

# Stanfield factory catches fire

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Crews were called on Monday to a Stanfield factory for a fire, one of several the business has had in the past two years.

The 3D Idapro Solutions factory in Stanfield, which processes potatoes primarily to make dog food, had its scrubber catch fire on Monday morning.

Umatilla County Fire District Battalion Chief Corey Gorham said the factory had not been operating when the fire started, and he thinks it was closed for routine maintenance.

He said no one was injured.

Gorham said the factory had recently installed a new fire suppression system, which was successful.

"The fire suppression system is reactive to a fire," he said. "It caught fire, and they turned it on. We didn't spray a gallon of water."

The factory has had at least three other fires so far in 2018, as well as a few the previous year. The scrubber, which caught fire, is a piece of equipment that was installed to mitigate the smells that the factory emits.



PHOTO BY JAYATI RAMAKRISHNAN

The 3D Idapro dog food plant in Stanfield had its scrubber catch on fire Monday morning. Umatilla County Fire District 1 firefighter Eldon Marcum said operations would likely have to be shut down temporarily, but the fire was under control.

## Port sues for damage from train derailment

BOARDMAN — The Port of Morrow is suing Union Pacific Railroad and Pacific Ethanol Columbia for nearly \$340,000 for a train derailment last September.

Patrick Gregg, attorney for the port, filed the pleading on Aug. 3 in Morrow County, according to circuit court records, and Union Pacific and Pacific Ethanol received their copies four days later. The two companies have yet to respond to the court filing.

Pacific Ethanol operates a fuel ethanol manufacturing facility at the port in Board-

man. Union Pacific operates trains that deliver the corn for the biofuel. According to the pleading, a train carrying corn for Pacific Ethanol arrived at the plant on Sept. 15, 2017.

Frontier Rail employees took control of the locomotive when the train crossed from Union Pacific's mainline onto the port's tracks, and Pacific Ethanol employees the next day unloaded the corn through a door on the underside of each railcar.

After the unloading, Frontier Rail moved the train and returned its con-

trol to Union Pacific, but the train remained on port tracks.

That afternoon, five empty railcars derailed. The port in the lawsuit accused Pacific Ethanol's employees of failing to close one or more of the bottom doors, which caught and dragged on the tracks. The port repaired the tracks at a cost of \$39,944.47 and received no compensation.

Crews also moved 14 other Union Pacific railcars from the crash site.

Those cars remain on port property, according to the pleading, in spite of the

port's demands for the railroad company to move them. The port seeks \$299,250 or \$75 per car per day, for storing the cars.

In all, the port seeks \$339,194.47 plus attorney fees and court costs. The circuit court has yet to set any dates in the case.

Gregg had no comment. A representative for Pacific Ethanol did not return call by deadline Thursday.

Union Pacific issued the following statement: "Both parties have been in contact with one another and are working to resolve this."

## Local firefighters on their way to battle deadly California blaze

### Crews from Umatilla County went to Chico last week to fight Camp Fire

By JAYATI RAMAKRISHNAN  
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Firefighters from Umatilla County are in California, helping battle a blaze that has been called one of the most destructive in state history.

Three UCFD personnel were dispatched to Chico last weekend.

Battalion Chief Ed Clark and firefighters Jessie Brown and Chance Mikaelson were assigned to the Camp Fire, which, as of Monday, had burned more than 113,000 acres, 6,400 homes, and killed 29 people.

It is the largest of three major fires currently burning in California. As of Monday, it was 25 percent contained.

The cause of the Camp Fire, in Butte County, has not yet been identified.

UCFD Battalion Chief Corey Gorham said the UCFD crew was assigned to 24-hour on, 24-hour off

shifts, and that they are working with a task force that includes Central Oregon and Union County crews.

Gorham said whenever a major fire occurs, the Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office sends out requests to local departments, who determine which of their personnel can go assist. Gorham said firefighters have to be able to commit to a 14-day assignment, which limits the number of people who can go.

Firefighters who have assisted at other out-of-state fires recently are at the bottom of the list.

Gorham said UCFD sent firefighters to California around this time last year for other wildfires, but that was the only other time he could recall sending personnel out of state.

The firefighters are compensated overtime for their out-of-state service.

Another massive wildfire burning in the state, the Wollsey Fire near Ventura, has scorched more than 91,500 acres since Thursday, and killed two people.

Firefighters are working to contain several smaller blazes around the state as well.

## Car thief crashes near Boardman

A car allegedly stolen from Boardman was involved in a police pursuit that ended in a crash Sunday night.

According to the Morrow County Sheriff's Office, a deputy attempted to make a traffic stop in Boardman about 7:45 p.m. The driver did not stop, and the deputy pursued the vehicle westbound onto Interstate 84.

During the chase a resident called to report the vehicle stolen, and deputies determined it was the same vehicle.

The car crashed and the driver, Jeffrey Scott Connors, 41, was ejected. Life Flight was called but was unable to respond due to weather conditions, and Connors was transported to Good Shepherd Medical Center by ground ambulance.

Connors was convicted in September of fourth-degree assault and menacing, which constituted domestic violence. He was scheduled for sentencing on Nov. 8. That incident took place in Clackamas County. Connors had previously been living in Arizona.

The interstate was closed during cleanup near the rest stop outside of Boardman at mile marker 161. Boardman Police Department and Oregon State Police assisted.

Icy conditions were reported on roads in Morrow County on Monday morning.

### OBITUARY

#### Bruce E. Allen

Sweet Home

November 10, 1954 - November 5, 2018

Bruce Allen of Sweet Home, Ore., passed away unexpectedly on November 5, 2018. He was 63 years old.

Bruce is survived by his wife Kathy, their three sons Phillip, Harry and Bryon, his mother Yvonne Cook of Salem, Ore., his father Clair Allen of Reedsport, Ore., brother Randy Allen of Lebanon, Ore., and four beautiful grandchildren he loved very much.

Bruce was born in Lebanon, Ore., on November 10, 1954. He graduated in 1972 from Lebanon High School and worked as a diesel mechanic throughout his career. On April 4, 1979, he married Kathy and they moved to northeast Oregon. The family purchased a 24-acre ranch in Hermiston, Ore., called the "Silver Rose Ranch." He loved the country life and all that came with it. He owned and operated a successful truck repair business for 14 years.

After closing his repair business, he had a rewarding and enjoyable career at Strebin Farms. He was an active member of the Umatilla Volunteer Fire Department, and he took great pride

in service to his community. After 30 years in Hermiston, Bruce and Kathy returned to Sweet Home to be closer to family.

Bruce was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He enjoyed all things outdoors and loved camping with his family.

He enjoyed target shooting, and hunting of all forms to include deer, elk and duck.

All who knew him found him with the biggest smile when he was behind the wheel of his Jeep and was always looking for the next person to give a ride. But, he was always happiest when he was with his family, no matter where that happened to be. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all that knew him.

A funeral service was held 11 a.m. Monday, November 12 at the Huston-Jost Funeral Home in Lebanon, Ore. After the service, there will be a celebration of life and reception at Waterloo Park, just outside Lebanon.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be provided to National Fallen Fire Fighters Foundation ([www.firehero.org](http://www.firehero.org)).



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### DEATH NOTICES

#### Brenda E. Roberts

Hermiston

March 24, 1970 - Nov. 12, 2018

Brenda E. Roberts, 48, of Hermiston died Monday, Nov. 12, 2018, in Hermiston. She was born March 24, 1970, in Sycamore, Ill. Arrangements are pending with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Sign the online condolence book at [burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

#### Kathy L. Grissom

Hermiston

July 11, 1942 - Nov. 4, 2018

Kathy L. Grissom, 76, of Hermiston died Sunday, Nov. 4, 2018, at her home. She was born July 11, 1942, in Kokomo, Indiana. A celebration of life gathering will be held Saturday, Nov. 17 from 2-4 p.m. at the ARC Building in Hermiston. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Sign the online condolence book at [burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

### BIRTHS

#### Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston

OCT. 30, 2018

**BOWMAN** — Ashley D. Freel and Brody L. Bowman of Hermiston: a girl, Hayeslee Ray Nicole Bowman.

**CONNELL** — Rachel D. Haworth and Justin D. Connell of Boardman: a boy, Jaxxon Lee Connell.

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**CARRILLO PABLO** — Martha Pablo and Hector Carrillo of Hermiston: a girl, Yuleimy Alva Carrillo Pablo.

**HORNING** — Brandi L. Horning and Riley J. Horning of Hermiston: a girl, Hayden Lee Horning.

### COURTS

#### Sentences

**PENDLETON** — The following sentences have been imposed in Umatilla County courts:

#### FELONY

•Christopher Scott Paul, 28, Umatilla (TRCI), pleaded guilty to Possession of Methamphetamine: sentenced to \$500 fine and 6 months driver's license suspension.

#### MISDEMEANOR

•Layton Gene Winebarger, 20, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Possession of Controlled Substance (Schedule II): sentenced to 180 days jail-suspended, 18 months probation, 90 sanction units, 30 maximum jail units, \$200 fine and \$2,800 fine-suspended; pleaded guilty to DUII: sentenced to 2 days jail, 178 days jail-suspended, 2 years probation, \$1,255 fine, \$1,000 driver's license suspension, plus court costs.

•Fausto Enrique Franco Torres, 54, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to DUII: sentenced to 30 days jail, 150 days jail-suspended, 2 years probation, 80 hours community

service, \$1,255 fine, \$2,000 fine-suspended and 1 year driver's license suspension, plus court costs and fees.

#### Suits Filed

**PENDLETON** — The following suits have been filed in Umatilla County courts (interest, court costs and fees not listed):

•Discover Bank vs. Michelle Weber of Hermiston: seeks \$7,219.97.

•Discover Bank vs. Bruce A. Doty of Hermiston: seeks \$2,056.97.

•Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Erika Sandoval Camach of Hermiston: seeks \$2,988.15.

•Capital One Bank vs. Inez Tenorio of Hermiston: seeks \$2,973.59.

•Webcollex LLC dba CKS Financial vs. Robert Harris of Hermiston: seeks \$2,533.76.

•Cach LLC vs. Heriberto Pinto of Hermiston: seeks \$4,691.74.

•Capital One Bank vs. Efrén Nava of Umatilla: seeks \$5,723.02.

•Discover Bank vs. Rebec-

ca J. Day of Umatilla: seeks \$3,842.44.

•Bank of America N.A. vs. Candice M. Carlson of Umatilla: seeks \$4,270.36.

•Quick Collect Inc. vs. Maria T. Hernandez of Boardman: seeks \$704.96.

•OneMain Financial Group LLC vs. McKenzie B. Davis Kadlec: seeks \$3,161.60.

•Credits Inc. vs. Regina Aguilera (Rodriguez) and Sergio Aguilera of Umatilla: seeks \$5,652.60.

•Credits Inc. vs. Joseph G. and Hannah Williams of Hermiston: seeks \$812.33.

•Credits Inc. vs. Martin Aguilar of Hermiston: seeks \$690.21.

•Credits Inc. vs. Martha Rodriguez of Hermiston: seeks \$2,081.51.

•Credits Inc. vs. Terry D. and Kristen Iverson of Hermiston: seeks \$5,127.88.

•Credits Inc. vs. Elyuth and Cornel Tatar of Hermiston: seeks \$1,104.40.

•Credits Inc. vs. Lizeth Alvarez of Umatilla: seeks \$832.72.

•Citibank vs. Antonio Sanchez

of Hermiston: seeks \$2,589.04.

•Midland Funding LLC vs. Samuel Sams: seeks \$2,398.48.

•Craig Criddle of Utah vs. Southgate Village Apartments of Hermiston: seeks \$567,267.37.

#### Divorces

**PENDLETON** — Divorce decrees were signed in Umatilla County Courts for:

Sadie Lynn Shattuck of Hermiston and Austin Ford Turley of Umatilla.

#### Marriages

**PENDLETON** — Marriage licenses have been registered in Umatilla County for:

Patrick Phillip Laird, 30, of Umatilla and Zina Melanie Earhart, 41, of Portland.

David Anders Bjurlin, 32, of Umatilla and Elizabeth Ann Hoover, 29, of Pasco, Wash.

Jesus Ramon Gastelum, 34, of Umatilla and Teresa De Jesus Morfin Sanchez, 35, of Pasco.

Michael Brandon Hughes, 32, of Umatilla and Leslie Ann Werner, 62, of Victoria, Texas.

Cesar De La Paz Romo, 26, and Maria Del Socorro Garcia, 28, both of Hermiston.

Howard Thomas Murphy, 63, and Rebecca Annette Morris, 63, both of Umatilla.

Christopher James Clarke, 22, and McKenzie Marie Ruploh, 19, both of Stanfield.

Michael Alfred Neubert, 19, and Brianna Taylor Bishop, 19, both of Hermiston.

## Are You a Survivor of Lung or Prostate Cancer?

You are invited to take part in an interview (in person or by phone).

We want to learn about your views & experiences.

- What you share with us will be kept confidential
- You will receive \$25 in cash or a gift card

Participants must:

- Have been diagnosed on January 1, 2015 or more recently
- Live in a rural county in Oregon

To learn more, please contact  
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This study, titled "Experiences of Breast, Prostate, and Lung Cancer Survivors in Rural Oregon," is led by Dr. Cheryl Thorburn from the College of Public Health and Human Sciences at Oregon State University and is funded by the National Cancer Institute.

