

OBITUARIES

Ivar Lee Christensen

Hermiston

February 12, 1949-January 1, 2017

Ivar Lee Christensen, 67, returned to be with his Heavenly Father on January 1, 2017. Ivar enjoyed farming, camping, fishing, elk hunting, rodeo, volunteering in the LDS temple, working in the Boy Scout program. He loved spending time with his family and enjoyed going to Disney World and eating a Dole whip. He enjoyed listening to AM news talk radio while driving tractor. He shared his gifts of patience and a calm demeanor while teaching and serving others. He spent many hours teaching his oldest granddaughter how to drive when she would visit.



Christensen

iston, Ore. Changing from irrigated to dryland farming was full of new challenges. Like always, Ivar worked hard to learn everything he could about new crops and dryland wheat farming and met those challenges head-on. He spent the last 25 years loving and working his beautiful farm. Ivar was known for his dedication, hard work and always enduring to the end. His kind, beautiful, blue eyes, firm handshake and generous heart will be greatly missed by those who knew him.

His parents, LaGrand and Blanche Christensen; his sister-in-law, Geniel Christensen; and his grandson, Benson Michael Slaughter, precede Ivar in death. He is survived by his four siblings Shirley (Marlene) Christensen, Savana (James) Dunn, Camille (Irvin) Howe and Gary (Kimberly) Christensen; his wife Lina Long Christensen; his four beloved children Carrie (Kevin) Bush, Amber (Wayne) Slaughter, Brandon (Ashley Rae) Christensen and Ashley Christensen; and his grandchildren Brianna, Cameron, Andersen, Whitney, Coleson, Carson, Hailley, Madison, Kaden and Sydney.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, January 7, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 850 S.W. 11th St., Hermiston, Oregon. A private family burial followed.

Please sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

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

Beverly J. Leader

Umatilla

April 2, 1932-January 3, 2017

Beverly J. Leader of Umatilla, Oregon, was born on April 2, 1932, in Polson, Montana. She died on January 3, 2017, in Hermiston, Oregon, at the age of 84 years.



Leader

Bev was raised in Billings, Montana, and later in Priest River, Idaho. She married Roy W. Leader on June 6, 1952, in Priest River, Idaho. They moved to Umatilla, Oregon, in 1961 where she has lived since.

Bev worked for Lamb Weston in Hermiston, Oregon, for a short time before becoming a full-time homemaker. She enjoyed gardening, the outdoors, camping, trips to the mountains, crocheting, playing cards and Yahtzee. Bev had a good sense of humor and enjoyed time with her family joking and laughing.

She is survived by her daughter Cheryl Holmes,

Umatilla, Ore.; son Roy "Butch" Leader, Portland, Ore.; brother Thomas Penner, Pendleton, Ore.; grandchildren Jason, Jeremy, Jeanette, Devin and Carrie; great-grandchildren Jason, Elijah, Isabella, Mateo, Stephen, Kateri, RJ, and Ruder; two great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Bev was preceded in death by her husband; her parents Earl and Mabel Barnes; son Tommy Leader; step sisters Jo and Pauline; and stepbrothers Daryl and Gordon.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, March 4, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. at Sunset Hills Cemetery, Umatilla, Oregon.

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Robert C. Bertsch

Stanfield

May 14, 1939-December 8, 2016

Robert C. Bertsch, Stanfield, was born on May 14, 1939, and died on December 8, 2016.

Bob was born in Klickitat, Washington, to parents Marjorie (Monzingo) and Robert Bertsch. The family moved to Oregon shortly thereafter. Bob went to school one year in Monument, Oregon, where he met his future wife of 54½ years, Judith Mae Stirewalt. Born of this union were Wade James and Ward David Bertsch.

Bob was a fifth grade teacher. His first school was in Wilder, Idaho; he spent the next two years in Council, Idaho, before moving to Stanfield and teaching at West Park Grade School in Hermiston for 28 years. Bob truly enjoyed the students and used a variety of methods to get his students to especially enjoy reading and math.

Bob worked every position in the lumber mills where his dad was the millwright. He also cruised timber, all the while breaking and shoeing horses, always



Bertsch

his second love. Bob was a director of the Mustangs and volunteered 40-plus years at the Pendleton Round-Up.

He was preceded in death by his mother Marj, his father Robert Bertsch, brother Kenneth Donald Bertsch and a baby sister.

Bob is survived by Judy and son Wade of Stanfield, Oregon, and son (Ward) Tiny of Stephenville, Texas; granddaughters Kelly Marie, Katie Sue and Jayden Mae Bertsch; grandson Taygan Tee Bertsch; two nephews, Kevin and Kai Bertsch; and several other nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held January 14, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. at the Stanfield Community Center, Stanfield, Oregon. A potluck luncheon will follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Alzheimer Foundation and please mentor a young child academically and/or in horsemanship skills.

COURT REPORT

Sentences

The following sentences have been imposed in Umatilla County courts:

FELONY

- Steven Arthur Bratton, 62, Umatilla, pleaded guilty to Possession of Methamphetamine: sentenced to 18 months probation, 90 sanction units, 30 maximum jail units, 120 hours community service, \$200 fine and \$2,300 fine-suspended, plus court costs and fees.

- Alejandro Gutierrez, 19, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Endangering Another Person Protected by Family Abuse Prevention Act Restraining Order and Tampering With Witness: sentenced to 2 years probation, 120 sanction units, 60 maximum jail units, 120 hours community service and \$200 fine for each count; pleaded guilty to Assault IV: sentenced to 180 days jail-suspended, 2 years probation and \$100 fine.

MISDEMEANOR

- Logan Mitch Wilson, 41, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Attempt to Commit Class A Misdemeanor: sentenced to 90 days jail-suspended, 18 months probation and \$100 fine; pleaded guilty to Failure to Appear II: sentenced to \$100 fine.

Divorces

Divorce decrees were signed in Umatilla County Courts for:

- Ana M. Adorno and Jose Antonio Adorno Sr.

Suits Filed

The following suits have been filed in Umatilla County courts:

- Midland Funding LLC vs. Marisela Bazan: seeks \$1,053.17 plus interest, costs and fees.

- Midland Funding LLC vs. Melissa Cawley: seeks \$1,032.90 plus interest, costs and fees.

- Smith Frozen Foods Inc. vs. Hector Bobadilla: seeks \$1,297.15 plus interest, costs and fees.

- Midland Funding LLC vs. Gerald Detrick: seeks \$1,360.33 plus interest, costs and fees.

- Midland Funding LLC vs. Lonnie Dyer: seeks \$859.21 plus interest, costs and fees.

- Keybank National Association vs. George Sandoval (Jorge Sandoval, Jorge Sandoval-Gallardo), Collection Bureau of Walla Walla Inc. and occupants of premises: seeks \$22,850.50 plus interest, costs and fees.

- JP Morgan Chase Bank N.A. vs. Michael R. Botts, Bonnie Marie Dewitt, State of Oregon, Oregon Affordable Housing Assistance Corporation and parties in possession: seeks \$131,768.90 plus interest, costs and fees.

- Susan E. Plass as personal representative for the Jack T. Sanders Estate vs. St. Anthony Hospital: seeks \$1,598,230 plus costs and fees.

- Professional Service Bureau vs. Julie L. Nelson Hendren and Larry D. Hendren: seeks \$204.39 plus interest, costs and fees.

- Oregon One Inc. vs. Julie Sarazin: seeks \$2,883.01 plus interest, costs and fees.

- OneMain Financial Inc. vs. Carlos Mendoza: seeks \$7,589.63 plus interest, costs and fees.

- Quick Collect inc. vs. Alicia A. Street (Hawker): seeks \$569.72 plus interest, costs and fees.

Judgments

The following judgments have been rendered in Umatilla County courts:

- Midland Funding LLC vs. David Davila: judgment for \$1,338.54 plus interest, costs and fees.

- Professional Service Bureau vs. Jennifer Diane Goertzen (McIntosh): judgment for \$2,886.96 plus interest, costs and fees.

- Evergreen Financial Services Inc.

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Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston

DEC. 28, 2016

STIEFEL — Talia Reynolds and Tyler Stiefel of Hermiston: a boy, Eizan Andrew William Stiefel.

DEC. 30, 2016

VALENCIAGALINDO — Maria I. Galindo and Isidro Valencia of Hermiston: a boy, Gael Valencia Galindo.

DEC. 31, 2016

SMITH — Stephanie R. Liebe and Corey R. Smith of Umatilla: twin girls, Piper Lynn Smith and Remington Anne Marie Smith.

JAN. 3, 2017

MUNIZ GOMEZ — Brenda Gomez and Constancio Muniz of Irrigon: a girl, Aitana Sarahi Muniz Gomez.

PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

SUNDAY, JAN. 9

2:16 a.m. - Umatilla police received a call to check on a male outside at Chenoweth Avenue and John Day Street wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt, plaid pajama bottoms and slippers.

1:43 p.m. - Oregon's online Fire-arms Instant Check System, often just FICS, red-flagged John E. Egerer, 28, of Hermiston, when he tried to buy a gun at the gun show at the Hermiston Convention Center. An Oregon State Police trooper responded to the center and spoke with Egerer, who faced domestic violence charges in 2009 and 2015, according to Umatilla County Circuit Court records.

State police referred the case to the Umatilla County District Attorney's Office for consideration of unlawful purchase of a firearm and providing false information in connection to the transfer of a firearm.

1:51 p.m. - Someone broke into a vehicle on Madison Street, Umatilla, and stole a radar detector, cash and other items.

SATURDAY, JAN. 7

7:36 p.m. - Law enforcement and other emergency services responded to a report of a car striking a woman. Oregon State Police reported an Oldsmobile Intrigue was going north in the right lane of Highway 395 and coming to the red light at the intersection of East Punkin Center Road, Hermiston, where a pickup waited in the highway's left lane at the light. As the Oldsmobile drew closer the light turned green, so the driver kept going. The pickup, though remained stopped because a pedestrian began to cross the highway on the red light. Brandi C. Weems, 43, of Hermiston, ran in front of the Oldsmobile and was struck. An ambulance took Weems to the hospital, according to state police, where she refused treatment and was picked up a friend. "Witnesses reported the pedestrian had a strong odor of alcoholic beverage," state police reported.

9:55 p.m. - A man on Southwest 10th Place, Hermiston, told police a woman locked him out and would not let him back in.

FRIDAY, JAN. 6

12:08 a.m. - A 9-1-1 caller said he found it suspicious that multiple drivers gathered and were revving engines at Wildwood Lane and Highway 730, Umatilla.

8:06 - The Umatilla County sheriff helped to get a herd of sheep out of the road near the Pilot Travel Center, 2115 S. Highway 395, Stanfield.

10:22 a.m. - The Las Vegas Metro Police Department sent a report to Umatilla police regarding a possible fraud case.

11:18 a.m. - A Umatilla mother told police she has not heard from her daughter after she went to see the boyfriend she met online and said if she doesn't respond to messages something is wrong.

2:45 p.m. - A Hermiston caller asked to talk to an officer about receiving harassing text messages.

6:15 p.m. - Hermiston police responded to Great Clips Hermiston Plaza, 826 S. Highway 395, for a male

bothering customers and kicking the business sign. Police, though, did not find the suspect.

THURSDAY, JAN. 5

12:10 p.m. - Stanfield police responded to a caller on West Ball Avenue who reported all of her car tires were flat.

1:16 p.m. - Umatilla police took a report of domestic violence from a woman who said a male damaged her property and threw an item that struck her, but she did not need medical help.

1:25 p.m. - Hermiston police took a complaint about vehicles running the stop sign at Southwest Division Street and West Division Avenue.

2:33 p.m. - The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office received a tip about seven dead cows on East Columbia Lane, Hermiston, and 10 more there "that are very skinny."

3:06 p.m. - A caller told Hermiston police he was concerned with a large tree limb that looked ready to break and hit a house on the 800 block of West Highland Avenue.

9:47 p.m. - A caller on East Sunset Drive, Hermiston, asked law enforcement to help after he put handcuffs on his wrist but had no key to get them off.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 4

9:22 a.m. - Stanfield police investigated a stolen car with the windows broken out at Premiere Apartments, 120 Vantage Blvd.

11:36 a.m. - A caller requested help from an officer regarding photos of her being forwarded to others online.

11:52 a.m. - Umatilla police received a report of theft from The Clean Spot, 630 Switzler Ave.

3:41 p.m. - A drunk woman at the Eastside Market on East Main Street, Hermiston, was going from car to car, asking for handouts.

4:58 p.m. - Hermiston police were called when a brown 1995 Jeep Cherokee was reported stolen from Desert Rose Ministries, 512 E. Main St.

8:47 p.m. - A man and a woman at the Oxford Suites on North 1st Street, Hermiston, were trying to get into rooms at the hotel.

TUESDAY, JAN. 3

6:09 a.m. - An Irrigon caller com-

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We would like to express our thanks for the generous donations the Hermiston Senior Center received for 2016. With your financial support and our dedicated volunteers the Hermiston Senior Center can continue to serve the Senior Citizens in our area.

From the Midway Bar & Grill for donating the proceeds from their Annual Christmas Pool Tournament. The Midway and their charitable partners (listed below) hosted this event each year.

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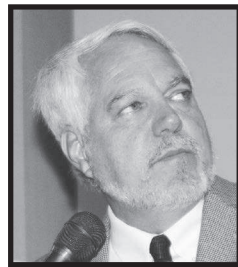
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