA-WESTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**, 7 p.m., Athena Elementary School library, 375 S. Fifth St., Athena. Budget committee meeting at 5:30 p.m., board meeting at 6:30 p.m. (Kim Thul 541-566-3551)

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

# Pendleton School Board to approve 'status quo' budget

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Following a tumultuous 2017-2018 budget season, the financial picture for the Pendleton School District's 2018-2019 fiscal year looks a lot clearer.

The district's budget committee recently approved the \$50.3 million budget, which is set to be adopted by the Pendleton School Board June 11.

Budget highlights include a 2.1 percent cost-of-living salary increase for staff, a \$125,000 increase in costs for the Public Employees Retirement System, a \$100,000 increase in technology costs, and \$155,000 in expenditures to

buy new curricula for elementary school science and K-12 health.

Beyond that, Budget Officer Michelle Jones described the budget as "status quo" based on the staffing levels and programs offered in 2017-2018.

During the last budget cycle, the district struggled to maintain staffing levels as the Oregon Legislature debated the education budget.

The school board authorized 10 layoffs before a higher than expected state budget allowed them to hire four people back and create a new kindergarten teacher position.

# Field fire knocked down near Highland apartments

HERMISTON — The cause of a fire behind some Hermiston apartments Sunday night is still not known, but officials say the blaze was quickly contained and did not threaten any structures.

Umatilla County Fire District crews were called to a grass fire in a field behind Highland Manor apartments on West Highland Avenue and Southwest 11th Street around 10:45 p.m., and had the flames out by around

11:15 p.m. Fire marshal Scott Goff said the fire burned about a quarter of an acre, and the fire's spread was limited because the property manager had mowed the field the week before.

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