

PUBLIC SAFETY

MONDAY
7:32 a.m. — A Dodge Neon caught fire and burned on the shoulder of the eastbound side of Interstate 84 near milepost 201. The Echo Fire Department extinguished the fire, and the Oregon Department of Transportation salted the ice patch that resulted from the fire department efforts. Oregon State Police gave the driver of the vehicle a ride back to his home in Umatilla.
3:18 p.m. — Pendleton police took a report for a home burglary on Northwest Carden Avenue. The caller said the crime took place during the past two or three weeks.
4:01 p.m. — The Umatilla County Sheriff’s Office received a report of a burglary on Cobb Road, Milton-Freewater.
11:20 p.m. — A 911 caller reported a fight at Centerville R.V. Park, 213 W. Sherman St., Athena.
11:47 p.m. — Pendleton police responded to a report of a fight at the Hamley Steakhouse, 8 S.E. Court Ave., perhaps the last public fracas of 2018.
TUESDAY
12:05 a.m. — And the first fist fight of the new year occurred at the Rainbow Cafe, 209 S. Main St., Pendleton. One witness said the bar crowd was counting down to midnight, and right after 2019 hit came the beefy sound of one patron punching another. There was no report of any arrests.
1:18 a.m. — Hermiston police responded to a burglary on the 600 block of South First Street.
3:33 a.m. — Hermiston police responded to Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston, for an assault victim. An officer took a report.
5:31 a.m. — A car with five occupants hit a cow at Minnehaha and Lloyd roads in Hermiston. The occupants were unharmed.
5:53 a.m. — A Umatilla resident reported stalking.
6:08 a.m. — A caller at Pendleton Skate City, 407 Highway 11, reported at least 15-20 vehicles drove in and out of the area, all juvenile drivers, and 10-15 of them walked away, some toward Riverside Avenue and some toward town.
12:45 p.m. — The Umatilla County Sheriff’s Office took a report for a burglary at Gerardo Ramirez Trucking, 31091 W. Baggett Lane, Hermiston.
1:48 p.m. — Stanfield police received a report of a vehicle theft on East Coe Avenue, Stanfield.
3:08 p.m. — Pendleton police took a report for drug activity at Motel 6, 325 S.E. Nye Ave.
3:24 p.m. — Hermiston police responded to the 1000 block of West Orchard Avenue for an assault.
ARRESTS, CITATIONS
Monday
•Pendleton police arrested Jason L. Edens, 49, of Pendleton, for driving under the influence of intoxicants.
Tuesday
•Pendleton police arrested Shawna Yeager, 48, of Pendleton, for DUI.
•Pilot Rock police arrested Nolan Kennedy, 21, of Adams, for DUI. Pilot Rock police reported his blood alcohol level was .25 percent — more than three times the legal limit of .08 percent.
•Pendleton police arrested Jacob Allen Byers-Owens, 38, for felony methamphetamine possession, 11 counts of credit card fraud and one count of second-degree theft.
•Hermiston police reported arresting a local man after he challenged people to fight.
Officers a little before 8 p.m. responded to a disturbance report on the 800 block of South Highway 395. Witnesses told police Adam Hansen, 30, of Hermiston, caused a disturbance inside a business by challenging customers to a fight, according to a statement from police Lt. Randy Studebaker, and they alleged he made “graphic sexual comments toward women” at the site.
“Customers told Hansen to leave but he refused,” according to Studebaker, “so they physically escorted him outside.”
Officers tried to detain Hansen, but “he advanced toward them in what they perceived to be a combative manner, as if he intended to fight,” Studebaker reported. The officers warned Hansen they were going to use electric stun guns on him if he did not comply. Studebaker stated officers took Hansen into custody without further incident.
Police booked Hansen into the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton, on charges of disorderly conduct and harassment, as well as three outstanding warrants for failing to appear in court.

LOTTERY

Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019
Mega Millions
34-44-57-62-70
Mega Ball: 14
Megaplier: 4
Estimated jackpot: \$425 million
Lucky Lines
02-07-09-14-FREE-19-21-28-32

Estimated jackpot:
\$33,000
Pick 4
1 p.m.: 5-8-0-6
4 p.m.: 7-4-0-5
7 p.m.: 5-0-7-2
10 p.m.: 7-9-8-6
Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2019
Pick 4
1 p.m.: 6-8-1-4

OBITUARIES

Margie Jo Bixby Vonderahe
Milton-Freewater
July 4, 1923 — December 28, 2018

Margie Jo Bixby Vonderahe of Milton-Freewater passed away December 28, 2018, at her home at the age of 95.
Margie was born July 4, 1923, in McPherson, Kansas, to William Reed and Alma Hazel (Ponsler) Mullikin. She received her early schooling in central Kansas, moving to Independence, Kansas, in 1932 where she graduated from Independence High School and attended Independence Junior College.
Margie worked for three years at Sinclair Refining Company. She married Alfred M. Bixby on August 11, 1945, in San Antonio, Texas. The couple resided in Milton-Freewater, where Mr. Bixby passed away in 1984. She married Leland E. (Pete) Vonderahe on May 4, 1985, in Milton-Freewater and lived at his home in Milton-Freewater until his death in 2004.
Margie was a Bible teacher for 45 years, first with Bible Study Fellowship, and later became the Senior Adult Sunday School teacher at First Community Church of God in Milton-Freewater. She retired from teaching at the age of 90. She has resided for the last four years of her life back on the Bixby farm in Milton-Freewater.



Vonderahe

Margie is survived by her children Linda Jean Jimdar of Montrose, N.Y., Jan-nice Leigh Young of Milton-Freewater, Ore., David Milton Bixby of Spokane, Wash., Deborah Ann Ausherman of Camas, Wash., William Clarence Bixby of Windsor, Colo., and Kevin Patrick Bixby of Milwaukie, Ore. She is also survived by 18 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren, and stepdaughters Janis Bledsoe of Milton-Freewater, Ore., and Carol Manning of Lyle, Wash. She was preceded in death by a stepson, Gary Vonderahe.
Funeral services will be held on Saturday, January 5, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. at the First Community Church of God, 13 S.W. Eighth Ave., Milton-Freewater, OR 97862. Concluding services and interment will follow at the Milton-Freewater Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Friday from 5-9 p.m. at Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home, 902 S. Main, Milton-Freewater, OR 97862.
Memorials may be made to the First Community Church of God in memory of Margie through Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home.
To leave a condolence online, visit www.munsellerhodes.com

DEATH NOTICES

LaGreta E. Johnson
Hermiston
Dec. 11, 1937 — Dec. 31, 2018

LaGreta E. Johnson, 81, of Hermiston, died Monday, Dec. 31, 2018, in Hermiston. She was born Dec. 11, 1937, in Union, Ore. A celebration of life service will be held Saturday, Jan. 12 at 3:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church in Hermiston. A private family burial will be at the Hermiston Cemetery. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Leave online condolences for the family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Robert Hugh ‘Bob’ Tinker
Milton-Freewater
Nov. 18, 2018

Robert Hugh “Bob” Tinker, 79, of Milton-Freewater died Nov. 18, 2018, in Spokane, Wash. A celebration of life will be held Saturday, Jan. 5 from 1-3 p.m. at the Elks Lodge in Milton-Freewater. To leave a condolence online visit www.munsellerhodes.com

Robert ‘Bob’ Coblens
College Place, Wash.
Feb. 24, 1939 — Dec. 28, 2018

Former Milton-Freewater resident Robert “Bob” Coblens, 79, of College Place, Wash., died Friday, Dec. 28, 2018, in Yakima, Wash. He was born Feb. 24, 1939. A celebration of life will be held Saturday, Jan. 5 at 2 p.m. at the Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home chapel in Milton-Freewater. A reception will follow at the Upper 9 on the Milton-Freewater Golf Course. Leave a condolence online at www.munsellerhodes.com

UPCOMING SERVICES

THURSDAY, JAN. 3
No services scheduled

FRIDAY, JAN. 4
BUCHANAN-PECK, BEVERLY — Graveside funeral service at 1 p.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery.
DOUGHTY, SETH — Funeral service at 10 a.m. in the chapel at Burns Mortuary, 685 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston. Burial will follow at Desert Lawn Memorial Cemetery, Irrigon.
VONDERAHE, MARGIE — Visitation from 5-9 p.m. at Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home, 902 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater.

Bob Einstein of Super Dave fame dies

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Bob Einstein, the veteran comedy writer and performer known for “The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour,” “Curb Your Enthusiasm” and his spoof daredevil character Super Dave Osborne, has died, according to his brother, filmmaker Albert Brooks. Einstein was 76.
Einstein will be “missed forever,” Brooks said in a post Wednesday on his verified Twitter account.
“R.I.P. My dear brother Bob Einstein. A great brother, father and husband. A brilliantly funny man,” tweeted Brooks, 71.
Details of Einstein’s death were not immediately available. Representatives for him and Brooks did not immediately respond to calls or emails.



Photo by Chris Pizzello/Invision, File

In this June 27, 2018, file photo, Bob Einstein arrives at the TCL Chinese Theatre.

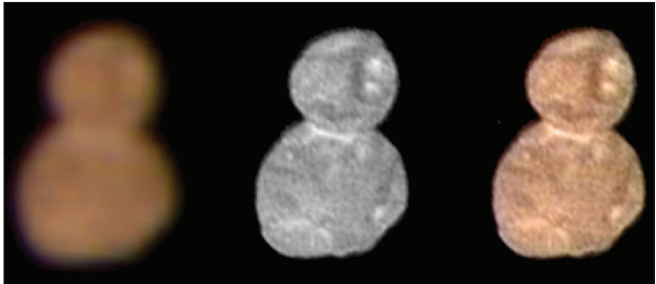
Einstein was scheduled to be part of the 10th season of “Curb Your Enthusiasm” but his health barred him from filming, HBO said.
On the comedy, Einstein played annoying pal

Marty Funkhouser to Larry David’s equally off-putting character. In a statement, David said he’d never seen an actor enjoy a role more than Einstein did playing Marty.

“It was an amazing, unforgettable experience knowing and working with him. There was no one like him, as he told us again and again,” David said Wednesday. “We’re all in a state of shock.”
Einstein created and played Super Dave, a stuntman far more ambitious than he was agile. The character appeared on comedy-variety specials and series, most recently “Super Dave’s Spike Tacular” in 2009.
He won an Emmy for writing on the 1960s series “The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour,” on which he also played opposite brothers Tom and Dick Smothers, and a second Emmy in 1976 for Dick Van Dyke’s “Van Dyke and Company” variety series.

NASA: Icy object past Pluto looks like reddish snowman

By MARCIA DUNN
AP Aerospace Writer
LAUREL, Md. — A NASA spacecraft 4 billion miles from Earth yielded its first close-up pictures Wednesday of the most distant celestial object ever explored, depicting what looks like a reddish snowman.
Ultima Thule, as the small, icy object has been dubbed, was found to consist of two fused-together spheres, one of them three times bigger than the other,



NASA via AP

This image made available by NASA on Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2019, shows images with separate color and detail information, and a composited image of both, showing Ultima Thule, about 1 billion miles beyond Pluto.

It’s a snowman!” lead scientist Alan Stern informed the

world from Johns Hopkins University’s Applied Phys-

ics Laboratory, home to Mission Control in Laurel. The bowling pin image is “so 2018,” joked Stern, who is with the Southwest Research Institute.
The celestial body was nicknamed Ultima Thule — meaning “beyond the known world” — before scientists could say for sure whether it was one object or two. With the arrival of the photos, they are now calling the bigger sphere Ultima and the smaller one Thule.
Thule is estimated to be 9 miles across, while Ultima is

thought to be 12 miles.
Scientist Jeff Moore of NASA’s Ames Research Center said the two spheres formed when icy, pebble-size pieces coalesced in space billions of years ago. Then the spheres spiraled closer to each other until they gently touched — as slowly as parking a car here on Earth at just a mile or two per hour — and stuck together.
Despite the slender connection point, the two lobes are “soundly bound” together, according to Moore.

MEETINGS

THURSDAY, JAN. 3
ADAMS PLANNING COMMISSION, 6:30 p.m., Adams City Hall, 190 N. Main St., Adams. (541-566-9380)
FRIDAY, JAN. 4
No meetings scheduled
MONDAY, JAN. 7
STOKES LANDING SENIOR CENTER BOARD, 6 p.m., Stokes Landing Senior Center, 150 Columbia Lane, Irrigon. (Karen 541-922-3137)
MILTON-FREEWATER PLANNING COMMISSION, 6:30 p.m., Milton-Freewater Public Library Albee Room, 8 S.W. Eighth Ave., Milton-Freewater. 6:30 p.m. study session, 7 p.m. regular meeting. (Lisa Wasson 541-938-8235)
HEPPNER PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Heppner City Hall, 111 N. Main St., Heppner. (541-676-9618)
TUESDAY, JAN. 8
PENDLETON PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION, 12 p.m., Pendleton City Hall community room, 500 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. (541-276-8100)
PORT OF UMATILLA COMMISSION, 1 p.m., Port of Umatilla offices, 505 Willamette Ave., Umatilla. (541-922-3224)
UMATILLA MORROW RADIO & DATA DISTRICT, 1:30 p.m., Boardman City Hall, 200 City Center Circle, Boardman. (Shawn Halsey 541-966-3774)

PENDLETON FARMERS MARKET BOARD, 5:30 p.m., Pendleton Early Learning Center, 455 S.W. 13th St., Pendleton. (541-969-9466)
WESTON CEMETERY BOARD, 6 p.m., Memorial Hall, 210 E. Main St., Weston. (541-566-3313)
PENDLETON LIBRARY BOARD, 6 p.m., Pendleton Public Library meeting room, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave, Pendleton. (541-966-0380)
LEXINGTON TOWN COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Lexington Town Hall, 425 F St., Lexington. (541-989-8515)
PENDLETON CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP, 7 p.m., Pendleton City Hall, 500 S.W. Dorion

Ave., Pendleton. (Donna Biggerstaff 541-966-0209)
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 9
UKIAH SCHOOL DISTRICT, 8 a.m., Ukiah Community School, 201 Hill St., Ukiah. (541-427-3731)
MORROW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, 9 a.m., Irrigon Public Library, 200 N.E. Main Ave., Irrigon. (541-676-9061)
MILTON-FREEWATER CEMETERY MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 3, 12 p.m., Milton-Freewater Golf Course restaurant, 301 Catherine St., Milton-Freewater. (541-938-5531)
PENDLETON FAÇADE COMMITTEE, 3:30 p.m.,

Pendleton City Hall community development conference room, 500 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. (Julie Chase 541-966-0204)
RIVERSIDE SITE COUNCIL, 5:30 p.m., Riverside High School library, 210 N.E. Boardman Ave., Boardman. (541-676-9128)
WESTON CITY COUNCIL, 6 p.m., Memorial Hall, 210 E. Main St., Weston. (541-566-3313)
ATHENA PLANNING COMMISSION, 6:30 p.m., Athena City Hall, 215 S. Third St., Athena. (541-566-3862)
CONDON PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Condon City Hall, 128 S. Main St., Condon. (541-384-2711)

CONDON SCHOOL DISTRICT, 7 p.m., Condon Grade School, 220 S. East St., Condon. (541-384-2441)
HERMISTON PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Hermiston City Hall, 180 N.E. Second St., Hermiston. (541-567-5521)
STANFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT, 7 p.m., Stanfield School District office, 1120 N. Main St., Stanfield. (541-449-3305)
UMATILLA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1, 7 p.m., Fire Station 21, 320 S. First St., Hermiston. (Reta Larson 541-567-8822)
HELIX SCHOOL DISTRICT, 7:30 p.m., Helix School library, 120 Main St., Helix. (541-457-2175)