

DEATH NOTICES

**Leon Kennedy**

Hermiston/Atoka, Okla.  
May 12, 1932-Feb. 26, 2015

Leon Kennedy, 82, of Hermiston and Atoka, Oklahoma, died Thursday, Feb. 26, 2015, in Atoka. He was born May 12, 1932, in Buffalo Valley, Oklahoma. Services were held at the Talihina Funeral Home in Talihina, Oklahoma. Disposition was by cremation. Arrangements were handled by the Atoka Funeral Home.

**Louis L. Clark**

Hermiston  
Nov. 3, 1932-March 17, 2015

Louis L. Clark, 82, of Hermiston died Tuesday, March 17, 2015, in Hermiston. He was born Nov. 3, 1932, in South Wheatland Township, Decatur, Illinois. Services are pending at Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Sign the online guest book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

**James I. Myers**

Stanfield  
March 3, 1931-March 17, 2015

James I. Myers, 84, of Stanfield died Tuesday, March 17, 2015, in Hermiston. He was born March 3, 1931, in Weston, Ore. A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 21 at 11 a.m. at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witnesses, 2260 N.E. Fourth St., Hermiston. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Sign the online guest book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

MARCH 16

- Someone reportedly stole a bottle of medication from a purse on North First Street.
- A vehicle was reportedly broken into while parked at a church on West Hermiston Avenue.
- A caller reported a male was suspiciously walking up and down Northeast Sixth Street.
- A caller reported a suspicious male was knocking on doors on Southwest 11th Street.
- A caller reported a neighbor "keeps walking back and forth between the house and garage naked" in a school zone on Southeast Ninth Court.
- A tip jar was reportedly stolen from a business on Northeast Cornell Place.
- A caller reported an older motor home was parked on Cottonwood Bend Road and the occupants "could possibly be making meth."
- A caller reported seeing a red and orange Honda CRX that was stolen two weeks ago on Sixth Street in Umatilla.
- A dog at large reportedly killed chickens on Highway 730 in Umatilla.

MARCH 15

- Six people were reportedly fighting in front of a business on Southwest 11th Street.
- Three people were reportedly fighting in front of a bar on North First Street.
- Four people were reportedly kicked out of a bar on North First Street and then vandalized a garbage can outside.
- Someone reportedly opened mail on Prindle Loop Road in Umatilla.

MARCH 14

- A male was reportedly walking in and out of a store suspiciously on South Highway 395.
- Three intoxicated hotel guests reportedly "chased the manager" on North First Street.
- A caller reported a vehicle almost hit her dog while driving through her property on Northeast Tracy Lane.
- A caller reported hearing rapid gun fire near Diagonal Road.
- Two males were reportedly fighting on North Townsend Road.
- A caller reported someone attempted to enter the back door of a residence on Heather Drive in Stanfield.
- On John Day Street in Umatilla, a caller reported her son had been assaulted.
- A male was reportedly naked inside a vehicle with the door open on Highway 730 in Umatilla.

MARCH 13

- A Jeep was reportedly stolen from a driveway on East Pine Avenue.
- A caller reported a male was undressing and throwing rocks at the back of a building on West Theater Lane.
- On Northeast 10th Street, a caller reported hearing four gunshots.
- A caller reported finding a bullet hole in a sliding glass door at a residence on East Hurlburt Avenue.
- An officer reported a gun was fired on West Sprague Street within Echo city limits.
- Several people were reportedly threatening a person outside a residence on South Main Street in Stanfield.
- Someone reportedly broke into an outbuilding where a car and boat were stored on Bartley Road in Stanfield.

ARRESTS

- Shelby Anne Tucker, 23: third-degree theft.
- Mariah Neah Winn, 34: Hermiston Municipal Court warrant — failure to pay fines.
- Derrick Donovan Dix, 22: Hermiston Municipal Court warrant — failure to pay fines.
- Eridany Cisneros Cisneros, 21: driving under the influence of intoxicants, driving without a license, driving uninsured
- Julio Ulises Comejo, 18: driving while license suspended or revoked.
- Judy Ann Bazan, 43: unlawful possession of methamphetamine, driving while license suspended or revoked.
- Ryan John Whitman, 34: failure to appear.
- Darren Ned Humbert, 56: unlawful possession of methamphetamine, driving while license suspended or revoked, Hermiston Municipal Court warrant — failure to pay fines.
- Christopher Joseph Walton, 30: second-degree criminal trespass, second-degree disorderly conduct, third-degree criminal mischief.
- Travlis Arlen Landon, 21: second-degree criminal trespass, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Charles Brian Barker, 42: unauthorized use of a vehicle.
- Rodrigo Manuel Zepeda Cervantes, 33: failure to appear.
- Juan Carlos Ochoa, 23: Hermiston Municipal Court warrant — failure to pay fines.
- Omar Ochoa, 20: Hermiston Municipal Court warrant — failure to pay fines.

OBITUARIES

**Roland E. 'Ron' Conant**

Hermiston  
April 28, 1944-March 15, 2015



Conant

Roland E. "Ron" Conant was born on April 28, 1944, in New London, Connecticut, to James E. and Rose C. Batty Conant. He died on March 15, 2015, at his home in Hermiston, Oregon, at the age of 70 years.

Ron was raised and attended school in Connecticut. He moved to the Hermiston, Oregon, area in 1967 where he worked in well drilling and construction. Ron was united in marriage to Rebecca A. "Becky" Britain on May 1, 1974, in Tri-Cities, Washington.

He worked for Wallace Well Drilling for 24 years and then for Umatilla Redi Mix from 2000 until retiring in 2013. Ron enjoyed hunting and was an avid fisherman.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Becky Conant, Hermiston, Ore.; children William "Bill" Conant (Debbie), Hermiston, Ore., Roland "JR"

Conant Jr. (Tammy), Hermiston, Ore., Charles E. McCorkle (Sharon), Umatilla, Ore., Ann Marie Aldrich, Lacey, Wash., and Christine Rose Loveland (Jerry Young), Hermiston, Ore.; mother-in-law Grace A. Britain, Hermiston, Ore.; 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, with one on the way.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents. A celebration of life gathering for family and friends will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2015, from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. at the family home.

Those who wish may make contributions in Ron's memory to the American Cancer Society at 7325 W. Deschutes Ave. Suite A, Kennewick, WA 99336.

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**Junior Lee Moses**

Stanfield  
February 8, 1937-March 13, 2015



Junior Lee Moses was born on February 8, 1937, in St. Paul, Kansas, to parents Harry and Icy Katy Wilson Moses. He died on March 13, 2015, at his home in Stanfield, Oregon, at the age of 78 years.



Moses

Junior was raised and attended schools in Kansas. He graduated high school and then moved to Oregon in 1956. He then joined the United States Army on May 21, 1958. Junior was united in marriage to Priscilla Flanagan on May 13, 1959, in Dayton, Washington. He served two tours in Vietnam and was stationed in Korea, France and Germany, as well as many bases in the United States. He retired after more than 20 years of service as a Sergeant First Class on July 31, 1978. Junior and Priscilla then returned to Stanfield, Oregon, where they have lived since.

Junior worked for U & I Sugar in Boardman, Danny Cox Farming and Aichele Farms as an equipment operator. He was a member of the VFW, Stanfield Moose Lodge and the Gospel Home Church, Hermiston,

Oregon. Junior enjoyed fishing, singing, traveling and was an avid yard saler.

He is survived by his wife, Priscilla Moses, Stanfield, Ore.; sons John Moses (Billie), Pendleton, Ore., and Joel Moses, Stanfield, Ore.; daughter Lori Patterson, Boardman, Ore.; grandchildren Warren, Brian and Hollie; great-grandchildren Natalie, Gavin, James, Kira, Sam and Jonathan; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Junior was preceded in death by his parents, great-grandson Nathan Moses, and 15 siblings.

A graveside funeral service with military honors will be held on Thursday, March 19, 2015, at 4 p.m. at the Echo Cemetery, Echo, Oregon.

Those who wish may make contributions in Junior's memory to Vange John Memorial Hospice/Education Fund at 645 W. Orchard Ave. Suite 300, Hermiston, OR 97838.

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**Verl Ray Matheney**

Hermiston  
May 14, 1938-March 15, 2015



Matheney

Verl Ray Matheney, age 76, born May 14, 1938, to Leroy Grant Matheney and Verda Laveen Backus in Pendleton, Ore., passed away peacefully March 15, 2015, at Guardian Angel Homes in Hermiston, Ore.

Verl married Cynthia (Cindy) Lee McMillin on June 14, 1980, in Portland, Ore. As Cindy often says, "He is the love of my life."

Verl was preceded in death by his parents, his twin Vern, his sister Joan Townsend, and his brothers-in-law Jack Zabransky and Dwight Townsend.

Verl is survived by his wife of 34 years, Cindy Matheney; sister Norma

Zabransky; brother Donald (Matha) Matheney; sister and brother-in-law Jeff and Laurie Harmon; father- and mother-in-law Doyle and Gerry McMillin; and many nieces, nephews and great-nieces and -nephews.

Verl was loved by all and will be missed very much.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, March 19 at 1 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 850 S.W. 11th St., Hermiston. Interment will be held at the Stanfield Cemetery immediately following services.

In lieu of flowers, the family is accepting donations for a memorial monument for Verl.

**Fern Tressa Andrews Barton Williams**

Hermiston  
September 9, 1928-March 12, 2015



Williams

Fern Tressa Andrews Barton Williams was born September 9, 1928, in Loveland, Colorado, to Ross and Freida (Edwards) Andrews. She passed away peacefully with her children at her side in Hermiston, Oregon, on March 12, 2015.

The Andrews family moved to Corvallis, Oregon, when Fern was very young. She graduated from Corvallis High School and married George H. Barton in 1946. They lived in Corvallis, Redmond and Albany before settling in Hermiston in 1957. The two had four children prior to divorcing in 1970.

Fern married George E. Williams in 1972 and they spent nine short years together in Hermiston and Milton-Freewater. After his death in January 1982, Fern returned to Corvallis to be closer to her brother and sister, and one of her daughters. In 2007, Fern moved back to Hermiston and was a resident of the Sun Terrace Assisted Living facility for many years.

Fern enjoyed being with family and friends. She especially enjoyed visiting her sister in Trinidad, her brother in Maui, traveling with her oldest son to Mexico and spending time with her husband and children and many others at the Oregon Coast she loved so much. Many weekends were spent at the cabin in Starkey along with many winters in sunny Arizona. Fern took various cruises and her favorite was through the inland passage that was topped off by a train ride to Fairbanks, Alaska, where she panned for gold.

Fern was an excellent seamstress and made clothes for her daughters for many years. She also enjoyed crafts and completed numerous counted cross-stitch projects that are treasured by her family. Decorating for each holiday was a priority for Fern. And when it came to playing her favorite games, including Solitaire and Chicken Foot, Pinochle was always at

the top of her list.

Fern was a member of the Eagles Lodge and the Hermiston Elks Emblem Club where she rose through the ranks to become State President and played the kazoo "feather duster" in the original Prairie Chickens Kitchen Band. The band provided entertainment at many events, including TV and radio.

Fern is survived by her children Richard Barton (Patti), Hermiston, Pam Noble (Dave), Baker City, Sandy Prock (Dave), Sandy, Ore., and Bob Barton (Joanie), Hermiston; stepchildren Terry Williams (Jan), Sumner, Wash., and Deb Heighes (Randy), Elgin; grandchildren Shelby Barton, Roxi Barton, Michelle Olds, Shanna Barton, Kari Barton and Kyle Barton, stepgrandchildren Niki Creech, Heather Munger, Deana Combe, Miki Royer, Trevor Heighes and Lacie Skilling and their families; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband George Williams; parents Ross and Freida Andrews; brother Vernon Andrews; sisters Doris Stevens and Fran Brown; and grandchildren Tiffany Barton and Jacob Olds

A celebration of her life will be held on Friday, March 20, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at Sun Terrace Hermiston Assisted Living, 1550 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston, OR 97838.

Private family burial will be at Grandview Cemetery in La Grande.

In lieu of flowers, please donate in Fern's memory to a charity of your choice.

Please sign the online guest book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

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Obituaries may be edited for spelling, proper punctuation and style.

Obituaries and notices may be submitted online at www.hermistonherald.com/obituaryform, by email to obits@hermistonherald.com, by fax to 541-276-8314, placed via the funeral home or in person at the Hermiston Herald or East Oregonian offices.

For more information, call 541-966-0818 or 1-800-522-0255, x221.

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**PRIORITIES**  
A hundred years from now it will not matter what My bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove... but the world may be different because I was important in the Life of a Child.

**HAPPY 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY LEONA HARPSTER!**  
Help Leona & her family celebrate March 21st from 1-5pm at the Eagles Lodge 160 NW 2nd St., Hermiston  
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Our goal is for her to receive 90 Birthday cards!  
No gifts please.

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