

OBITUARIES

Minerva Leticia Bethel

Jan. 25, 1942 — Oct. 3, 2021
Hermiston

Minerva Leticia Bethel of Hermiston, was born Jan. 25, 1942, in Monterey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, to parents, Tomas Garcia Gomez and Irene Mata Gomez. She died Oct. 3, 2021, in Hermiston, at the age of 79 years.



Bethel

Minerva was raised in Texas and Grandview, Washington, graduating from Big Bend Community College in Moses Lake, Washington, as a licensed practical nurse. She worked at the Othello Hospital, Good Shepherd and Regency in Hermiston. Minerva was united in marriage to Lynn Bethel Aug. 5, 1977, in Hermiston.

She enjoyed gardening, animals, sewing, music and cherished family gatherings.

She is survived by her husband of 44 years, Lynn Bethel; children, Leticia "Letty" Little and husband,

Bob, John Guel and wife, Beatrice, Jason Bethel and wife, Claudia, Thomas Bethel and Richard "Ricky" Bethel; nine grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Minerva was preceded in death by her parents and a daughter, Elizabeth "Betsy" Miles.

A graveside service will be held Friday, Oct. 15, 2021, at 11 a.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery.

Those who wish may make contributions in Minerva's memory to Fuzz Ball or St. Jude's Hospital for Children.

Please share memories of Minerva with her family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston.

Mark Dwain Easley

Feb. 13, 1942 — Oct. 4, 2021
Pendleton

Mark Dwain Easley, 79, died Oct. 4, 2021, at his home in Pendleton. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 14, 2021, at the Oregon Trail Church of Christ at 28 N.W. 12th St., Pendleton. Interment will follow at the Athena cemetery. A light lunch will be provided after the interment.



Easley

Mark was born in Madison County, Arkansas, to Floyd and Anna (Alderson) Easley. Mark attended school in Madison County. In 1951, the family moved to Los Angeles, where Mark completed his school years, graduating from Bell High School. Mark joined the U.S. Marine Corps after graduating. Mark has been a Disabled Veteran for many years. Veterans Affairs has been a blessing to us.

Mark met Ruth Wieb at the Church of Christ, where she was visiting with her friend. On July 1, 1961, Mark and Ruth were married in Las Vegas, Nevada. Attending were Mark's parents, Ruth's mom and a close friend of Ruth's as Ruth was underage.

Mark and Ruth lived in Los Angeles County and they then moved to Anaheim, California. From there they moved to Hesperia, California, right behind mom and dad Easley. In 1975, Mark was offered a position with the Veterans Administration in Portland. With that job the family moved to Milwaukie, Oregon. The next move came when Mark was offered a management position with the VA in Tillamook. At the end of 1980, Mark was offered a position with the VA in Pendleton, and once again they packed up and moved.

Mark's passion was preaching and teaching God's word. He was a

blessing and a guiding light to many people. We have been so very blessed to be surrounded by family, our church family and friends.

We have shared our home with Thomas and our daughter Leslie for the last 25 years. We have also shared our home with a grandson Ryan and his two daughters, Shyanna and Isabella. His son Dylan lives in Olympia, Washington, with his other grandparents. Daughter Renee lives across town and visits daily. Our son Mark Stehen and his wife, Annette reside in Louisiana. Jordan, our granddaughter and her family, Dustin, Jayce, Owen and Kinsley live one block away. Our grandson, John and his wife, Sharon, live next door to us. Grandson, Stephen and his wife, Britney and Max, Molly and Lily live in Helix. Granddaughter, Madison, lives in Pendleton, and granddaughter, Bria and her husband, Joe and Berlyn and Kaden live in Sequim, Washington.

Mark was preceded in death by mother and father, Floyd and Anna Easley; a son-in-law, Patrick Corley; and a grandson, Scott Wolf. Mark is survived by his wife Ruth; daughters, Leslie and Renee of Pendleton; son, Mark Stephen of Louisiana; brothers, Dwight of Utah and Elvis in Nevada; seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

"I was blessed to have him for 60 wonderful years. Mark was a blessing in my life." Love Ruth

In Mark's name, donations may be made to Mountain States Children's Home, 14780 107th, Longmont, CO 80504.

Online condolences may be sent to pioneerchapel.com.

DEATH NOTICES

Ordway Lipscomb

Feb. 4, 1960 — Oct. 7, 2021
Formerly Pendleton

Ordway Lipscomb, 61, formerly of Pendleton, died Thursday, Oct. 7, 2021, at Legacy Good Samaritan Medical Center in Portland. He was born Feb. 4, 1960, in Pendleton. Arrangements are with Crown Memorial Funeral Home in Portland.

Delmer O. Crawford

April 29, 1924 — Oct. 4, 2021
Hermiston

Delmer O. Crawford, 97, of Hermiston, died Oct. 4, 2021, in Hermiston. He was born April 29, 1924, in Ione. A celebration of life service will be held Saturday, Oct. 16, 2021, at 1 p.m. at Burns Mortuary Chapel, Hermiston. A private burial will be held at the Hermiston Cemetery, Hermiston. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Please share memories of Delmer with his family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

PUBLIC SAFETY

Friday, Oct. 8

12:07 p.m. — The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a burglary on Appleton Road, Milton-Freewater.

3:29 p.m. — The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of an assault at Riverfront Park on Southwest 23rd Street, Hermiston.

6:23 p.m. — Stanfield police responded to a report of a burglary at Stanfield RV Park, 345 S. Main St., Stanfield.

Sunday, Oct. 10

2:10 a.m. — A domestic disturbance occurred on Southwest Birch Place, Pilot Rock.

3:13 a.m. — A domestic disturbance occurred at the intersection of Sim Tag Lane and Threemile Road, Boardman.

3:45 a.m. — A domestic disturbance occurred on Chinook Avenue, Umatilla.

12:20 p.m. — The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a burglary on County Road, Milton-Freewater.

4:02 p.m. — A domestic disturbance occurred on Seventh Street, Umatilla.

7:43 p.m. — A domestic disturbance occurred at Southridge Apartments, 1330 Fifth St., Umatilla.

Arrests, Citations

Oct. 8 Hermiston police arrested Michael Anthony Iles, 33, for possession of a stolen vehicle, second-degree criminal trespassing

and violating probation.

Oct. 9

Milton-Freewater police arrested Wendy Jo Allen, 66, for harassment, resisting arrest and attempting to assault a peace officer.

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office arrested Sigifredo Solis-Sevilla Jr., 20, for fourth-degree assault, menacing and felony strangulation. The arrest came after a woman told police she was worried about her 19-year-old daughter, who she said was with her boyfriend. She told police her daughter's boyfriend had "been violent with her in the past."

Oregon State Police arrested Joshua Simpson, 31, of Pendleton, for reckless driving and driving under the influence of intoxicants. Police stopped Simpson near Tutuilla Creek Road and Southwest Marshall Avenue, Pendleton, for driving 80 mph in a 35 mph speed zone. State police reported the trooper noticed "multiple clues of impairment" from Simpson, who refused to take field sobriety tests. Police booked Simpson in the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton.

Oct. 10

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office arrested Jonathan Heredia Garcilazo for fourth-degree assault and first-degree criminal trespass. A woman told police Garcilazo entered her house and hit her in the face.

Hermiston police arrested Mayro Guzman, 30, for vehicle theft and four counts of first-degree theft.

William 'Bill' Rex Lankford

Oct. 13, 1938 — June 23, 2021
Pendleton

William "Bill" Rex Lankford passed away peacefully June 23, 2021, at McKay Creek Estates in Pendleton, with his family and friends by his side.



Lankford

Bill was born on Oct. 13, 1938, in the Buffalo township of Newton County Missouri, to James "Dutch" and Alta "Lavon" Lankford.

Bill married Celia Edith Laumeister Jan. 23, 1959. They lived in the Pendleton area for the entirety of their marriage.

He became well known in Pendleton beginning in the '60s as the Honda Man; under the employ of his father-in-law, Ralph Laumeister, owner of Oregon Motor Service, Bill was instrumental in building the first and very prosperous Honda motorcycle dealership in the area. His renown also grew throughout the Pacific Northwest with a very successful auto racing career spanning 40 years.

Whether racing with his self-built open-wheeled modified sprint cars, or later, full body stock cars, Bill

gained many fans and was loathed by the competition because it was extremely difficult to beat him. On or off the track his friendly, quirky personality and good spirit, the perfect counterbalance to his highly competitive nature, made you love him even more. After God, family, and life, some of his other loves were driving truck, billiards, playing cards, and dancing, all of which he excelled at.

Bill is survived by his wife; son and daughter-in-law, Shawn and Sheila Lankford of Sacramento, California; brothers, Morris and Mike of Pilot Rock; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Bill was preceded in death by both parents; brothers, Bob, Jim and Jack; and sister, Deborah.

A celebration of life is tentatively being planned for 2022. Announcement to follow.

Happy Birthday, Dad, we miss you very, very much.

MEETINGS

Tuesday, Oct. 12

Umatilla Morrow Radio & Data District, 1:30 p.m. via teleconference 351-999-4544. (Shawn Halsey, 541-966-3774)

Wednesday, Oct. 13

Port of Morrow Commission, 1:30 p.m., Port of Morrow, 2 Marine Drive, Boardman. Join via Zoom at bit.ly/3av7ndo or call 253-215-8782; Meeting ID: 331 156 427. (541-481-7678, brandyw@portofmorrow.com.)

Riverside Site Council, 5:30 p.m., Riverside High School library, 210 N.E. Boardman Ave., Boardman. (541-676-9128)

Stanfield School District, 6 p.m., Stanfield School District office, 1120 N. Main St. (541-449-3305)

Weston City Council, 6 p.m., Gizmo (Weston Food Pantry entrance), 114 E. Main St., Weston. (Sheila Jaspersen 541-566-3313)

Umatilla County Fire District No. 1, 7 p.m., Fire Station 23, 78760 Westland Road, Hermiston. (Reta Larson 541-567-8822)

Thursday, Oct. 14

Hermiston Linebacker Club, noon, Desert Lanes Family Fun Center, 1545

N. First St., Hermiston. No host luncheon with Hermiston Bulldogs football Coach David Faaeteete. (RSVP by 3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13, via Flora Larson, 541-567-5215)

Hermiston Irrigation District, 4 p.m., Hermiston Irrigation District, 366 E. Hurlburt Ave. (541-567-3024)

Boardman Rural Fire Protection District, 7 p.m., Boardman Fire Department Station 1, 300 S. Wilson Lane. (Suzanne Gray 541-481-3473)

Pendleton Planning Commission, 7 p.m., Pendleton City Hall, 500 S.W. Dorion Ave. (Jutta Haliewicz 541-966-0240)

UPCOMING SERVICES

Wednesday Oct. 13

Martin, Ron — Funeral service at 1 p.m., Pendleton Convention Center, 1601 Westgate.

Thursday, Oct. 14

Easley, Mark — Funeral services at 11 a.m., Oregon Trail Church of Christ, 28 N.W. 12th St., Pendleton. Interment will follow at the Athena Cemetery.

Friday, Oct. 15

Bethel, Minerva — Graveside service at 11 a.m., Hermiston Cemetery.

OBITUARY POLICY

The East Oregonian publishes paid obituaries; death notices and information about services are published at no charge. Obituaries can include small photos and, for veterans, a flag symbol at no charge. Obituaries can be submitted via the funeral home, by email to obits@eastoregonian.com or in person at the East Oregonian office. For more information, call 541-966-0818.

COMMUNITY BRIEF



Emily Smith/Contributed Photo

Members of the Pendleton Lions Club expressed their appreciation for CHI St. Anthony Hospital staff Sept. 30, 2021, by serving Italian sodas at the Pendleton facility.

Lions Club serves up appreciation to hospital staff

PENDLETON — The Pendleton Lions Club recently roared into CHI St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton. The local service club served Italian sodas Sept. 30 to agency staff as a token of appreciation for all their hard work and dedication during the global pandemic, said Emily Smith, the hospi-

tal's director of marketing and communications.

Club members spent a couple of hours visiting with staff and sharing the refreshments. In addition, they left supplies so night shift staff also could enjoy a special treat.

"The staff were very appreciative," Smith said, "and it was so nice of them to give us a special thank you."

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LOTTERY

Friday, Oct. 8, 2021

Megamillions
21-24-36-40-70
Megaball: 22
Megaplier: 5x
Jackpot: \$73 million
Lucky Lines
4-5-12-13-18-23-25-32
Jackpot: \$22,000
Pick 4
1 p.m.: 8-3-6-7
4 p.m.: 1-0-0-5
7 p.m.: 0-3-0-8
10 p.m.: 7-5-9-6

Saturday, Oct. 9, 2021

Powerball
12-17-30-45-62
Powerball: 2x
Power Play: 2x
Jackpot: \$38 million
Megabucks
12-20-31-33-35-45
Jackpot: \$4.2 million
Lucky Lines
3-8-12-23-19-22-27-30
Jackpot: \$23,000
Pick 4
1 p.m.: 7-5-3-2

4 p.m.: 5-7-5-4
7 p.m.: 3-9-3-0
10 p.m.: 1-4-0-6
Win for Life
37-63-64-68
Sunday, Oct. 10, 2021
Lucky Lines
2-6-10-15-20-23-27-31
Estimated jackpot: \$24,000
Pick 4
1 p.m.: 3-7-0-1
4 p.m.: 3-7-6-4
7 p.m.: 5-6-3-0
10 p.m.: 4-3-4-6



I-84 Frontage Road: Meacham Creek and UPRR Bridge Closure

The Oregon Department of Transportation is closing the Meacham Frontage Road Bridge for geological drilling operations. Closure begins October 13. Closure ends October 15.

TRAVEL IMPACTS: Frontage Road will be closed at the bridge. Detour signs will guide travelers around the closed section.

PURPOSE AND NEED: This reinforced concrete deck girder bridge was built in 1925. Extensive deterioration, increasing maintenance costs and potential safety concerns require a complete bridge replacement. ODOT is scheduled to begin construction in the spring of 2023. Engineers will use soil samples taken during drilling operations to determine appropriate materials, size and depth of new bridge footings.



We greatly appreciate your support and cooperation during this project.

For more information on other eastern Oregon highway construction projects, contact Tom Strandberg at (541) 963-1330, email: thomas.m.strandberg@odot.state.or.us. For update road conditions check TripCheck.com or call 511, or (800) 977-6368.