

PUBLIC SAFETY

TUESDAY

6:54 a.m. — Oregon State Police responded to a three-vehicle crash after a vehicle's brakes reportedly failed at the stop sign on the Interstate 84 milepost 182 off-ramp. Delbert Manuel Binschus, 65, Stephen James Knowles, 20, and Lorren C. Montgomery, 28, were all transported to Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston, with minor injuries.

WEDNESDAY

1:24 a.m. — A physical domestic disturbance occurred on Southwest Desert Oak Drive between a mother and son in Hermiston.

2:08 a.m. — A woman was reportedly “tearing” a caller’s house apart during a domestic disturbance on Northeast Eighth Place in Hermiston.

6:32 a.m. — On Kangaroo Court Lane and West Eighth Road in Irrigon, a man reported a male subject in a white pickup was asking his son questions at a bus stop, and claimed to be an investigator. The man took off when a parent arrived to drop off their child.

11:14 a.m. — Police were unable to locate a fight on East Punkin Center Road and North Ott Road.

1:01 p.m. — A burglary occurred on Tawny Court in Stanfield.

1:11 p.m. — The Morrow County Sheriff’s Office alerted residents in Boardman and Echo that a cut Centurylink fiber line resulted in landlines being down for all calls, including 911. Thursday morning, deputies said the problem was resolved.

1:12 p.m. — On Southeast Utah Avenue in Irrigon, a caller is threatening to start fights with drivers so that the Morrow County Sheriff’s Office has to “respond and deal with” delivery drivers who are using their vehicles “like sports cars.”

2:20 p.m. — Milton-Freewater Police received a report of a burglary at a residence on Perce Street.

3:20 p.m. — A man in Boardman is having trouble with his adult son, who took a swing at him. The man kicked him out of the house, but the son reportedly came back and trespassed.

6:03 p.m. — A burglary occurred on Walla Walla River Road in Milton-Freewater.

9:40 p.m. — People in an SUV on Highway 399 in Milton-Freewater were reportedly throwing eggs on the road.

THURSDAY

1:01 a.m. — A domestic disturbance occurred on Chukar Lane in Umatilla.

ARRESTS, CITATIONS

Wednesday

•The Hermiston Police Department arrested Spencer Allen Califf, 36, on three charges including third-degree assault, a felony.

•The Pendleton Police Department arrested Janie Marie Appleby, 49, on four charges including assault of a public safety officer, a felony.

•After someone at Heppner Main Street Park on North Main Street reported witnessing a physical domestic disturbance between a man and woman, Morrow County sheriff’s deputies arrested Austin Gene Harris, 25, on one count of harassment constituting domestic violence.

Thursday

•The Stanfield Police Department arrested Patrick Eugene Howell, 45, for second-degree disorderly conduct and felony unlawful possession of methamphetamine.

•The Hermiston Police Department arrested Jordan Ryley Smith, 30, on three charges including felony unlawful possession of meth.

MEETINGS

FRIDAY, DEC. 13

No meetings scheduled

MONDAY, DEC. 16

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, DEC. 17

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

ATHENA CEMETERY DISTRICT, 5:30 p.m., Athena City Hall, 215 S. Third St., Athena. (541-566-3862)

IRRIGON CITY COUNCIL, 6 p.m., Irrigon City Hall, 500 N.E. Main Ave., Irrigon. (541-922-3047)

PENDLETON DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, 6 p.m., Pendleton City Hall, 501 S.W. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton. (541-276-1811)

UMATILLA CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION, 6 p.m., Umatilla City Hall council chambers, 700 Sixth St., Umatilla. (Nanci 541-922-3226 ext. 105)

UMATILLA COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING, 6 p.m., Mac’s Bar and Grill, 1400 SW Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Annual report to be presented (RSVP 541-278-8049). (Kyle Waggoner 541-278-8049)

EAST UMATILLA COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT, 7 p.m., district office, 431 E. Main St., Athena. (541-566-3813)

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

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)

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18

BUTTER CREEK IRRIGATION DISTRICT, 8 a.m., AgriNorthwest Boardman farm office, 78415 Poleline Road, Boardman. (Bonnie Kyger 509-820-3202)

ECHO IRRIGATION DISTRICT, 8:30 a.m., AgriNorthwest Boardman farm office, 78415 Poleline Road, Boardman. (Bonnie Kyger 509-820-3202)

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

INTERMOUNTAIN EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT, 4 p.m., InterMountain ESD office, 2001 N.W. Nye Ave., Pendleton. (Marla Royal 888-437-6892)

LOTTERY

Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2019

Megabucks

20-21-27-28-34-48

Estimated jackpot: \$7.2 million

Powerball

24-29-42-44-63

Powerball: 10

Power Play: 4

Estimated jackpot: \$140 million

Win for Life

28-49-56-60

Lucky Lines

04-05-12-15-FREE-20-23-25-31

Estimated jackpot: \$24,000

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 3-6-8-1

4 p.m.: 5-0-6-4

7 p.m.: 9-6-4-5

10 p.m.: 8-0-4-7

Thursday, Dec. 12, 2019

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 2-1-2-5

Mary Laura VanKirk

Kennewick, Washington
December 3, 2019

Mary Laura VanKirk was the second-born child of Maria and Joseph Jardin in Hartford, Connecticut. Mary is survived by one

younger sister, Emilinda McCarthy of Watch Hill, R.I.; daughter and son-in-law Linda and Gary Porter of Pasco, Wash., daughter Georgia Earley of Bonnersferry, Idaho, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Maria and Joseph Jardin, sister Eva Johns and brother Joseph Jardin.

She married Charles Edward VanKirk in 1948, and moved to San Jose, California, in 1959. After divorce and obtaining AA degree in 1969, Mary began working as a preschool teacher. She also began oil painting and, following her

move to Hermiston, Oregon, she joined Arts & Crafts from the Dry Side, the local art club. She also worked with several charities, including the establishing of Agape House, Christian Women’s Club and Friendship Bible Coffees.

She lived at Terrace II apartments in Richland, Wash., for 14 years, then Parkview Estates. Mary had a strong faith; her passion was sharing the Lord and praying for everyone she met who might miss out on knowing Him. She passed into her Lord’s presence on December 3, 2019, at the age of 91.

Celebration of Life service: Monday, December 16, 2019, at 11 a.m. at Reliance Fellowship Church, 4201 Kennedy Road, West Richland, Wash.



VanKirk

UPCOMING SERVICES

FRIDAY, DEC. 13

JAEGER, ANNABELLE — Recitation of the rosary at 7 p.m. at St. John Catholic Church, 103 S. Lincoln St., Condon.

WALKER, DON — Viewing from 4-7 p.m. at Burns Mortuary, 685 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston.

WILLIAMS, JOANNE — Graveside service at 2 p.m. at Olney Cemetery, Pendleton.

SATURDAY, DEC. 14

JAEGER, ANNABELLE — Funeral mass at 11 a.m. at St. John Cathoic Church, 103 S. Lincoln St., Condon, with a graveside service following at St. Joseph Cemetery, Condon. A potluck luncheon will follow the services at the church parish hall.

WALKER, DON — Funeral service at 4 p.m. in the chapel at Burns Mortuary, 685 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston.

Associated Press

BOSTON, Mass. — Pete Frates, a former college baseball player whose determined battle with Lou Gehrig’s disease helped inspire the ALS ice bucket challenge that has raised more than \$200 million worldwide, died Monday. He was 34.

Frates died peacefully, surrounded by his family, they said in a statement. “Today heaven received our angel,” it said.

The ice bucket challenge began in 2014 when pro golfer Chris Kennedy challenged his wife’s cousin Jeanette Senerchia, whose husband has ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig’s disease after the New York Yankees great who suffered from it.

ALS patient Pat Quinn, of Yonkers, New York, picked up on it and started its spread, but when Frates and his family got involved, the phenomenon exploded on social media.

The process was simple: Take a bucket of ice water, dump it over your head, post a video on social media and challenge others to do the same or make a donation to charity. Most people did both.

Thousands of people participated, including celebrities, sports stars and politicians — even Donald Trump before his election and cartoon character Homer Simpson. Online videos were viewed millions of times.

“The ALS ice bucket challenge represents all that’s great about this country — it’s about fun, friends, family, and it makes a difference to all of us living with ALS,” Frates said at the time.

The challenge has raised about \$220 million world-



AP Photo/Bill Sikes, File

In this Sept. 5, 2017, file photo, Pete Frates, right, who inspired the ice bucket challenge, looks at his wife Julie during a ceremony at City Hall in Boston by Boston Mayor Marty Walsh declaring the day Pete Frates Day. Frates, who was stricken with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or ALS, died Monday. He was 34.

wide, including \$115 million alone for the Washington-based ALS Association.

Lou Gehrig’s disease, also known as amyotrophic lateral sclerosis or motor neuron disease, is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that leads to paralysis due to the death of motor neurons in the spinal cord and brain. There is no known cure.

Frates, a native of Beverly in the Boston suburbs, was a three-sport athlete at St. John’s Prep in nearby Danvers. He went on to play baseball at Boston College. He played professionally in Germany after graduation and in amateur leagues upon his return to the U.S.

He was playing for the Lexington Blue Sox in 2011 when he got hit on the wrist by a pitch and noticed that it wasn’t healing properly.

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Obituaries and notices can be submitted online at EastOregonian.com/obituaryform, by email to obits@eastoregonian.com, by fax to 541-276-8314, placed via the funeral home or in person at the East Oregonian office. For more information, call 541-966-0818 or 1-800-522-0255, ext. 221.

OBITUARIES

Myrna M. Pugsley

Pendleton
January 24, 1942 — December 7, 2019

Myrna Pugsley, 77, of Pendleton, Ore., passed away Saturday night, December 7, 2019.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Alice Caldwell, her father, Myrnie Caldwell, and her brother, Steven Caldwell.

Myrna is survived by her husband Rich of Pendleton, her two sons, Michael and Jeffrey of Gresham, Ore., and her three grandsons, Branden, Evan and Logan of Gresham.

Per Myrna’s request, there will be no funeral service.

DEATH NOTICES

Trinidad Q. ‘Trini’ Matias

Milton-Freewater
Jan. 10, 1923 — Dec. 11, 2019

Trinidad Q. “Trini” Matias, 96, of Milton-Freewater, died Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2019, at her home. She was born Jan. 10, 1923. Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home of Milton-Freewater is in charge of arrangements.

Ruth Marie Robbins

Irrigon
Dec. 24, 1925 — Dec. 11, 2019

Ruth Marie Robbins, 93, of Irrigon, died Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2019, in Heppner. She was born Dec. 24, 1925, in North Platte, Nebraska. A celebration of life gathering will be held Sunday, Dec. 15 from 3-6 p.m. at Maxwell Siding Event Center, 145 N. First Place, Hermiston. A private family burial was held at the Hermiston Cemetery. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Martha Jane ‘Marty’ Rock

Irrigon
Oct. 10, 1934 — Dec. 10, 2019

Martha Jane “Marty” Rock, 85, of Irrigon, died Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2019, in Richland, Washington. She was born Oct. 10, 1934. Services are pending with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Roy William ‘Butch’ Thomas

Pendleton
Aug. 2, 1945 — Dec. 10, 2019

Roy William “Butch” Thomas, 74, of Pendleton, died Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2019, in Pendleton. He was born Aug. 2, 1945, in Eugene. Arrangements are being handled by Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop. Online condolences may be sent to www.pioneerchapel.com.

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