

PUBLIC SAFETY

FRIDAY, JULY 1

7:54 a.m. — Pendleton police responded to the 400 block of Southwest Fifth Street on a report of a burglary.
 2:04 p.m. — A caller on Southeast Seventh Street, Hermiston, reported she has a video of people stealing a ladder out of her neighbor's truck and then trying to get onto her balcony. Police took a report.
 3:05 p.m. — Hermiston police responded to West Hermiston Avenue on a report of harassment.
 4:17 p.m. — A caller on West Highland Avenue, Hermiston, stated his daughter and her boyfriend live in his home and all they do is argue. He wanted to know what his options are.
 6:39 p.m. — Hermiston police responded to East Ridgeway Avenue on a report of harassment.

SATURDAY, JULY 2

9:55 a.m. — A caller on Washington Lane, Irrigon, reported a person stole the cash box from their yard sale and took off running.
 2:57 p.m. — A 911 caller reported a pickup heading west on Interstate 84 near Boardman pulled over due to an engine/transmission fire. Emergency services responded.
 10:40 p.m. — A resident on Marshall Loop, Boardman, called 911 to report their teen daughter was "causing issues."
 10:51 p.m. — A vehicle crashed into a barrier on the eastbound side of Interstate 84 at Boardman. Emergency services responded. Law enforcement took a report.

SUNDAY, JULY 3

1:04 a.m. — Boardman police heard approximately 20 gunshots coming from southwest of Main Street South. Police and the Morrow County Sheriff's Office responded and found a person was shooting on their property. Law enforcement advised the person to stop shooting for the night.
 1:15 a.m. — Boardman emergency services responded to Second Street Northeast for a 16-year-old with a knee injury. An ambulance took the teen to Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston.
 6:33 a.m. — A resident on West Main Street, Lexington, reported a neighbor was running "a machine that sounds like a dying cat" that was going since 5:30 a.m. and was audible from seven blocks away. A Morrow County sheriff's deputy searched but did not locate the sound.
 2:08 a.m. — Hermiston police responded to West Madrona Avenue on a report of a domestic disturbance.
 12:58 p.m. — A resident of Milton-Freewater reported the theft of his blue and white 29-foot long Bayliner boat and a trailer from the 700 block of Vining Street. Police took a report.
 3:02 p.m. — A caller asked the Morrow County Sheriff's Office to check on the welfare of a neighbor's children. They were standing outside the residence at all hours of the day no matter the weather, and two young girls pulled weeds in hot weather. A deputy made contact.
 7:02 p.m. — Hermiston police received

a report of child abuse/neglect.
 8:39 p.m. — A 911 caller on Northwest Butte Drive, Hermiston, reported a domestic disturbance.
 9:38 p.m. — Morrow County Sheriff's Office responded to the Irrigon Marina on Northeast Seventh Street for a fireworks complaint and warned individuals to stop setting off the fireworks.
 10:32 p.m. — A caller reported people were igniting illegal fireworks at Southwest Second Street and Nevada Avenue, Irrigon. A Morrow County sheriff's deputy did not find any suspects at the scene.
 11:18 p.m. — Hermiston police responded to Northwest Spruce Street on a report of harassment.
 11:37 p.m. — Hermiston police responded to West Orchard Avenue on a report of a domestic disturbance.

ARRESTS, CITATIONS

July 1
 • Milton-Freewater police arrested Jonathan McClure, 38, of Milton-Freewater, on six Umatilla County warrants.
July 2
 • Boardman police arrested Francisco Ciprian Solis, 28, for driving under the influence of intoxicants.
July 3
 • Morrow County Sheriff's Office arrested Mazie Lavendar Rose Hill, 18, for fourth-degree assault.
 • Hermiston police arrested Rodney Dean Cearns, 30, for fourth-degree assault, resisting arrest and harassment.

DEATH NOTICES

Patricia Ann Boyle

Hermiston
Aug. 23, 1955 — June 27, 2022

Patricia Ann (Ziegenbein) "Patty" Boyle, 66, of Hermiston, died June 27, 2022, at her home. She was born Aug. 23, 1955, in Nampa, Idaho. A family celebration will be held. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Norene Lavonne Johnson

Weston
Feb. 20, 1945 — June 30, 2022

Norene Lavonne Johnson, 77, of Weston, died June 30, 2022. She was born Feb. 20, 1945. Arrangements are with Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home of Milton-Freewater.

Leslie V. 'Les' Miller

Hermiston
Aug. 19, 1935 — June 29, 2022

Leslie V. "Les" Miller, 86, of Hermiston, died June 29, 2022, at his home. He was born Aug. 19, 1935, in Maryville, Missouri. At his request there will be no service. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Mark E. Wickersham

Hermiston
Sept. 24, 1952 — June 29, 2022

Mark E. Wickersham, 69, of Hermiston, died June 29, 2022, at his home. He was born Sept. 24, 1952, in Portland. Services are pending. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

UPCOMING SERVICES

FRIDAY, JULY 8

Richards, Betty — Graveside service, 1:30 p.m. at Monument Cemetery, Monument.
Zenger, Corry — Funeral services, 10 a.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 609 N.W. 12th St., Pendleton.

SATURDAY, JULY 9

Beauchamp, Billy — Celebration of life, 10 a.m. at Sierra Grace Fellowship, 1260 Wesley Lane, Auburn, California.
Edes, Susie — Graveside service, 10 a.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery. A celebration of life potluck gathering follows at Spillway Park, Umatilla.
Carper-Journot, Myrna — Service, 1 p.m. at Wallowa Assembly of God Church, 702 W. Highway 82, Wallowa. Interment will follow at Promise Cemetery, Promise.
Linnell, Rodney — Celebration of life, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Oxford Suites, 1050 N. First St., Hermiston.
Rauch, Jeffory — Graveside service, 10 a.m. at the Echo Cemetery.
Tolar, Robert — Memorial service, 1 p.m. at Echo Methodist Church, 21 N. Bonanza St., Echo.
Weston, Win — Celebration of life, 1 p.m. at Burns Mortuary Chapel, 685 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston. Burial with military honors will follow at Desert Lawn Memorial Cemetery, Irrigon. A potluck gathering follows at Stokes Landing Senior Center, 150 Columbia Lane, Irrigon.

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Construction continues on Byers Avenue



A city of Pendleton employee uses an excavator to dump gravel into a truck Thursday, June 30, 2022, while working on a construction project on Southeast Byers Avenue, Pendleton.
 Charly Hotchkiss/
 East Oregonian

Former HSD employee sues over pandemic mandates

By **ANTONIO ARREDONDO**
East Oregonian

HERMISTON — A former Hermiston School District employee is suing the district for more than \$300,000, claiming discrimination for having to wear a mask due to pandemic safety measures.

Jennifer Morrell of Hermiston, who worked for the district for nearly 20 years, cites emotional damages and lost wages as reasons for the lawsuit. Attorney Brent Smith of La Grande filed the complaint for Morrell on June 17 in Umatilla County Circuit Court.

According to the document, Morrell notified the school on Dec. 7, 2020, about a medical condition that prevented her from wearing the state-required face mask. She and the district agreed she could wear a face shield

instead, and Morrell did so for nearly a year.

This changed in August 2021 when the Hermiston School District required vaccination for all employees, of which Morrell had "sincerely held religious beliefs which prevented her from receiving a COVID-19 vaccination," according to the complaint, which also questions the efficiency of COVID-19 vaccinations.

Medical studies have repeatedly demonstrated the vaccines are effective in preventing COVID-19 or decreasing the severity of the disease's symptoms.

Following meetings discussing her religious beliefs, the lawsuit accuses the district of offering only demotions in return. Morrell, who had recovered from COVID-19, claimed the response was not in line with the treatment other unvaccinated employees received. The lawsuit asserts

the district's actions "were not motivated by health or safety concerns but were retaliation" against her due to her medical conditions and religious beliefs.

Morrell left the school district under an extended Family and Medical Leave Act in November 2021 and remained on leave until her resignation on March 22.

The lawsuit also claims during her time with the school district, the district "did not make a good-faith effort" to accommodate

Morrell's beliefs. Once vaccinations became required, instead of allowing her to continue wearing a face shield, the document claims the district required Morrell to wear an N-95 mask.

In addition to \$4,950 in lost wages, Morrell seeks an additional \$300,000 in damages for "emotional pain and suffering, inconvenience, mental anguish and loss of enjoyment of life."

Hermiston School District reported it does not comment on pending litigation.

Jimmy Wayne Brewer
 May 12, 1949 - June 19, 2022

Jimmy Wayne Brewer, son of Donald and Marjorie Brewer, was born May 12, 1949, in Ontario, Oregon.



Jimmy attended school for 12 years at Adrian, Oregon, and graduated from Oregon State University with an agriculture education degree.

Jimmy married Janis Atkins, his high school sweetheart, in June 1969. The couple had one son, Jerimy, and wife, Stacy, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Jimmy was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, brother-in-law, uncle and friend to many. He loved to spend time talking and laughing with everyone.

Jimmy taught ag classes at Ontario High School for three years after college before joining the family farming partnership in 1974. Jimmy, Janis and Jerimy moved to Morrow County in 1978 and continued to live in the Boardman/Hermiston area until his death.

Jimmy enjoyed life with family and friends. He loved to camp, hunt, ride and pack with his mules and horse-drawn wagons. Later in life, he continued to camp anytime possible, ride his side-by-side UTV and watch his son race sprint boats. Mostly, Jimmy was involved in every activity possible and laugh his distinctive laugh.

Friends and family, please join us for a celebration of life in honor of Jimmy on Aug. 20, 2022, from 1-3:30 p.m. at Harkenrider Senior Activity Center, 255 N.E. Second St., Hermiston, OR 97838. Jimmy will be buried at the Owhyee Community Cemetery, Nyssa, Oregon, in a private gathering with family.

LOTTERY

Friday, July 1, 2022

Megamillions

1-27-29-38-62

Megaball: 12

Megaplier: 3

Jackpot: \$370 million

Lucky Lines

3-6-12-13-20-23-27-30

Jackpot: \$25,000

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 4-2-9-2

4 p.m.: 3-6-8-9

7 p.m.: 8-8-9-0

10 p.m.: 8-8-8-9

Saturday, July 2, 2022

Powerball

9-10-37-59-62

Powerball: 26

Power Play: 3

Jackpot: \$26 million

Megabucks

11-17-19-22-38-39

Jackpot: \$2.9 million

Lucky Lines

1-7-11-15-20-21-25-30

Jackpot: \$26,000

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 3-8-0-0

4 p.m.: 5-7-9-9

7 p.m.: 1-9-7-9

10 p.m.: 0-9-6-4

Win for Life

13-14-31-57

Sunday, July 3, 2022

Lucky Lines

4-8-10-13-19-22-27-32

Estimated jackpot: \$28,000

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 9-5-0-9

4 p.m.: 4-8-2-4

7 p.m.: 3-8-4-3

10 p.m.: 2-8-5-1