

DEATH NOTICES

**Donna Joan Bergstrom**

**Heppner**  
July 8, 1928 — Feb. 17, 2022

Donna Joan Bergstrom, 93, died Feb. 17, 2022, at Willow Creek Terrace Assisted Living, Heppner. She was born July 8, 1928, in Portland, the daughter of Lee and Fern Trumbull Marcum. A graveside service will be Thursday, Feb. 24, 1 p.m. at Rose City Cemetery, Portland. Arrangements are with Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner.

**Cheryl Mae Bluhm**

**Pendleton**  
April 18, 1956 — Feb. 19, 2022

Cheryl Mae Bluhm, 65, of Pendleton, died Feb. 19, 2022, at her home. She was born April 18, 1956, in Walla Walla. Arrangements are with Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop. Online condolences may be sent to www.pioneerchapel.com.

**Gordon Merrill Briggs Jr.**

**Hermiston**  
March 6, 1962 — Feb. 16, 2022

Gordon Merrill Briggs Jr., 59, of Hermiston, died Feb. 16, 2022. He was born March 6, 1962, in Pendleton, the son of Gordon and Betty Green Briggs. Funeral services will be Wednesday, Feb. 23, 11 a.m. at Burns Mortuary in Hermiston; followed by graveside services at 1 p.m. at Olney Cemetery, Pendleton. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

**Metta Lynn Carelli**

**Fossil**  
Jan. 6, 1952 — Feb. 16, 2022

Metta Lynn Carelli, 70, of Fossil, died Feb. 16, 2022, at her home. She was born Jan. 6, 1952, at Exeter, California. Services are pending. Arrangements are with Sweeney Mortuary of Condon.

**Karen L. Hermanns**

**Hermiston**  
Nov. 28, 1953 — Feb. 13, 2022

Karen L. Hermanns, 68, of Hermiston, died Feb. 13, 2022, at home. She was born Nov. 28, 1953, in Dayton, Washington. Services will be announced at a later date. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

**Debra Lee Jones**

**Pendleton**  
April 18, 1955 — Feb. 16, 2022

Debra Lee Jones, 66, of Pendleton, died Feb. 16, 2022, at a Portland medical center. She was born April 18, 1955, in Alturas, California. Services are pending. Arrangements are with Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner.

**Edward B. Larson**

**Irrigon**  
July 7, 1940 — Feb. 6, 2022

Former Irrigon resident Edward B. Larson, 81, died Feb. 6, 2022, in Christmas Valley.

He was born July 7, 1940, in Little Rock, Arkansas. A graveside service will be Friday, Feb. 25, 2 p.m. at Skyview Memorial Park, Pendleton. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Pendleton. Sign the online guest-book www.burnsmortuary.com.

**Douglas Marlatt**

**Umatilla**  
Sept. 25, 1969 — Feb. 20, 2022

Douglas Marlatt, 52 of Umatilla, died Feb. 20, 2022, at his home. He was born Sept. 25, 1969, in Heppner. Services are pending. Arrangements are with Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner.

**Ernest Clyde 'Ernie' McCabe**

**Heppner**  
Feb. 3, 1925 — Feb. 18, 2022

Ernest Clyde "Ernie" McCabe, 97, of Heppner, died Feb. 18, 2022, in Heppner. He was born Feb. 3, 1925, in Ione. A graveside service will be Saturday, Feb. 26, 11 a.m. at High View Cemetery at Ione. Arrangements are with Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner.

**Malcolm Papritz**

**Pendleton**  
June 28, 1945 — Feb. 17, 2022

Malcolm Papritz, 76, of Pendleton, died Feb. 17, 2022. He was born June 28, 1945. Arrangements are with Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop. Online condolences may be sent to www.pioneerchapel.com.

**George William Scott**

**Hermiston**  
April 28, 1938 — Feb. 18, 2022

George William Scott, 83, of Hermiston, died Feb. 18, 2022, in Hermiston. He was born April 28, 1938, in Dayton, Washington, the son of William and Ida (Beam) Scott. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

**Kenneth Jack Shoop**

**Hermiston**  
Sept. 14, 1947 — Feb. 20, 2022

Kenneth Jack Shoop, 74, of Hermiston, died Feb. 20, 2022, in Hermiston. He was born Sept. 14, 1947, in Rushville, Nebraska, the son of Kenneth and Bunnie (Thomas) Shoop. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

**Angel Marie Smith**

**Hermiston**  
May 24, 1945 — Feb. 18, 2022

Angel Marie Smith, 76, of Hermiston, died Feb. 18, 2022, in Hermiston. She was born May 24, 1945, in Seattle, the daughter of Thomas and Dorothy (Bett) Muilenburg. A memorial service will be Friday, Feb. 25, 1 p.m. at the Burns Mortuary Chapel, Hermiston. A private family burial will be in the Hermiston Cemetery. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

PUBLIC SAFETY

FRIDAY, FEB. 18

7:14 a.m. — Local law enforcement responded to Port View Apartments, 320 Columbia Ave. N.E., Boardman, on a request to check on a man who walked into his garage, ran his vehicle a while but did not come out. Officers contacted the man and provided him information about carbon monoxide poisoning.

6:11 p.m. — A Morrow County sheriff's deputy responded to Interstate 84 eastbound near Boardman for a woman who reported a semi-trailer threw a rock that broke her windshield. Deputies arrested a woman for second-degree disorderly conduct and reckless driving and released her on her own recognizance.

7:41 p.m. — A 911 caller on Highway 207, Heppner, reported she is stuck in the "mountains" after an intoxicated man hit her a couple of times.

8:47 p.m. — Morrow County sheriff's deputies responded to West Seventh Street, Irrigon, on a report of a man shooting animals in the dark. The sheriff's office told the man to call in next time he decides to shoot on his property.

SATURDAY, FEB. 19

8:41 a.m. — A resident on Southeast Cowins Street, Heppner, reported two large bull mastiff dogs were on her property and would not leave.

11:03 a.m. — A caller reported a rider fell off a horse at Clarks Canyon Road, Lexington.

2:56 p.m. — The Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a complaint about a goat with a broken leg at a residence at Froberg Lane and West Eighth Road, Irrigon.

11:31 p.m. — A driver heading east on Interstate 84 near Arlington reported a semitrailer has been following her since Hood River and has been "all over the road."

ARRESTS, CITATIONS

Feb. 18  
• Boardman police, fire and ambulances services responded to a report of a two-vehicle crash with injuries at Main Street South and Oregon Trail Boulevard. The people involved refused transportation to a hospital. Police arrested Esdras Efrain Toj Aguilar for driving under the influence of intoxicants and reckless driving.

• Oregon State Police arrested Jose Lopez Larios for DUII after a caller at 9:54 p.m. reported he drove into a post on the westbound side of Interstate 84 near Boardman.

• Milton-Freewater police arrested Erik Clint Isaman Sr., 38, for second-degree burglary.

• Hermiston police arrested Jaime Aguilar Rosales, 49, for first-degree burglary, strangulation, violating a restraining order and unauthorized entry into a vehicle.

• Boardman police arrested Pedro Tziquin, 27, for two counts of first-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument and property hit-and-run.

• Hermiston police arrested Sarah Anne Patrick, 31, for felony possession of methamphetamine and violating probation.

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• Hermiston police arrested Eric Nava, 26, for three counts of possession of a Schedule II substance and on warrants for failure to appear.

MEETINGS

TUESDAY, FEB. 22

**Oregon Wheat Commission**, 8 a.m. to noon; via Zoom For login information and agenda, visit www.owgl.org/p/commission. (Tana Simpson, 503-467-2161, tsimpson@oregonwheat.org)

**Umatilla Morrow Radio & Data District**, 1:30 p.m., Umatilla Police Department, 300 Sixth St. (Shawn Halsey 541-966-3774)

**Echo School District**, 6 p.m., staff room, 600 Gerone St. Two executive sessions for performance evaluation and to consider the discipline/complaint of an employee. (541-376-8436)

Morrow County Planning Commission

7 p.m., Bartholomew Government Building, 110 N. Court St., Heppner. For virtual participation information, visit www.co.morrow.or.us/pc. (George Nairns 541-922-4624 ext. 5508)

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 23

**Hermiston Library Board**, 4 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave. (541-567-2882)

**Oregon Trail Library District**, 6:30 p.m., 490 N.E. Main Ave., Irrigon. For virtual attendance information, call or visit www.otld.org/board-meetings. (Kathy Street 541-481-3365)

LOTTERY

Friday, Feb. 18, 2022

**Megamillions**  
6-11-50-63-68  
Megaball: 17  
Megaplier: 4  
Jackpot: \$75 million  
**Lucky Lines**  
4-7-10-16-19-21-25-29  
Jackpot: \$30,000  
**Pick 4**  
1 p.m.: 6-5-2-8  
4 p.m.: 1-3-4-7  
7 p.m.: 2-5-5-5  
10 p.m.: 6-2-8-0

Saturday, Feb. 19, 2022

**Powerball**  
3-10-15-33-42  
Powerball: 11  
Power Play: 2  
Jackpot: \$37 million  
**Megabucks**  
7-21-30-45-46-47  
Jackpot: \$1.9 million  
**Lucky Lines**  
2-8-10-14-19-21-25-31  
Jackpot: \$31,000  
**Pick 4**  
1 p.m.: 6-0-5-4

4 p.m.: 4-0-1-5  
7 p.m.: 2-3-8-8  
10 p.m.: 5-8-9-3  
**Win for Life**  
5-52-62-72  
**Sunday, Feb. 20, 2022**  
**Lucky Lines**  
3-7-11-13-17-24-27-31  
Estimated jackpot: \$32,000  
**Pick 4**  
1 p.m.: 6-9-8-9  
4 p.m.: 2-9-9-1  
7 p.m.: 4-3-9-0  
10 p.m.: 4-1-0-5

UPCOMING SERVICES

TUESDAY, FEB. 22

No services

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 23

**Briggs, Gordon** — Funeral services, 11 a.m. at Burns Mortuary Chapel, 685 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston; followed by graveside services at 1 p.m. at Olney Cemetery, Pendleton.

THURSDAY, FEB. 24

**Bergstrom, Donna** — Graveside service, 1 p.m. at Rose City Cemetery, 5625 N.E. Fremont St., Portland.

FRIDAY, FEB. 25

**Clark, Mary** — Memorial service, 10:30 a.m. at the First Christian Church, 215 N. Main St., Pendleton.

**Larson, Edward** — Graveside service, 2 p.m. at Skyview Memorial Park, Pendleton.

**Smith, Angel** — Memorial service, 1 p.m. at the Burns Mortuary Chapel, 685 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston.

SATURDAY, FEB. 26

**Blankenship, James** — Military graveside service, 1 p.m. at the Echo Cemetery. A reception follows at Crossroads Community Church, 350 N.W. Sherman St., Stanfield.

**McCabe, Ernie** — Graveside service, 11 a.m. at High View Cemetery, Ione.

**McMillan, Myrtle** — Graveside memorial service, 2 p.m. at Penland Cemetery, Lexington.

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**Bryan Riley Meakins**

March 17, 2000 - February 15, 2022

Bryan Riley Meakins, of Irrigon, was born March 17, 2000, in Pendleton, Oregon, the son of Scott and Jaime (Tunstead) Meakins. Bryan ended his life on Feb. 15, 2022, at the age of 21.

He is survived by his parents, Scott and Jaime Meakins; grandparents, Rob and Lynna Meakins and Ric and Jeanne Tunstead; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his cousin, Hayden; great-grandparents, Donna, Bob, Les and Barbara.

A gathering will be held at a later date. Burns Mortuary, of Hermiston, is in care of arrangements.

If you are experiencing difficult thoughts know you are not alone. Help is available, call 1-800-273-8255 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.



**Jerry Lee McCoy**

November 27, 1958 - February 13, 2022

Jerry Lee McCoy, of Milton Freewater, was born Nov. 27, 1958, in Hermiston, Oregon, the son of Gerald and Lois (Pierce) McCoy. He passed away on Sunday, Feb. 13, 2022, in Milton-Freewater at the age of 63.

Jerry lived in Hermiston throughout his childhood where he attended school. He has lived in the Hermiston area the majority of his adult life.

Jerry enjoyed going fishing and listening to classic rock and roll music.

He is survived by his daughter, Patricia McCoy, and her three children, Levi, Adalynn and Nataleigh; and his sister, Susan Craig-Conger; nephew, Randy L. Lapo, Jr.; niece, Angela S. Gullett.

He was preceded in death by his father, Gerald McCoy, and his mother, Lois Green.

A private family burial was held in Hermiston Cemetery. Burns Mortuary, of Hermiston, is in care of arrangements.

Family suggest memorial contributions in Jerry's memory be made to the American Diabetes Association.



**James Curtis Blankenship**

June 1, 1957 - February 10, 2022



James Curtis Blankenship was born on June 1, 1957, at Emanuel Medical Center in Portland, Oregon, to Samuel and Betty (Marlnee) Blankenship.

James was welcomed by older siblings, Gordon and Ona. Later he welcomed younger sister, Kimberly James, aka Jim aka Jimmy aka Bimbo, was 64 years old when he left this world. He passed away at OHSU in Portland, Oregon, on Feb. 10, 2022, of heart disease caused by COVID-19 contracted in July 2021. James returned to work at Columbia Basin Extracting in Hermiston after COVID, but had to quit in December due to his declining health. James kept the seriousness of his ailments to himself, always replying, "not too bad," when asked how he was doing. As a child, James lived in Oregon and Washington, except for his years in the Navy. He started school in Sunnyside, Washington, then following his father's jobs, moved to Sweet Home, Oregon, Albany, Oregon, Foster, Oregon, Stanfield, Oregon, and Echo, Oregon. While in grade school, Samuel and Betty divorced and each remarried. James lived with his mother, Betty, who married Lawrence Tucker. Larry brought stepbrother Greg. Betty and Larry moved to Snohomish, Washington, then Olympia, Washington, then Eugene and Springfield, Oregon, before settling in Grand Coulee, Washington.

Samuel married Edith Brown and they moved to Orofino, Idaho. Edith brought stepbrother Nelson and stepsister Connie. Samuel retired and ended up in Hermiston, Oregon. James graduated from Lake Roosevelt High School in 1975. He spent a short time enjoying life in Grand Coulee before joining the Navy. James spent four years as a boiler/refrigeration mechanic on a fast frigate. James got to visit the world as his ship journeyed around the seas. He especially loved Australia and often spoke of how the Australian ladies loved the U.S. sailors. When his tour was up, James began a series of jobs at various companies starting in Spokane, then he moved to Irrigon, Oregon, where he bought his home and lived with his birds until he passed. James bought his first BMW, a silver coup in

Spokane and fell in love. He loved to race and joined a BMW club, whose owners toured together. He drove the little silver car to Texas to race. He bought his second



BMW in Portland and it was his road car. As a toddler, "Bimbo" by Jim Reeves was popular and the child described in the song sounded just like James, so he was given the nickname of "Bimbo." At night, the local radio station would play, "Bimbo" and then announce, "Now go to sleep little Bimbo." To his older sister, he always remained "Baby Bimbo."

While in school, James would read the encyclopedia, then argue with his teachers when they made a mistake while teaching. James would stand his ground and he was usually right. He continued to read and educate himself throughout his life and continued to argue if he felt strong enough about the subject. James was loving, generous and stubborn, a family trait he came by honestly. James was a man who valued family, friends and integrity. He was patriotic, valued the Constitution and believed in truth, justice and honesty.

James is survived by brother, Gordon (Molly) Blankenship, sister, Ona (Michael) Felker, stepsister, Connie Smith, uncle, Rock Wright, nieces and nephews, Heather (Davie) Sprigg, Gina Quillan, Curtis (Monica) Blankenship, Brandon Smith, Alaina Smith, Ikey Straley, Tiffany Swartout, several cousins, great-nieces and nephews. As well as close friends, Jamey Gibbs and Cliff Hauger.

James is preceded in death by mother, Betty Tucker, father, Samuel Blankenship, sister, Kimberly Marlnee, stepfather, Lawrence Tucker, stepmother, Edith Blankenship, nephew, Jason Blankenship, grandmother, Stella Wright and many other loved ones.

A military graveside service will be held on Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022, at 1 p.m. at Echo Cemetery. A reception to follow at Crossroads Community Church in Stanfield, Oregon.

Please share memories of James with his family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

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

