

# Hermiston woman turns 100

By **JADE MCDOWELL**  
East Oregonian



Photo contributed by Phil Hamm  
**Jo Lagerberg turned 100 on Tuesday.**

A Hermiston resident celebrated her 100th birthday this week.

Joan “Jo” Katherine Lagerberg, who currently lives at Guardian Angel Homes, turned 100 on Tuesday.

Her son Phil Hamm said he couldn’t say for sure what her secret to longevity is, but he does know that she was an avid walker until recently and has always been involved in her community.

“I’m sure genetics are part of that, but being active is important, and having a sense of purpose,” he said.

Hamm said she is also tough — something she had to be when raising five sons on her own.

Lagerberg was born in Milford, Iowa, in 1918 as

trained as a milliner afterward. In 1941, she traveled from where she was working in Montana to live with her sister in Seattle, and when she got off the train on Dec. 7 she was greeted with the news that Pearl Harbor had been bombed.

In 1944, she married serviceman Ed Hamm and after the war they moved to Bend and had five sons before divorcing. Phil Hamm, the “baby” of the family, said he was grateful to his mom for all she did for her sons, including letting him raise racing pigeons.

“We used to have 100 pigeons in the backyard,” he said.

To support her family, Lagerberg found work in Bend as a sales representative for Deschutes Memorial Gardens in Bend and eventually bought the cem-

etery. She was married to her childhood sweetheart Ted Lagerberg in 1982, but he died six years later.

Lagerberg moved to Hermiston in 1990 to be closer to family, including grandchildren. She left for five years to live in Portland, but returned to Hermiston in 2013. Hamm said she used to coordinate trips for seniors through the Hermiston Senior Center.

Now she resides in Guardian Angel Homes’ memory care facility. She has six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. She celebrated her birthday early with family over the weekend and with Guardian Angel Homes staff and residents on Tuesday.

Contact Jade McDowell at [jmcdowell@eastoregonian.com](mailto:jmcdowell@eastoregonian.com) or 541-564-4536.

# Wanted Pendleton man arrested after reports of multiple gunshots

East Oregonian

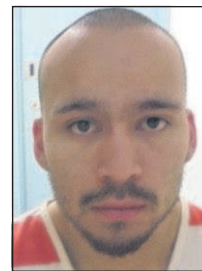
Umatilla County Sheriff’s Office deputies arrested a Pendleton man following a series of alleged gunshots early Thursday in Milton-Freewater.

Ricardo Lara Guttierrez, 23, now faces multiple felony and misdemeanor charges, including burglary, robbery and kidnapping.

Deputies at about 2:05 a.m. Thursday responded to a report of multiple gunshots in the area of Ruby Lane, Milton-Freewater, according to a written statement from the sheriff’s office. As a deputy and a Milton-Freewater police officer arrived, with a second deputy also responding, additional reports came in of gunshots at a residence on Didion Lane, then reports of gunshots on Crockett Road.

The deputies and officer went to the Crockett Road address, where they found a homeowner in an outbuilding with a man. As deputies approached, the homeowner grabbed the man and wrestled him to the ground. The man claimed he had a gun and was going to shoot the homeowner if police came closer.

One deputy fired his stun gun at the man, subduing and subsequently arresting him. The sheriff’s office identified the suspect as Guttierrez.



**Guttierrez**

Deputies then contacted the Ruby Lane address. They reported hearing a car door shut at around 2 a.m., according to the sheriff’s office, and saw a male enter their vehicles. One of the residents fired a shot into the air to scare the man, and they heard four gunshots from the southeast side of the residence.

Deputies found bullet holes in three vehicles. The sheriff’s office reported it considers Guttierrez responsible for shooting the vehicles.

Deputies also contacted a resident on Didion Lane, who told them a male entered her home through the unlocked front door, came into her bedroom and demanded her vehicle. She told the male to leave three times before he finally took off. She also reported someone broke a window in her vehicle.

The deputies booked Guttierrez into the county jail in Pendleton on 16 counts plus three warrants.

# Former local corrections officers face discipline

East Oregonian

Two former local corrections officers face the loss of their state public safety credentials.

Manuel Yetter, 27, of Hermiston, was a corrections officer at Two Rivers Correctional Institution, Umatilla. According to state records, Yetter on March 26 fired a gun that carried the risk of injuring others. He

lost his job soon after and the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training opened an investigation on May 29. Yetter, a month later, pleaded no contest to recklessly endangering another person.

The Corrections Policy Committee of the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training met Monday in Salem and voted to recommend denying Yetter’s cer-

tification for three years for gross misconduct.

The committee also recommended revoking Matthew Copple’s certification for 10 years for gross misconduct and misuse of authority. Copple worked as a corrections deputy for the Umatilla County Sheriff’s Office.

Sheriff Terry Rowan said Copple has not been with the sheriff’s office for per-

haps two years now, but he could not get into the specifics of Copple’s conduct because it was a personnel matter. The *East Oregonian* also did not hear back from county counsel Doug Olsen on the situation before deadline on Thursday.

The two recommendations go to the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training for the final determinations.

# Upcoming Red Cross blood drives in Hermiston

HERMISTON — In the coming weeks, the American Red Cross will hold several blood drives in Hermiston.

The need for blood is constant, especially heading into the holiday season when people are busy. Each day, blood donors help patients of all ages — from accident and burn victims to heart surgery and organ transplant patients. According to the American Red Cross, every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood.

Upcoming blood drives in Hermiston are:

•Monday, Nov. 19 from

noon to 6 p.m. at Good Shepherd Medical Center, 610 N.W. 11th St.

•Monday, Nov. 26 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at New Hope Community Church, 1350 S. Highway 395.

•Friday, Dec. 7 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Stafford Hansell Government Center, 915 S.E. Columbia Drive.

While walk-ins are welcome, donors are encouraged to schedule an appointment by calling 1-800-733-2767 or via [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

# Potato bar fundraiser benefits The Arc

HERMISTON — Pota-

toes with a variety of toppings are featured during the annual baked potato dinner presented by The Arc Umatilla County.

The event benefits the nonprofit organization, which advocates for and supports people with developmental disabilities. The event is Sunday from 5-6 p.m. at The Arc, 215 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. Tickets are \$5 for ages 11 and up, \$3 for ages 4-10 and free for kids 3 and under. In addition, people can purchase a ticket that can be donated so a person with a disability can attend the event.

For more information or to purchase a ticket, call Kristi Smalley at 541-567-1546.

# Garden club harvests support for Domestic Violence Services

PENDLETON — The Dirt Dabblers Garden Club is hosting Domestic Violence Services for its upcoming meeting.

The gathering is Monday at 12:30 p.m. in the Vert Club Room, 345 S.W. Fourth St., Pendleton. Serving as a giving luncheon, those planning to attend are encouraged to bring a donation for the nonprofit organization. Items needed include non-perishable food, personal hygiene supplies, household paper and cleaning products, twin and full size sheets, bath and

dish towels. Also needed are clothing items, including socks, shoes, underwear, sweat suits, pajamas and bras, and gift cards for phone, gas and shopping.

In addition to shelters in Pendleton and Hermiston, Domestic Violence Services maintains a 24-hour crisis line (800-833-1161), provides safety planning, life skills classes, support groups and other advocacy activities for victims of domestic violence or sexual assault.

For additional information, contact 541-276-3322, [administrator@dvs-or.org](mailto:administrator@dvs-or.org) or visit [www.dvs-or.org](http://www.dvs-or.org).

For more about the gar-

den club, contact Sue Stefancik at [slafleur53@aol.com](mailto:slafleur53@aol.com) or 541-443-2334.

# Hermiston man arrested for alleged sex abuse

HERMISTON — A Hermiston man was arrested on two counts of sex abuse in the first degree on Tuesday. His bail is set at \$100,000.

Court documents state that Francisco Armenta was arrested for sexually abusing a child under the age of 14, from January to October of this year.

Armenta, 45, is scheduled for a pre-trial hearing on Dec. 4.

# COMING EVENTS

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16**  
**STORY AND CRAFT TIME**, 2 p.m., Echo Public Library, 20 S. Bonanza, Echo. (541-376-8411)

**VFW BINGO**, 6 p.m., Hermiston VFW, 45 W. Cherry St., Hermiston. Doors open at 6 p.m., games begin at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome. (541-567-6219)

**“ROBIN HOOD”**, 6 p.m., Hermiston Community Center, 415 S. Highway 395, Hermiston. Hermiston’s Community Theater presents the classic story of the hero who takes from the rich, gives to the poor, and saves Maid Marian from the clutches of the evil Prince John. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students or \$25/\$12 for all 3 shows. (541-667-5018)

**“PROOF”**, 7:30 p.m., Blue Mountain Community College Bob Clapp Theatre, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton. A poignant examination of life, love and loss, the interplay of family relationships and the darkness and humor in humanity. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for children and students over age 3, available at the box office or by phone reservation. No admission for children 3 and under. (Craig McIntosh 541-278-5953)

**SATURDAY, NOV. 17**  
**CRAFT BAZAAR**, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Ione American Legion Hall, 325 W. Second St., Ione. Locally made arts and crafts, breakfast and lunch available for purchase, coffee and hot chocolate available by donation. Table rent \$10, limited space. Free admission. (Becky rietmann 541-422-7230)

or 541-720-2040)

**PENDLETON ALTRUSA BAZAAR**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Pendleton Convention Center, 1601 Westgate, Pendleton. Room upon room of vendors featuring holiday decor, food, clothing, toys, gift ideas and more. Lunch and pie will be available for purchase. Kids crafts area, raffle drawings (tickets \$5) include \$2K grand prize. \$2 admission.

**FREE FOR ALL**, 9:30-10:15 a.m., Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Free art classes for children up to age 12. Children under 8 should be accompanied by an adult. (Roberta Lavadour 541-278-9201)

**YARN CLUB**, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-2882)

**HIP & HANDMADE**, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Free drop-in project class for adults. (Roberta Lavadour 541-278-9201)

**COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER**, 12 p.m., Echo Community Church basement, 21 N. Bonanza St., Echo. Everyone welcome. Free.

**STRAIGHT TALK WITH BECKY MARKS**, 2-4 p.m., The Saddle Restaurant, 2220 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton. Share thoughts with Ward I councilwoman. (541-276-9147)

**“ROBIN HOOD”**, 2 p.m., Hermiston Community Center, 415 S. Highway 395, Hermiston. Hermiston’s Community Theater presents the classic story

of the hero who takes from the rich, gives to the poor, and saves Maid Marian from the clutches of the evil Prince John. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students or \$25/\$12 for all 3 shows. (541-667-5018)

**MORROW COUNTY FFA DINNER AND AUCTION**, 5 p.m., Port of Morrow Riverfront Center, 2 Marine Drive, Boardman. Dinner and live/silent auctions support FFA programs in Irrigon, Lone, Heppner and Boardman. Dinner tickets are \$25, available by phone. (Erin Heideman or Greg Barron 541-561-00081 or 541-701-7311)

**“ROBIN HOOD”**, 6 p.m., Hermiston Community Center, 415 S. Highway 395, Hermiston. Hermiston’s Community Theater presents the classic story of the hero who takes from the rich, gives to the poor, and saves Maid Marian from the clutches of the evil Prince John. Tickets are

\$10 for adults, \$5 for students or \$25/\$12 for all 3 shows. (541-667-5018)

**COWBOY CHRISTMAS BALL**, 7 p.m., Pendleton Eagles Lodge, 428 S. Main St., Pendleton. Semi-formal dance featuring finger foods, beer and wine (while supplies last) and no-host liquor bar. Live music with Portland’s Nash Brothers, silent auction and raffles. Tickets are \$30 per person, available at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cowboy-christmas-ball-2018-tickets-50561103622?aff=ebdssb-destdesearch>. Proceeds benefit local charities. 21 and over only.

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

*Gifts, Crafts and Bake Sale*

**1350 NW Carden Ave, Pendleton, OR.**

**November 16 & 17, 2018**

**9AM to 6PM**

Seeking Vendors  
\$25 per table.

Call Gann 541-561-3024

**WILDHORSE RESORT & CASINO**

**11/16-18**

**Cineplex Show Times**

**\$5 Classic Movie**

11/21 - 12pm

What Ever Happened to Baby Jane

**FANTASTIC BEASTS: THE CRIMES OF GRINDELWALD (PG13)**

12:40\* 6:40

ED 3:40\* 9:40

---

**INSTANT FAMILY (PG13)**

1:30\* 4:10 6:50 9:30

---

**DR. SEUSS' THE GRINCH (PG)**

12:20\* 2:30\* 4:40 7:10 9:20

---

**BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY (PG13)**

12:50\* 3:50\* 7:00 10:00

---

**THE NUTCRACKER AND THE FOUR REALMS (PG)**

12:00\* 2:20\* 4:50 7:20 9:50

\* Matinee Pricing  
[wildhorseresort.com](http://wildhorseresort.com) • 541-966-1850  
Pendleton, OR I-84 - Exit 216

**The Pendleton Center for the Arts' Board of Directors and staff extend their heartfelt THANKS to each of the more than 150 donors & volunteers who made this year's Gala Auction a huge success.**

*see the full list at:*

**PENDLETONARTS.ORG**

*comfort and cheer*

**Give the Gift of HAMLEY'S**

GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE for all occasions, in any amount

**HAMLEY STEAKHOUSE & SALOON**

8 SE COURT, PENDLETON • 541.278.1100

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

**sears HOMETOWN STORE**

**Own your own Sears Hometown Store in Hermiston, OR**

Sears Hometown Stores is seeking a Creative Entrepreneur who can drive future growth in the Hermiston, OR market area.

By purchasing this existing Sears Retail Business from Sears you will Be Your Own Boss and control Your Own Income.

**SEARS HOMETOWN & OUTLET ADVANTAGE**

- Complete Inventory – no cost to Owner
- The only store with the top ten appliance brands
- No fees or royalties
- Professional training and ongoing support
- Advertising and marketing support

For more information contact  
**Kristina Van Hook, DSM**  
Phone: (360) 722-1163 Email: [Kristina.VanHook@shos.com](mailto:Kristina.VanHook@shos.com)

**Take the first step today!**  
**Visit our web site for more details**

**[www.ownsearsstore.com](http://www.ownsearsstore.com)**