

County's COVID-19 death toll reaches 190

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UMATILLA COUNTY — The COVID-19 death toll in Umatilla County continues to mount. Umatilla County Public Health has reported the count's 190th victim of the disease.

She was 72, the health department reported, and tested positive Nov. 27 and died Dec. 4 at Asante Three Rivers Medical Center, Grants Pass.

Umatilla County Public Health also recently reported the county's 189th victim was a 75-year-old woman who tested positive Jan. 8 and died that day at Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston.

COVID-19 cases in Umatilla County are rapidly rising. According to the Oregon Health Authority, Umatilla County as of Wednesday morning, Jan. 19, has 18,593 cases of COVID-19, and per 100,000 people, the county has the worst case rate in Oregon.

From Jan. 10 through Jan. 17, according to OHA date, the county has recorded 1,857 cases of COVID-19. Jan. 10 and 11 had more than 300 cases each, and Jan. 14 hit a record of 413.

Since then, however, numbers eased off, with 270 cases total Jan. 15-17. Monday, Jan. 17, was a holiday, so numbers could rise again.

Statewide, the total number of cases as of the morning of Jan. 19 was 541,415 according to the Oregon Health Authority, with 5,892 deaths.

Umatilla County Public Health also recently announced it implemented surveillance strategies of COVID-19 in the community and moved away from individual investigation and contact tracing calls to focus on investigating outbreaks in high-risk settings. The move is in alignment with today's Oregon Health Authority, according to a press release from the county.

"UCo Health will continue

to collect reports of COVID-19 in Umatilla County and report data regarding disease prevalence through the Regional COVID-19 Data Dashboard posted at Ucohealth.net," the press release stated.

The county health department also stated it encourages anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 through laboratory or at home testing to stay home for five days from the start of symptoms or test date, whichever is earlier. Anyone who knows they have been in contact with COVID-19 and they are not up-to-date on the COVID-19 vaccination series should stay home for five days from their last known exposure to a COVID-19 positive individual. More information on COVID-19 quarantine and isolation can be found at ucohealth.net and the CDC website.

Individuals in need of additional support and education regarding their COVID-19 illness or exposure may reach out to the county

health department office by calling 541-278-6290. If you are positive with COVID-19 you also may "opt into" an online mobile-friendly survey that will be coming soon and be accessible through ucohealth.net when it is live.

Vaccination remains the best way to prevent severe illness and hospitalization from COVID-19. You can find information regarding where the COVID-19 vaccine is available on the county health department website.

"It is imperative that any person who is exhibiting symptoms of respiratory illness stay home," the health department urged. "Call your primary care provider first to discuss the next steps. If you are experiencing a medical emergency, call 911.

COVID-19 does not target people of any certain race, ethnicity, country of origin or geographic location. Increased community spread of COVID-19 can occur anywhere in Umatilla County at any time.

DEATH NOTICES

Ernest M. Boggs

Jan. 6, 1946 — Jan. 18, 2022
Hermiston

Ernest M. Boggs, 76, of Hermiston, died Jan. 18, 2022, in Hermiston. He was born Jan. 6, 1946, in Priest River, Idaho, the son of William and Dorothy (Murrell) Boggs. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

DeEtta Ruth Gaede

Aug. 16, 1953 — Jan. 17, 2022
Stanfield

DeEtta Ruth Gaede, 68, of Stanfield, died Jan. 17, 2022, in Bend. She was born Aug. 16, 1953, in Heppner, the daughter of Gerald and Alma (Ackley) Vermillion. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Wray A. Hawkins Jr.

Aug. 31, 1949 — Jan. 17, 2022
Echo

Wray A. Hawkins Jr., 72, of Echo, died Jan. 17, 2022, at his home just outside of Echo. He was born Aug. 31, 1949, in Pendleton. Services will be announced at a later date. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Irene G. Miller

Oct. 11, 1921 — Jan. 17, 2022
Hermiston

Irene G. Miller, 100, of Hermiston, died Jan. 17, 2022, in Hermiston. She was born Oct. 11, 1921, in Monte Vista, Colorado, the daughter of Ora and Edna (Timblin) Elwood. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

William 'Bill' Myers

Aug. 21, 1934 — Jan. 16, 2022
Hermiston

William "Bill" Myers, 87, of Hermiston, died Jan. 17, 2022, at his home. He was born Aug. 21, 1934, in Hermiston. Services are pending. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Phyllis 'Anne' Roden

Dec. 19, 1921 — Jan. 17, 2022
Pendleton

Phyllis "Anne" Roden, 100, of Pendleton, died Jan. 17, 2022, at a local care facility. She was born Dec. 19, 1921, in Norfolk, England. Viewing will be Friday, Jan. 21, noon to 7 p.m. at Burns Mortuary, Pendleton. A graveside service will be Saturday, Jan. 22, 11 a.m. at Skyview Memorial Park, Pendleton. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Pendleton. Sign the online guestbook at www.burnsmortuary.com.

Jerry William Schroeder

Sept. 30, 1941 — Jan. 14, 2022
Milton-Freewater

Jerry William Schroeder, 80, of Milton-Freewater, died Jan. 14, 2022, at his home. He was born Sept. 30, 1941. Arrangements are with Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home, Milton-Freewater.

Rawlins H. Stanley

Sept. 7, 1922 — Jan. 17, 2022
Hermiston

Rawlins H. Stanley, 99, of Hermiston, died Jan. 17, 2022, in Hermiston. He was born Sept. 7, 1922, in Appleton City, Missouri, the son of Oliver and Myrtle (Cook) Barnes. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Billie Marie Wheeler

April 16, 1947 — Jan. 16, 2022
Pendleton

Billie Marie Wheeler, 74, of Pendleton, died Jan. 16, 2022, in Pendleton. She was born April 16, 1947, in Longview, Washington. A family gathering will be held. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Mary Jane Clark

January 19, 1924 – December 23, 2021

Mary Jane Clark was born in Walla Walla on Jan. 19, 1924, to Bill Harder and Carrie DeFreece, and she died peacefully on Dec. 23, 2021, in Pendleton.

She spent her childhood in Milton and Grass Valley with her parents and in Seattle with her grandmother, Mary Cockburn Berger, who instilled in her a lifelong love of baseball.

Mrs. Clark graduated from Mac-Hi in 1941 and subsequently from Spokane Business College. She spent 40 years in banking in Walla Walla, Milton-Freewater and Pendleton, where she retired as a vice president at Western Heritage. She loved working with customers.

She married Norman Barlow Clark on Feb. 23, 1942. In 1961, the Clarks moved to Pendleton to build and co-manage Round-Up Lanes. Mrs. Clark was active in bowling for decades and was inducted into the Oregon State Women's Bowling Association Hall of Fame in 2013. She especially enjoyed working with youth learning to bowl and helping at the Special Olympics tournaments.

She loved to read, watch sports, go on fishing trips with her husband, and be with her family anytime. She wished they lived right next door.

Norm Clark died in 1982. Mary Jane stayed active, working full time and bowling with her friends in the state and national tournaments, volunteering for the Round-Up Hall of Fame, and serving as treasurer of the Pendleton Soroptimists and the women's fellowship of the First Christian Church.

Mrs. Clark is survived by her children, Mary Lou Morton (Doug), Susan Bureson (Gene), and Bill Clark (Margo); seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. She was able to live independently in her own home thanks to the steady support and love of lifelong friends Julia Ann and Bill Murphy. She also leaves a good number of dear friends whose love she truly cherished.

There will be a memorial service at 10:30 a.m. Feb. 25 at the First Christian Church, 215 N. Main St., Pendleton. Burial is at the Milton-Freewater cemetery.

Share online condolences with the family at www.pioneerchapel.com



Webinar shines light on solar power in Pendleton

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PENDLETON — The Round-Up City is a small town that packs a big punch when it comes to solar and energy efficiency. That story is the subject of an interactive webinar Thursday, Jan. 20, at 6 p.m.

In 2006, when solar was rare everywhere, Pendleton Public Works Director Bob Patterson led the charge to install a large system on a municipal water filtration plant. Shortly thereafter, he and Energy Trust of Oregon representative Susan Badger-Jones kicked off a series of Solarize Pendleton campaigns that would last for years.

In the 15 years since, Pendleton's early passion for solar has culminated in more than 7 megawatts of installed solar, an innovative hydroelec-



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Workers in October 2011 install solar panels on the roof of the East Oregonian building in Pendleton. The story of solar power in Pendleton is the subject of a webinar Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022. To register, visit bit.ly/pendletonsolar.

tric generator attached to an aquifer storage and recovery system and widespread local adoption of solar and energy efficiency — all in a city with a population of 17,000.

Patterson and Badger-Jones lead the webinar.

Patterson has been the city's public works director since 2003 and was the recipient of the Top Ten Public Works Leaders of the Year Award from the National American Public Works Association in 2016. He

oversees a department with a budget of just more than \$17 million a year and that is handling more than \$20 million in capital projects through June.

Badger-Jones is a former Eastern Oregon outreach manager for Energy Trust of Oregon and helped the city of Pendleton implement a successful solarize campaign, putting 388 kilowatts on roofs of local homes and businesses. She also has worked with successful solarize campaigns in Union and Walla counties, coordinated numerous green and solar home tours and served on the Solar Oregon Board. She now lives in La Grande and consults on energy planning for Walla County.

Solar Oregon and Energy Trust of Oregon are presenting the event. To register, visit bit.ly/pendletonsolar.

PUBLIC SAFETY

SATURDAY, JAN. 15

9:18 a.m. — A 911 caller reported a burglary at Triangle L The Western Store, 1525 N. Columbia St., Milton-Freewater.

12:40 p.m. — The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office received a report of a burglary at NAPA Auto Parts, 1124 N. Columbia St., Milton-Freewater.

Sunday, Jan. 16

12 a.m. — The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office received a report of a fight at Waterhole Tavern, Highway 332, Milton-Freewater.

MONDAY, JAN. 17

6:03 a.m. — A resident on the 500 block of Northwest Eighth Avenue, Milton-Freewater, reported she was warming up her vehicle when a stranger took the vehicle while she was inside her home.

7:21 a.m. — A caller on Paterson Ferry Road, Boardman, reported someone broke into containers and stole a roll of wire.

8:44 a.m. — A Milton-Freewater business owner told police someone broke into his business on the 100 block of South Main

Street and took tools, money and other items.

1:19 p.m. — A resident on Northwest Carden Avenue, Pendleton, reported a neighbor came over and threatened her husband.

1:22 p.m. — A caller reported a dead deer at Southeast Kirk Avenue and Third Street, Pendleton.

3:13 p.m. — Hermiston police received a report of a vehicle theft on East Francolin Avenue.

5:08 p.m. — A 911 caller reported the theft of a vehicle on East Gladys Avenue, Hermiston.

5:23 p.m. — A 911 caller reported a disturbance on South Broad Street, Weston.

TUESDAY, JAN. 18

1:41 p.m. — Pendleton police responded to the 800 block of Northwest Bailey Avenue on a report of an assault.

1:42 p.m. — A man came to the Morrow County Justice Court, 205 N.E. Main Ave., Irrigon, and reported he thinks he is the victim of fraud through the sale of a vehicle.

9:15 p.m. — Mountain Glen Apartments, 200 N.E. Pioneer Drive, Heppner, a caller asked for a Morrow County sheriff's deputy to respond because her uncle was harassing her and yelled at her. A deputy responded, contacted the female but was not able to contact the uncle.

ARRESTS, CITATIONS

Jan. 17

• Umatilla County Sheriff's Office arrested Richard Dennis Streck, 46, of Walla Walla, on warrants and for felon in possession of a weapon and possession of a Schedule I federally controlled substance.

• Pilot Rock police arrested Danielle Jo Poulson, 27, for felony fourth-degree assault.

• Umatilla Tribal Police arrested Kathleen Ellen Cavett, 57, for animal abandonment and second-degree animal neglect.

Jan. 18

• Umatilla police arrested Tyler Randell Duran, 25, for domestic violence charges of harassment, fourth-degree assault and strangulation.

MEETINGS

THURSDAY, JAN. 20

West Extension Irrigation District, 9 a.m., Columbia Improvement District, 501 E. Columbia Ave., Boardman. Annual organizational meeting and monthly budget meeting. An executive session may be called to discuss legal issues. Because of COVID-19 restrictions, call in advance to arrange attendance. (Lisa Baum 541-922-3814)

East Umatilla County Ambulance Area Health District, 7 p.m., district office, 431 E. Main St., Athena. (541-566-3813)

MONDAY, JAN. 24

Nixyaawii Community School Board, 4:30 p.m., via teleconference at meet.google.com/tmv-tbwh-kwu. (Carrie Phinney 541-966-2680)

Hermiston School Board, 6:30 p.m., at district office, 305 S.W. 11th St., Hermiston, for a work session. (Briana Cortaberria 541-667-6000)

Milton-Freewater City Council, 7 p.m., Milton-Freewater Public Library, 8 S.W. Eighth Ave. (541-938-5531)

Hermiston City Council, 7 p.m., Hermiston Community Center, 415 S. Highway 395, or via livestream at bit.ly/HermistonYouTube or listen by phone 206-462-5569; Meeting ID 322-962-8667. (541-567-5521)

TUESDAY, JAN. 25

Ione School District, 4:30 p.m., district office, 445 Spring St. Agenda and Zoom information available at ionek12.or.us. (Kim Thul 541-422-7131)

Umatilla Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m., Umatilla City Hall, 700 Sixth St. For information, visit www.umatilla-city.org. (Nancy Sandoval 541-922-3226)

Morrow County Planning Commission, 7 p.m., Bartholomew Government Building, 110 N. Court St., Heppner. (George Nairns 541-922-4624 ext. 5508)

LOTTERY

Monday, Jan. 17, 2022

Megabucks
20-25-28-31-32-35
Estimated jackpot: \$8.4 million
Lucky Lines
1-5-10-14-18-24-28-30
Estimated jackpot: \$11,000
Win for Life
38-68-70-74
Pick 4
1 p.m.: 7-4-5-0
4 p.m.: 1-1-6-8
7 p.m.: 4-4-6-8
10 p.m.: 8-4-6-9

Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2022

Mega Millions
4-9-19-42-52
Mega Ball: 9
Megaplier: 4
Estimated jackpot: \$347 million
Lucky Lines
2-6-12-13-19-23-26-29
Estimated jackpot: \$12,000
Pick 4
1 p.m.: 6-9-9-6
4 p.m.: 8-3-3-6
7 p.m.: 3-5-7-8
10 p.m.: 4-0-5-1

UPCOMING SERVICES

FRIDAY, JAN. 21

Roden, Anne — Viewing, noon to 7 p.m. at Burns Mortuary of Pendleton, 336 S.W. Dorion Ave.

Wamsley, Cathy — Celebration of life, 6:30 p.m. at the Maxwell Event Center, 145 N. First Place, Hermiston.

SATURDAY, JAN. 22

King, Neil — Graveside service with military honors, 11 a.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery.

Roden, Anne — Graveside service, 11 a.m. at Skyview Memorial Park, Pendleton.

Zummach, Nora — Celebration of life and potluck, 1 p.m. at Bayway Tavern, 35895 Seventh St., Nehalem.