

Echo man faces child porn charges

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An Echo man pleaded not guilty this week to five counts of child pornography.

Jarvis Donald Buck, 38, of 140 N. Prescott St., Echo, remains in the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton, in lieu of \$56,000 bail. He faces five counts of first-degree encouraging child sexual abuse.

Umatilla County Circuit Court records show a grand jury on Feb. 2 indicted Buck on the charges after finding in June 2015 he possessed five visual recordings of sexually explicit conduct involving children. His arrest came Tuesday, when members of the local Blue Mountain Enforcement Narcotics Team conducted a sweep of offenders on the west end of Umatilla County.

Pendleton Police Chief Stuart Roberts, head of the team's board of directors, said the arrests stemmed from warrants or indictments and were to close a number of cases before a Hermiston police detective rotated out of the team. In addition

to the illegal pornography charges, the online jail information shows police arrested Buck for possession of methamphetamine.

Court records show Jarvis has criminal cases in Eastern Oregon going back to 1999, with convictions for burglary in 2000, 2002 and 2006, furnishing alcohol to a minor in 2001, and driving under the influence of intoxicants in 2013.

His next hearing in circuit court is March 6.

Police during the sweep also made the following arrests:

- Jerardo Pedro Sital, 18, of 31026 Joy Lane, Hermiston, for possession of methamphetamine and on a warrant for failure to appear;
- Jermaine Royce Thomas, 36, of 220 N.W. 14th St., Pendleton, for possession of methamphetamine, possession of heroin, and frequenting a place where controlled substances are used;

- Eric Shannon Pennington, 48, of 420 S.E. Fourth St. Hermiston, for possession and delivery of methamphetamine and on a warrant for failure to appear.

Hermiston School District responds to false claim about protest backlash

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Reports circulated on Facebook Friday that a teacher at Hermiston's Armand Larive Middle School refused to let students who missed school for Thursday's "Day without Immigrants" make up a test — but district officials said they found the claims to be false after investigating.

"There's no truth to that," said Assistant Superintendent Tricia Mooney. "I personally looked into that situation. It came out of a Facebook post that was then taken down by the poster."

Mooney said the district's policy is that students who miss school for an excused absence can make up quizzes or tests during classtime, but those who have unexcused absences have to make it up during their own time. But she said in no scenario

are students prohibited from making up missed exams.

"The district heard from one parent, and that parents said there were other parents who chose not to come forward," Mooney said. "The person who's currently posting is not even an Armand Larive Middle School parent."

Many students were absent from Hermiston and other Umatilla County schools yesterday, participating in the "Day Without Immigrants" protest — where immigrants and their families stayed home, with the goal of showing the impact and presence immigrants have throughout the community.

Many employers and others were supportive of the protest, but some were upset by it as well, including shoppers who were taken aback by the unexpected closing of stores.

EO Media Group wins national award for digital innovation

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EO Media Group's marketplace platform was named Best New Digital Initiative by Local Media Association, a national organization that serves more than 2,400 media companies.

The award, announced Feb. 1, was the result of the association's Digital Innovation Contest. More than 80 different companies submitted hundreds of entries. The faculty at the University of Texas at Austin/Engaging News Project judged the 14 categories.

Judges praised the marketplace platform's clean interface and positive revenue growth. In 2016, Marketplace grew digital classified revenue at *Capital Press* an average 35 percent over prior year.

"This award illustrates the quality and innovation we strive to achieve in our digital offerings at EO Media Group," said Crindalyn Lyster, EO Media Group digital director. "We are thrilled with the marketplace platform and excited at its potential for a wider audience."

John S. Perry, Chief Operating Officer of EO Media Group, said the award recognizes the hard work and innovation of the digital team and its collaboration with the advertising staff at *Capital Press*.

"Our small team competed against much larger media companies with far more resources," he said. "That makes the

award even sweeter." Marketplace has been operating with <http://marketplace.capitalpress.com> since December 2015. The company added a second site, <http://coastmarketplace.com>, in November 2016.

EO Media Group will join other first place winners in Chicago at the LMA Digital Revenue Summit in May to showcase the work and share details on strategies and implementation.

"This is a highly competitive contest that recognizes the best of local media when it comes to digital innovation," said Nancy Lane, President, Local Media Association. "There is no other contest like it. The bragging rights are huge for the winners."

In total, 22 companies received awards. The contest was free for local media companies to enter, ensuring a fair competition with no financial barriers. For more information on the winners: <https://www.localmedia.org/2016-lma-local-media-digital-innovation-contest>

LOTTERY

Thursday, Feb. 16

Lucky Lines

04-06-12-16-FREE-19-24-27-29

Estimated jackpot: \$42,000

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 0-1-3-2

4 p.m.: 0-5-8-1

7 p.m.: 7-5-5-0

10 p.m.: 1-5-0-6

Friday, Feb. 17

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 6-4-4-7

Barbara Elaine Banks

Pilot Rock

February 12, 1946-February 13, 2017

Barbara Elaine Banks of Pilot Rock, Ore., passed away on February 13, 2017, at Kadlec Hospital in Richland, Washington. Viewing will be held Monday, February 20, 2017, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Burns Mortuary of Pendleton. Graveside services at Olney Cemetery will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2017, at 10 a.m. Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements.

Barbara was born in St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton, Oregon, on February 12, 1946, to Melvin and Hazel (Doty) Banks. She grew up and attended high school in Pendleton.

After high school, Barbara worked at Eastern Oregon State Hospital in Pendleton. She later lived in The Dalles and Portland for a short time before moving to Vancouver, Washington. She was a homemaker for many years while raising her children. From Vancouver she moved to Puyallup, Washington, then to Eaton, Washington. She returned to Pendleton in 1982.

She worked as a bartender in Ukiah, Pilot Rock and Pendleton. Throughout the years she worked out of the home as a beautician. She also loved doing ceramics and sold

some of her best pieces. She enjoyed working in her yard. She loved having a beautiful yard. She loved camping, hunting, and the mountains. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Barbara is survived by daughters McKindra Breazeale of College Place, Wash., and Amber (Joe) Bicondoa of Buckley, Wash.; grandchildren Jamarr (Alyssa) Breazeale of Pendleton, Ore., Jericho Breazeale of Pendleton, Ore., Michon Breazeale of Walla Walla, Wash., McKayla Ortega of

College Place, Wash., Megan Kelly of Puyallup, Wash., Erin Kelly of Seattle, Wash., and Rachel Kelly of Tacoma, Wash.; great-grandchildren Bradley Breazeale, Avangelia Salinas, Emma Star, Waylon Breazeale, Eita Breen and Erin Breen; sisters Gearaldine Wakerlig of Pendleton and Robin Colvin of Walla Walla, Wash.; and brothers James Banks of Pendleton and William Banks of Anchorage, Alaska.

She was preceded in death by sons Lewis Breazeale and Colten Arbogast, sisters Sarah Hausladen and Jacqueline Banks, and parents Melvin and Hazel Banks.



Banks

Robert Allen 'Bob' Jimmerson

Hermiston

July 14, 1940-January 28, 2017

Bob Jimmerson passed away after a year-long battle with lung cancer in his home. He was blessed to be with family and with the very blessed Hospice help.

Bob was born to John and Berniece (Thurer) Jimmerson on July 14, 1940, in Hoskins, Ore. He grew up in a family with 11 siblings. He graduated from Corvallis High School in 1959.

He married Nita and had two children. Jobs took him on to California working cattle ranches and driving truck. After a divorce Bob moved back to the Corvallis area working and driving his own truck.

After a number of years he moved back to California, marrying an old friend Irene and becoming a blended family with his and hers for a total of seven. They moved to Hermiston in 2007.

Bob enjoyed working with cattle and horses. He loved to fish, hunt and camp with family. He enjoyed

working in his shop creating anything from trailers to metal signs and furniture. Bob and Irene spent many weekends together going to auctions and taking their hobby to the Sumpter Flea Market three times a year.

Bob was a member of the Stanfield Moose Lodge, Colusa County Sheriff's Posse, Corvallis Eagles and Corvallis Moose Lodge.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Jim, Gene, Marvin, Norman and Glenn, and sister Margie.

He is survived by his wife Irene of 19 years; daughter June (Danny Mills); son Matt; grandkids Chrissy, Clint, Nicole, Thad and Kole; great-grandkids Emma, Riley, Kendyl, Kate and Will; his stepchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial service to be held February 19th at 2:00 p.m. at the Stanfield Moose Lodge.



Jimmerson

UPCOMING SERVICES

SATURDAY, FEB. 18

FRERICHS, ALICE — Funeral service at 1 p.m. at the Hermiston Assembly of God Church, 730 E. Hurlburt Ave. Burial will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery.

HAMILTON, ROXIE — Celebration of life at 1 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2004 N. 24th Ave., Pasco, Wash.

MCGOWAN, TROY — Graveside service with military honors at 2 p.m. at Sunset Hills Cemetery, Umatilla.

NEWTSON, TIM — Graveside services at 10 a.m. at Skyview Memorial Park, 70116 S. Highway 395, Pendleton. A memorial celebration of life will follow at 11:30 a.m. at Helix Community Church.

PALMER, BROK — Graveside service at 11 a.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery. A celebration potluck gathering follows at noon at The Pheasant Bar & Grill, 149 E. Main St., Hermiston.

PHILLIPS, TONI — Memorial service at 2 p.m. in the chapel at Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home, 902 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater.

RINEY, AL — Remembrance of life from 1-4 p.m. at the family home, 345 Skyline Drive, Heppner.

SKAGGS, DARIN — Graveside service at 11 a.m. at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery. A luncheon and gathering will follow at the Heppner United Methodist Church, 175 W. Church St.

SUNDAY, FEB. 19

JIMMERSON, BOB — Memorial service at 2 p.m. at the Stanfield Moose Lodge, 615 E. Coe Ave.

MONDAY, FEB. 20

BANKS, BARBARA — Viewing from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Burns Mortuary, 336 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton.

TUESDAY, FEB. 21

BANKS, BARBARA — Graveside services at 10 a.m. at Olney Cemetery, Pendleton.

OBITUARY POLICY

The East Oregonian publishes paid obituaries. The obituary can include small photos and, for veterans, a flag symbol at no charge. Obituaries may be edited for spelling, proper punctuation and style. Expanded death notices will be published at no charge. These include information about services. Obituaries and notices can be submitted online at www.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

Otto Vernon Baumann

Renton, Wash.

April 16, 1920-January 22, 2017

Otto Vernon (OV or Vern) Baumann was born April 16th, 1920, to Otto Ralph and Mary (Brecht) Baumann on their homestead near Dodge, North Dakota. He attended a rural school through eighth grade whereby, due to his perseverance and strong desire to continue his education, he decided to leave the homestead.

Vern served in the U.S. Navy during World War II in the South Pacific as a medic and this, we believe, was the inspiration he needed in pursuit of becoming a physician. After being honorably discharged from the Navy, he completed his undergraduate and taught mathematics and history until he was accepted into medical school at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine.

After completing his residency at Swedish Hospital in Seattle, Washington, the family (wife Elaine and son Tim) moved to 924 Beachview Blvd., Clarkston, Washington, and he practiced as a general surgeon at Tri-State Memorial Hospital in Lewiston, Idaho. During his stay in Clarkston, son Keith was born in September 1956 and daughter Heidi in February 1958.

Dr. Baumann's career as a general practitioner and surgeon was busy with an active practice across from the hospital. During his years of practice, he was nominated and elected as president of the medical and dental staff and elected president at Trinity Lutheran Church where the family attended regularly.

Vern spent his life being fully motivated in his career, relentless to achieve new heights and most certainly fearless in whatever he did. In his "time off" he enjoyed all things outdoors. Vern spent time with the family at a lake house in Coeur d'Alene Idaho, ranching

in Ritzville, Washington, snowmobiling in the winter, fishing and hunting with family and friends, as well as piloting several different types of aircraft.

At the age of 96 Vern passed from this life of natural causes on January 22, 2017, in Renton, Washington. Vern was preceded in death by his daughter Tammy Robin, who passed away due to prematurity, and wife Elaine in 1997.

Vern is survived by his two sons Timothy Lee Baumann (wife Kristi) and Keith Dean Baumann, and daughter Heidi Cherie Saunders (husband Tom); his grandchildren Tiffany Tamara Reynolds (husband Corey), Nathaniel George Saunders, Taryn Malyn Baumann, Trevor Lee Baumann and Tessa Sienna-Marie Baumann. Vern's first great-granddaughter is due in February, completing a true circle of life.

A memorial service will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church (485 West Locust, Hermiston, Oregon 97838) on Saturday, March 4th at 11:00 a.m. Burial with military honors will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to Swedish Medical Foundation, 747 Broadway, Seattle, WA 98122. For information email foundation@swedish.org.

The family wishes to extend our sincere thanks to Elena Suci and her staff at Honeydew Home Care. Their loving care was greatly appreciated. We offer special recognition to Swedish physicians, nursing, hospital staff and hospice care.

Please sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

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

DEATH NOTICES

Linda Joy Harshman

Hardman

Jan. 21, 1949-Feb. 16, 2017

Linda Joy Harshman, 68, of Hardman died Thursday, Feb. 16, 2017, in Heppner. She was born Jan. 21, 1949, in Norman, Okla. A private family graveside service will be held. Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in care of arrangements.

Madge M. Marbach

Dayton, Wash.

Aug. 17, 1931-Feb. 16, 2017

Madge M. Marbach, 85, of Dayton, Wash., died Thursday, Feb. 16, 2017, in Walla Walla. She was born Aug. 17, 1931. Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home in Milton-Freewater is in charge of arrangements.

Thelma Jean Medley

Condon

July 13, 1933-Feb. 16, 2017

Thelma Jean Medley, 83, of Condon died Thursday, Feb. 16, 2017, in Condon. She was born July 13, 1933. Arrangements are pending at Sweeney Mortuary of Condon.

Richard Duane Smith

Irrigon

Aug. 15, 1957-Feb. 16, 2017

Richard Duane Smith, 59, of Irrigon died Thursday, Feb. 16, 2017, at his home. He was born Aug. 15, 1957, in Roseburg. Arrangements are pending at Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner.

PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

THURSDAY

9:22 a.m. - A Hermiston-area mother reported her daughter stole her father's pain medication.

10:26 a.m. - Police received a warning about a semitrailer hauling plastic pipes that started to come loose on Highway 395 from Hermiston to Stanfield.

11:34 a.m. - A caller asked to speak to a Umatilla County sheriff's deputy about people dumping dead animals at Lind Road and Union Street, Umatilla.

11:27 a.m. - A man told Hermiston police someone stole his identity, including his Social Security number, and opened a Paypal account using his information.

9:37 p.m. - Umatilla County dispatchers received a 9-1-1 call of a female screaming. The call disconnected. Dispatch called back, and the female stated there was a fight on the 32300 block of Diagonal Boulevard, Hermiston.

11:30 p.m. - A caller at Locust Mobile Village, 1501 N. Elizabeth St., Milton-Freewater, reported domestic violence.

FRIDAY

12:31 a.m. - Two people with flashlights tried to break into the United States Post Office in Echo, 130 W. Main St. Police did not find the suspects.

ARRESTS, CITATIONS

Thursday
•Umatilla police arrested Casey Loyd Bailey, 39, and Patrick Wayne Edvik, 36, both of 7 Driftwood Court, Umatilla, for second-degree burglary and theft.

•Oregon State Police arrested Matthew Alvin Dale Johnson, 26, of 406 Walla Walla St., Umatilla, for unlawful manufacturing marijuana extract "honey" oil and possession of 1-8 ounces of marijuana.