

Oregon not meeting electric vehicle goals, but hope remains

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SALEM — The state of Oregon did not meet its goal of 50,000 registered zero-emission vehicles by 2020, and it is not on track to meet its 2025 or 2030 goals, either, according to a new report.

The Oregon Department of Energy released its 2021 Biennial Zero Emission Vehicle Report to the Oregon Legislature last week. It said increasing the sale of emissionless vehicles is essential for reducing greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change.

As of June 2021, there were

38,482 light duty zero-emission vehicles registered in Oregon. That is well below the 50,000 goal set by Gov. Kate Brown and is just more than 1% of passenger vehicles.

However, because of the growing availability and decreasing costs of new models, combined with the enactment of new state incentive programs, Oregon is well positioned to increase the sale of ZEVs in future years.

According to Alan Zelenka, assistant director for Planning and Innovation, the largest emitter of GHG emissions in Oregon is the transportation sector, accounting for more than one-third of total

emissions. Of that, more than half come from passenger and light duty vehicles.

"Making the switch to ZEVs can dramatically reduce emissions and help meet Oregon's climate goals," Zelenka said in an introductory letter.

The state had planned to have at least 250,000 registered ZEVs by 2025; at least 25% of registered motor vehicles by 2030; and at least 90% of new motor vehicles sold annually by 2035.

The report admits Oregon is not on track to meet the 2025 and 2030 goals. But it does not rule out the 2035 goal.

"Oregon is too early in the

ZEV technology adoption curve to assess progress on the ZEV adoption goal of 90% ZEV market share by 2035. But because the goal is strictly based on market share and not total registrations, there is some qualitative evidence that the goal is achievable," the report said.

The report cites several reasons why the 2035 goal could be met, including the increasing number of all kinds of ZEVs vehicles, from all-electric cars and crossovers, plug-in cars, vans and crossovers; electrified bikes and scooters; and electrified buses and commercial trucks. Prices are falling as production increases. Another

helpful factor is the increasing number of public charging stations across the state and financial incentives offered by the federal and state governments.

"One of the questions posed by the legislature is how the cost of electric vehicles compares to their gasoline-powered counterparts. The report finds that thanks to incentive programs like the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality's Clean Vehicle Rebate and Charge Ahead Rebate programs, and a federal EV tax credit, some electric models can cost less than their gasoline-powered counterparts," the energy department said.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Wednesday, Sept. 22

9:23 a.m. — Pendleton police responded to the 100 block of Southeast Goodwin Avenue on a report of a vehicle theft. An officer took a report.

1:12 p.m. — A caller reported seeing a male crawl through a window into a house on the 400 block of Southeast Fifth Street, Hermiston.

2:25 p.m. — Pendleton police responded to the 1400 block of Southwest Dorion Avenue on a report of an assault. An officer took a report. 4:30 p.m. — Pendleton police responded to a reported assault on Southwest Court Avenue, Pendleton.

3:13 p.m. — Hermiston police received a report of a domestic disturbance between a woman and her boyfriend on West Eskimo Avenue.

4:25 p.m. — A caller on East Main Street, Hermiston, reported receiving a counterfeit \$100 bill. An officer took a report.

Thursday, Sept. 23

4:30 p.m. — Pendleton police responded to the 2200 block of Southwest Court Avenue on a report of an assault. Police made an arrest.

7:37 p.m. — Pendleton police responded to a reported burglary on Southwest 28th Drive, Pendleton.

11:12 p.m. — A caller reported a domestic disturbance at Go Fish RV, 1500 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton.

1:44 a.m. — Hermiston police received a report of a burglary on the 100 block of North First Place.

3:30 a.m. — Hermiston police received a report of a burglary on the 1200 block of West Sunland Avenue.

6:56 a.m. — A potato truck rolled and landed on its side on Bombing Range Road, Boardman, blocking traffic. A caller reported helping the driver get out of the cab. The Morrow County Sheriff's Office responded and issued on man a citation for driving without a license and careless driving and cited another

man for permitting the unlawful operation of a vehicle.

7:26 a.m. — The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office received a report of an assault at Western Express, 28810 Stafford Hansel Road, Hermiston.

3:13 p.m. — A caller reported a domestic disturbance in progress on West Spearman Road, Hermiston.

4:56 p.m. — Umatilla police received a report of a domestic disturbance on Martin Drive.

8:12 p.m. — A caller reported a domestic disturbance at Pro Build, 81054 N. Highway 395, Hermiston.

Arrests, Citations

Sept. 23

Umatilla Tribal Police arrested Darren Alexander Becenti, Darren Alexander, 29, for domestic abuse, menacing and two counts of assault.

Pendleton police arrested Nathan Chad Lorenz, 42, for vehicle theft.

Pendleton police arrested Gauge Forest Rane Hart, 20, for vehicle theft.

Baker City man accused of pointing gun at resident

BAKER CITY — A Baker City man is accused of breaking into a home on Sept. 17 and pointing a gun at the homeowner who found the suspect in the home upon returning.

Alexander Prentice Griffin, 30, of Baker City, is in the Baker County Jail, charged with first-degree robbery, first-degree burglary, menacing and being a felon in possession of a firearm.

First-degree robbery is a Measure 11 crime in Oregon, which on conviction carries a mandatory minimum prison sentence of seven years and six months.

The investigation into Griffin started two days earlier, on Sept. 15, when the Baker City Police Department received a report of a burglary at a vacant home and shed, according to a

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press release from Baker City Police Chief Ty Duby.

Police learned an estimated \$10,000 in miscellaneous tools, along with copper items, had been taken. Police also found out someone sold copper items, matching the description of those taken from the Clark Street property, that day at B&K Auto Salvage and Recycling in Baker City, according to the press release.

On the morning of Sept. 17, police responded to a report of a robbery and burglary. The homeowner told police that upon returning home, a person wearing a mask was inside and pointed a gun at the homeowner before fleeing.

Police determined that the gun was stolen from the home.

Police obtained a search warrant for a travel trailer parked in south Baker City, where police believed Griffin was living. Police served the

search warrant the evening of Sept. 17 and found several items that had been stolen from the Clark Street home, and the stolen gun.

Idaho man killed in Thursday crash

BAKER CITY — An Idaho man died early Thursday, Sept. 23, when the semi-trailer he was driving crashed on Interstate 84 near milepost 318, about 14 miles east of Baker City.

William Frakes, 49, of Nampa, died in the crash, according to Oregon State Police.

OSP troopers and emergency personnel responded to the crash about 2:14 a.m. The investigation showed that Frakes, who was driving westbound and hauling a set of double trailers, went off the freeway. The truck overturned.

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Sentences

The following criminal sentences have been imposed in Umatilla County Circuit courts:

Zachary Wayne Moss, 32, of Pilot Rock, pleaded guilty to a 2021 charge of attempted fourth-degree assault, a Class B misdemeanor; sentenced to 18 months of probation, 80 hours of community service work and \$900 in fees and fines.

Lawsuits

The following lawsuits have been filed in Umatilla County Circuit courts:

Donald Eugene Hodney of Willamina, vs. Hermiston Quicky Lube Inc. and Abigail Lynn Pierson of Hermiston, seeking \$5,621.32.

Marriages

Marriage licenses have been issued in Umatilla county for:

Dalia I Herrera Chavez, 45, and Guillermo Lujano, 36, Guzman, both of Hermiston.

Hudson John Pelles, 22, and Shaelynn Aliza Cleveland, 20, both of Pendleton.

Tiana Maria Hallauer, 29, of Stanfield, and Tyler Ryan Rock, 35, of Hermiston.

Ronald Reagan King, 27, and Antonia Mercedes Stanley, 24, of Pendleton.

Roberto Carlos Zavaleta Figueroa, 28, and Cindy Hidalgo Nava, 26, both of Pendleton.

Ladeana M. Morgan, 31, and Noah Rhys Berry, 31, both of Hermiston.

Amanda Faye Flaherty, 31, and Kyle Brandon Stewart, 32, both of Sandy.

Dustin Jay James, 25, and Alissa Marie Knudtson, 22, both of Milton-Freewater.

Ryan Jeremy Ewing, 29, and Sophie Aurora Aguilar, 29, both of Bemerton, Washington.

Benjamin Alan Sovince, 38, and Heather Marie Ficken, 44, both of Helix.

Patience Abigail Sunlight Lindquist, 25, and Jordan Philip Wayne Lebsock, 31, both of Pendleton.

Timothy James Short, 60, of San Miguel, California, and Jessica Erin Amos, 47, of Ventura, California.

Maria Guadalupe Castillo Baeza, 22, and Jesus Vazquez Garcia, 21, both of Hermiston.

Marriage licenses have been issued in Morrow county for:

Zachary Grant Bishop, 29, and Bethany Nicole Benage, 27, both of Hermiston.

LOTTERY

Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2021

Megabucks

6-16-20-25-28-46

Jackpot: \$3.5 million

Lucky Lines

4-6-12-16-17-21-25-31

Estimated jackpot: \$28,000

Powerball

20-40-47-55-63

Powerball: 5

Power Play: 3

Jackpot: \$523 million

Win for Life

16-53-63-73

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 5-8-6-1

4 p.m.: 2-3-9-6

7 p.m.: 6-2-9-1

10 p.m.: 3-4-6-7

Thursday, Sept. 23, 2021

Lucky Lines

4-6-11-13-18-21-28-30

Jackpot: \$29,000

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 5-3-2-9

4 p.m.: 0-9-7-9

7 p.m.: 7-3-2-5

10 p.m.: 6-1-5-9

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