

PUBLIC SAFETY

WEDNESDAY

1:16 a.m. — Hermiston police received a report of an assault on the 1600 block of North First Street.

1:54 a.m. — Staff at the mental health residential treatment facility Columbia River Ranch, 70362 Kunze Lane, Boardman, reported a new client assaulted two people and spit on one. The Morrow County Sheriff's Office arrested the suspect on misdemeanor charges of harassment and disorderly conduct.

5:38 a.m. — The Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a report of someone trying to use counterfeit money at the Shell station in Irrigon.

10:05 a.m. — A resident of Northwest Overlook Drive, Hermiston, asked to speak to an officer about ongoing criminal mischief on his property. Someone on Oct. 10 threw rocks into his yard; on Oct. 13 he found broken stakes he had set up for his trees; and on Wednesday he came home to find someone pulled out and damaged other stakes in the yard.

12:16 p.m. — A caller on Washington Lane, Irrigon, reported finding orange and white striped pants in a box and was concerned they were from an escaped inmate. The Morrow County Sheriff's Office checked it out and determined it was part of a Halloween costume.

1:12 p.m. — A 911 caller at the Pendleton Walmart reported a homeless man was outside the grocery side of the building and appeared to have abnormal breathing.

3:53 p.m. — A Milton-Freewater resident on the 600 block of South Main Street reported the theft of two items from a delivery on the front porch.

7:29 p.m. — Hermiston police received a 911 report about domestic violence at a home on Patriot Lane.

8:03 p.m. — The Morrow County Sheriff's Office responded to the Love's Travel Stop and Country Store, Boardman, on a report someone assaulted a truck driver. Deputies arrested a suspect for misdemeanor assault.

ARRESTS, CITATIONS

Wednesday

- Pendleton police arrested Marc T. Rasmussen, 22, of Pendleton, for driving under the influence of intoxicants.
- Stanfield police arrested Bryce John Skinner, 33, of Echo, for felony driving while suspended/revoked.

MEETINGS

attending may call the district office prior to the meeting. (Bonnie Kyger 509-820-3202)

ECHO IRRIGATION DISTRICT, 8:30 a.m., via telephone conference, 28790 Westport Lane, Hermiston. Those interested in attending may call the district office prior to the meeting. (Bonnie Kyger 509-820-3202)

MORROW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, 9 a.m., SAGE Center, 101 Olson Road, Boardman. (Roberta Lutcher 541-676-5613)

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

THURSDAY, OCT. 24

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)

PENDLETON ARTS COMMISSION, 4-5 p.m., Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. (Charles Denight 541-966-0233)

UMATILLA COUNTY SPECIAL LIBRARY DISTRICT, 5:15 p.m., Pendleton Center for the Arts boardroom, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. (Erin McCusker 541-276-6449)

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, OCT. 18

No meetings scheduled

MONDAY, OCT. 21

PENDLETON JUMP START COMMITTEE, 1:15-2:15 p.m., Red Lion Inn dining area, 304 S.E. Nye Ave., Pendleton. (Charles Denight 541-966-0233)

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

ECHO SCHOOL DISTRICT, 6 p.m., Echo Community School, 600 Gerone St., Echo. (541-376-8436)

HELIX CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Helix City Hall, 119 Columbia St., Helix. (541-457-2521)

PENDLETON YOUTH COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Intermountain ESD office, 2001 S.W. Nye Ave., Pendleton. (541-276-6711)

TUESDAY, OCT. 22

UMATILLA-MORROW COUNTY HEAD START, 11:30 a.m., Head Start boardroom, 110 N.E. Fourth St., Hermiston. (Monina Ward 541-564-6878)

IONE SCHOOL DISTRICT, 3:30 p.m., Ione Community School, 445 Spring St., Ione. 3:30 p.m. work session, 4:30 p.m. regular meeting. (Kim Thul 541-422-7131)

UMATILLA PLANNING COMMISSION, 6:30 p.m., Umatilla City Hall, 700 Sixth St., Umatilla. (Brandon Seitz 541-922-3226 ext. 103)

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 23

BUTTER CREEK IRRIGATION DISTRICT, 8 a.m., via telephone conference, 28790 Westport Lane, Hermiston. Those interested in

Maryland Rep. Elijah Cummings dies at 68

Cummings was a sharecropper's son, took on Trump

By **BRIAN WITTE**
Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Maryland Rep. Elijah E. Cummings died early Thursday at Johns Hopkins Hospital due to complications from longstanding health challenges, his congressional office said. He was 68.

A sharecropper's son, Cummings became the powerful chairman of a U.S. House committee that investigated President Donald Trump, and was a formidable orator who passionately advocated for the poor in his black-majority district, which encompasses a large portion of Baltimore as well as more well-to-do suburbs.

As chairman of the House Oversight and Reform Committee, Cummings led multiple investigations of the president's governmental dealings, including probes in 2019 relating to the president's family members serving in the White House.

Trump responded by criticizing the Democratic district as a "rodent-infested mess" where "no human being would want to live." The comments came weeks after Trump drew bipartisan condemnation following his calls for Democratic congresswomen of color to get out of the U.S. "right now," and go back to their "broken and crime-infested countries."

Cummings replied that government officials must stop making "hateful, incendiary comments" that only serve to divide and distract the nation from its real problems, including mass shootings and white supremacy.

"Those in the highest levels of the government must stop invoking fear, using racist language and encouraging reprehensible behavior," Cummings said in a speech at the National Press Club.

Cummings' long career spanned decades in Maryland politics. He rose through the ranks of the Maryland House of Delegates before winning his congressional seat in a special election in 1996 to replace former Rep. Kweisi Mfume, who left the seat to lead the NAACP.

Cummings was an early supporter of Barack Obama's presidential bid in 2008. And by 2016, Cummings was the senior Democrat on the House Benghazi Committee, which he said was "nothing more than a taxpayer-funded effort to bring harm to Hillary Clinton's campaign" for president.

Throughout his career, Cummings used his fiery voice to highlight the struggles and needs of inner-city residents. He was a firm believer in some much-debated approaches to help the poor and addicted, such as needle exchange programs as a way to reduce the spread of AIDS.

His constituents began mourning shortly after his death on Thursday. The Baltimore archdiocese tweeted that Cummings "generously shared his God-given gifts and talents w/the people of his beloved city, state and nation for so many years. We give thanks for his dedicated service and pray for the repose of his soul."

Cummings was born on Jan. 18, 1951. In grade school, a counselor told Cummings he was too slow to learn and spoke poorly, and he would never fulfill his dream of becoming a lawyer.

"I was devastated," Cummings told The Associated Press in 1996, shortly before he won his seat in Congress. "My whole life changed. I became very determined."

It steeled Cummings to prove that counselor wrong. He became not only a lawyer, but one of the most powerful orators in the statehouse, where he entered office in 1983. He rose to become the first black House speaker pro tem. He would begin his comments slowly, developing his theme and raising the emotional heat until it became like a sermon from the pulpit.

Court of Appeals grants temporary vape ban stay

By **SAM STITES**
Oregon Capital Bureau

SALEM — The Oregon Court of Appeals Thursday granted a temporary stay on Oregon Health Authority rules enforcing a 180-day ban on the sale of flavored nicotine and medical marijuana vaping products.

The temporary ban against the sale of recreational flavored marijuana vaping products, regulated by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission, remains in force.

The ruling came in response to two petitions for injunctions filed with the court against Gov. Kate Brown and the Oregon Health Authority seeking judicial review of the ban.

Brown had previously issued an executive order directing the agencies to implement the ban.

Canby attorney J. Ryan Adams filed one of those petitions Wednesday on behalf of No Moke Daddy LLC, which operates two e-cigarette shops in downtown Portland under the name Division Vapor.

"We believe the governor overstepped her authority by directing (the OHA and OLCC) to enact this ban," Adams said. "Essentially ... we asked the court to invalidate the rule."

According to Adams, his client decided to file for the injunction because they were worried about the employment impacts the temporary ban would have on what they consider a booming industry that employs thousands of Oregonians across the state.

Brown's executive order followed a widespread outbreak of acute lung injuries that are being tracked across the country and linked to the use of both marijuana and nicotine vape products. As of last week, more than 1,300 cases had been reported with 26 deaths, two of those happening in Oregon. Last week, the OLCC approved temporary rules that were ordered to take effect this past Tuesday, Oct. 15, that would take all flavored vape products off the shelves of approximately 4,000 retailers across the state.

On their website, Division Vapor had posted a message saying they would be effectively out of business as of Monday, Oct. 14, ahead of the ban that came into place the following day.

"This is their entire business," Adams said. "One of the requirements to enact an emergency rule is the agency has to state a need for the rule and how the rule meets that need. The OHA stated the need for the rule was based on the governor's executive order, but nowhere in the rule did it say the rule meets the need. That was the basis for us asking the court to stay the rule."

Adams said that his client is excited they will get to remain in business.

"The employees of the shop are the biggest winners here today," he said.

The ruling will essentially force the state via the Oregon Health Authority and Gov. Brown's office to prove that the rule hasn't violated state statute in exceeding their boundaries while the court reviews the rule.

Responding to the ruling Thursday, Charles Boyle, Brown's press secretary, said in a statement that "the court's decision to enter a temporary stay today is unfortunate due to the ongoing public health threat posed by vaping-related illness."

Boyle maintains that in light of the nationwide outbreak of vaping-related injuries, a temporary ban under the state's emergency rulemaking process is the best path forward available to Gov. Brown and state agencies under Oregon law to protect the public health of Oregonians.

OBITUARY

D. LaVern Partlow

Condon
October 18, 1920 — October 13, 2019

D. LaVern Partlow, longtime Boardman, Oregon, resident, was born on October 18, 1920, in La Grande, Oregon, to parents William and Adeline Gent Baker. She died on October 13, 2019, in Condon, Oregon, at the age of 98 years.

LaVern was raised and attended school in Boardman, Oregon. She then attended Eastern Oregon College where she earned her teaching degree. LaVern taught school for a year in a one-room school house in Vale, Oregon, before getting a teaching position in her hometown of Boardman. She continued to teach in Boardman and Irrigon for 38 years.

LaVern retired in 1979, although she did not slow down. She was always very active in the many projects and events happening in Boardman. LaVern was instrumental in the planning and raising the money needed for the building of the Boardman Senior Center, relocating the Lutheran Church after the building of the John Day Dam, and countless community events to support any cause to benefit others.

She loved playing the piano, was an avid Trail blazer fan, watching sports, and supporting her grandchildren playing sports, participating in rodeo, school activities or any activity they chose. LaVern was a member of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church where she had served on the board and served on the board of the Boardman Senior Center for many years.

She is survived by her daughter, Susan McLachlan, and sons Johnny and Stephen Partlow, all of Boardman, Ore.; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

LaVern was preceded in death by her parents; a grandson, Aaron Partlow; and her brothers Willard and Harold Baker.

A graveside funeral service will be held on Thursday, October 17, 2019, at 11 a.m. at the Riverview Cemetery, Boardman, Oregon.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in LaVern's memory may be made to the Boardman Senior Center.

Please share memories of LaVern with her family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon, is in care of arrangements.

DEATH NOTICE

Irene Engelhart

Milton-Freewater
Dec. 17, 1919 — Oct. 16, 2019

Irene Engelhart, 99, of Milton-Freewater, died Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2019, in College Place, Wash. She was born Dec. 17, 1919. Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home in Milton-Freewater is in charge of arrangements.

UPCOMING SERVICES

FRIDAY, OCT. 18

GRABEEL, SCOLLAN — Graveside service with military honors at 1 p.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery.

URBANSKY, GITTA — Funeral service at 2 p.m. at Burns Mortuary, 336 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. A graveside service will follow at 3 p.m. at Olney Cemetery, Pendleton.

SATURDAY, OCT. 19

BURNS, GEORGE — Celebration of life from 5-7 p.m. at The Saddle Restaurant and Lounge, 2220 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton.

CHAPMAN, KEVIN — Memorial service at 1 p.m. in the chapel at Burns Mortuary, 685 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston.

HAMMETT, CHARLIE — Memorial service at 11 a.m. at Burns Mortuary, 336 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. A dinner will follow at 1 p.m. at the Pendleton Eagles Lodge, 428 S. Main St.

NAPOLITANO, DORENE — Mass of Christian Burial at noon at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church, 565 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston.

STURZA, JOE — Celebration of life at 4 p.m. at the Skip and Sherry Walchli farm, 32697 E. Loop Road, Hermiston.

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LOTTERY

Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2019	32-40-64-65
Megabucks	Lucky Lines
02-03-23-30-37-47	03-08-09-16-18-24-26-31
Estimated jackpot: \$4.2 million	Estimated jackpot: \$20,000
Powerball	Pick 4
01-05-25-63-67	1 p.m.: 9-3-1-2
Powerball: 3	4 p.m.: 5-5-0-2
Power Play: 2	7 p.m.: 8-9-9-7
Estimated jackpot: \$100 million	10 p.m.: 7-2-3-5
Win for Life	Thursday, Oct. 17, 2019
	Pick 4
	1 p.m.: 4-6-7-6



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