

DEATH NOTICES

Martha L. Muessig
Longbranch, Wash.
Jan. 6, 1923-May 4, 2017

Former longtime Hermiston resident Martha L. Muessig, 94, of Longbranch, Wash., died Thursday, May 4, 2017, in Gig Harbor, Wash. She was born Jan. 6, 1923, in Medford. A family celebration will be held. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Floyd 'Don' Hall Jr.
Hermiston
Oct. 14, 1948-May 5, 2017

Floyd "Don" Hall Jr., 68, of Hermiston died Friday, May 5, 2017, at his home. He was born Oct. 14, 1948, in Oregon City. A private family gathering will be held. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Freda E. Rogelis
Hermiston
July 30, 1919-May 2, 2017

Freda E. Rogelis, 97, of Hermiston died Tuesday, May 2, 2017, in Hermiston. She was born July 30, 1919, in Gilman, Wisconsin. A private interment will be in Hermiston Cemetery. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of final arrangements. Leave an online condolence for the family at www.burnsmortuary.com.

Telesforo M. 'Telly' Bejarano
Hermiston
Nov. 25, 1939-May 3, 2017

Telesforo M. "Telly" Bejarano, 77, of Hermiston died Wednesday, May 3, 2017, in Yakima, Wash. He was born Nov. 25, 1939, in Brownsville, Texas. A funeral service will be held Friday, May 5 at 5 p.m. at Burns Mortuary chapel in Hermiston. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Alvin 'Bruce' Christopher
Hermiston
Sept. 14, 1945-April 27, 2017

Alvin "Bruce" Christopher, 71, of Hermiston died Saturday, April 27, 2017, at his home. He was born Sept. 14, 1945, in Santa Ana, California. A private family gathering will be held. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

BIRTHS

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston
APRIL 26, 2017

PATRICK — Kelly M. Stewart and Jared L. Patrick of Hermiston: a girl, Kimber Lilly Patrick.

APRIL 28, 2017

VELASCO — Emilie McKenney and Arnulfo Velasco of Hermiston: a boy, Eden Isaiah Velasco.

APRIL 29, 2017

SHARP — Sydney Dircksen and Shelton Sharp of Hermiston: a boy, Colt Wayne Logan Sharp.

TUTTLE — Jennifer L. Proctor and Caleb L. Tuttle of Hermiston: a boy, Jackson Jeffery Lowell Tuttle.

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton
MAY 2, 2017

CHRYSTAL — Marcia S. Studebaker of Hermiston and Aaron R. Chrystal of Kennewick, Washington: a boy, Caiden Marshall Chrystal.

West Umatilla Mosquito Control has begun spraying

Spraying for mosquitoes has begun in west Umatilla County.

The West Umatilla Mosquito Control District reports large bodies of water will be sprayed using a helicopter while smaller areas will be treated by hand. The district will also use "ultra low volume fog-

gers" mounted on trucks to spray for adult mosquitoes in problem areas during early evening hours just after sunset.

If you do not wish to have your property sprayed, call the district at 541-567-5201 and ask to be placed on a no-spray list.

The district — which

covers about 525 square miles encompassing Hermiston, Umatilla, Stanfield and Echo — has 12 species of mosquitoes, including two that have been named possible carriers of West Nile virus.

Property owners can do their part to cut down on the mosquito population by

eliminating standing water where mosquitoes breed. They can keep gutters and ditches clear, remove junk from yards, change birdbath and pet water frequently, fill in holes, screen rain barrels, cover trash containers and stock ornamental ponds with mosquito-eating fish.

Hermiston man arrested on rape charges



Flores

A Hermiston man was arrested May 2 on rape charges.

Elias Nava Flores, 24, allegedly had sexual contact with a child younger than 12 at a residence in Hermiston in April, according to a news release from the Umatilla County Sheriff's Office.

He is charged with rape in the

first degree, sodomy in the first degree and unlawful possession of methamphetamine.

According to the sheriff's office, Flores was arrested last Tuesday after detectives met with the victim's relative about the alleged sexual contact between Flores and the victim.

Flores was taken into custody after being interviewed about the allegations, and according to the sheriff's office had a substance suspected to be methamphetamine in his possession at the time of arrest.

He was lodged in the Umatilla County Jail. Additional charges may be pending.

Umatilla man sentenced in Hermiston shooting last summer

Hermiston Herald

Eduardo Rodriguez Bariga, 26, of Umatilla was sentenced Monday to prison time and restitution fees to his victim, Daniel Caranza Lemus of Hermiston.

Rodriguez was charged with assault in the second degree, and two counts of unlawful use of a firearm after an Aug. 24, 2016 incident. He has been sentenced to 70 months in prison and three years post-prison su-

pervision, and is ordered to have no contact with the victim. Rodriguez will also have to pay \$1,407.20 to Lemus, and \$600 to the court — \$200 for each count.

In his hearing, Rodriguez admitted to firing a gun, the bullet from which hit Lemus in the leg. But he said he fired in self-defense, thinking he

was in danger of being shot.



Bariga

Rodriguez and Lemus, who had been childhood friends, argued over a woman that morning and had previously had arguments but had not been on speaking terms for several years.

The morning of the incident, Rodriguez said his girlfriend received a call from Lemus, after which Rodri-

quez told him not to call her. The two men then ended up at Butte Park, with their cars parked next to each other. Rodriguez said he thought Lemus was rolling down his window, and thought he had a gun, so he picked up a gun he had on the floor of his vehicle and fired without aiming.

Further investigations revealed that Lemus did not have a gun.

Dufloth chosen as Umatilla mayor

By JADE McDOWELL
Staff Writer

Daren Dufloth is the new mayor of Umatilla.

Dufloth was unanimously appointed by the City Council last week to replace David Trott, who resigned the seat in March, and Dufloth immediately took up the gavel to run the rest of the meeting.

"This is really exciting," Dufloth said at the end of the meeting. "We're at the tipping point for some really good things."

Dufloth has lived in the community for 19 years and owns the Riverside Sports Bar and Grill in Umatilla, a local strip club. He is a former city councilor, Umatilla High School sports booster and has volunteered with a variety of sports organizations, including Little League and Babe Ruth baseball.

During a question and answer

portion between Dufloth and fellow candidate Lyle Smith, Dufloth said Umatilla's greatest asset is its approachable and open residents, followed by its prime location along the Columbia River.

"We have a lot to offer to the area, we just have to polish the jewel off, so to speak," he said.

Dufloth agreed with a previous answer by Smith that one of Umatilla's greatest challenges is getting more people involved in the city, and added that the city needed to create trust and buy-in from its residents by taking a "5,000 foot view" in planning for the city's future.

Smith, who is also a former city councilor, told the council before their vote that he would "absolutely" be willing to run for one of the two council positions declared vacant Tuesday. He also praised Dufloth and said he wouldn't want to see council-

ors vote for Smith only out of a concern that there might be "outcry" from the community over the fact that the Dufloth owns an establishment that includes a strip club.

If councilors were concerned about that, it wasn't reflected in their 5-0 vote.

On Tuesday the council was missing David Lougee, who resigned in April citing "personal and health reasons." Council president Mary Dedrick also stepped down at the end of the meeting.

Dedrick said the top thing that people always tell her the city needs is downtown revitalization, but she had seen "a lot of things I really had to think about."

"I find it hard to represent the community with so many questions going unanswered and things taking so long," she said. "I just felt the thing the community elected me to do was out of my control. It wasn't getting done."

COURT REPORT

SENTENCES

The following sentences have been imposed in Umatilla County courts:

FELONY

- Bradley Jack Baker, 53, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Possession of Methamphetamine: sentenced to 3 years probation, 90 sanction units, 30 maximum jail units, 120 hours community service and \$500 fine, plus court costs and fees; pleaded guilty to a second count of Possession of Methamphetamine: sentenced to 3 years probation, 90 sanction units, 30 maximum jail units, 120 hours community service, \$500 fine, \$2,000 fine-suspended and 6 months driver's license suspension, plus court costs and fees.
- Troy Curtis Rutherford, 31, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Possession of Methamphetamine: sentenced to conditional discharge.

MISDEMEANOR

- Corleone Martinez Lewis, 25, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Theft II: sentenced to 180 days jail-suspended, 2 years probation, 80 hours community service, \$200 fine, \$1,550 fine-suspended and restitution to be determined, plus court costs and fees; pleaded guilty to a second count of Theft II: sentenced to 180 days jail-suspended, 2 years probation, 40 hours community service and \$100 fine, plus court costs and fees.
- Jeffrey Alan Slawson, 34, Hermiston, pleaded no contest to Disorderly Conduct II: sentenced to 15 days jail and \$100 fine.
- Agustin Obispo, 50, Umatilla, pleaded guilty to Driving While Suspended/Revoked: sentenced to 180 days jail-suspended, 2 years probation, 100 hours community service and \$2,000 fine, plus court costs and fees.

SUITS FILED

The following suits have been filed in Umatilla County courts:

- Credits Inc. vs. Christina Cooley of Hermiston: seeks \$736.93 plus interest, costs and fees.
- Susana Luis Sangerman vs. Daniel Robert Taylor: seeks \$5,847.21 plus costs and fees.
- Branch Banking and Trust Company vs. The Estate of Lawrence Whinery and Rosemarie Whinery, unknown heirs, assigns and devisees

of Lawrence Whinery and Rosemarie Whinery, Lawrence Whinery Jr., Mike Whinery, Tom Whinery, Steve Whinery, Hollie Whinery and all others claiming right, title, lien or interest: seeks \$95,867.36 plus interest, costs and fees.

Midland Funding LLC vs. Sara Barnett: seeks \$1,904.38 plus interest, costs and fees.

OneMain Financial Services Inc. vs. Daniel B. Loftus: seeks \$1,658.47 plus interest, costs and fees.

Becky Davis vs. Wal-Mart Stores Inc. (Hermiston) and John Doe: seeks \$69,834.57 plus interest, costs and fees.

Ray Klein Inc. dba Professional Credit Service vs. Toni E. Williamson: seeks \$8,046.29 plus interest, costs and fees.

Michael T. O'Neill of Stanfield vs. Alfred Ochoa Jr. and Terra Gold Farms of Othello, Wash.: seeks \$10,000 plus costs and fees.

Midland Funding LLC vs. Michelle Day (Gibson): seeks \$811.28 plus interest, costs and fees.

Quick Collect Inc. vs. Roy and Christina Weems of Hermiston: seeks \$1,789.47 plus interest, costs and fees.

Credits Inc. vs. James A. Miley of Hermiston: seeks \$6,879.48 plus interest, costs and fees.

Synchrony Bank vs. Maria Burciaga of Hermiston: seeks \$1,854.04 plus interest, costs and fees.

Dorothy J. Stensrud vs. Suzanne E. McKenzie: seeks \$43,500 plus costs and fees.

Capital One Bank vs. Fernando M. Guzman: seeks \$11,803.11 plus interest, costs and fees.

BJK Truck Parts LLC and Linda Edison of Hermiston vs. Daryl Carlson Trucking Inc. and Daryl Carlson of Plymouth, Wash.: seeks \$8,565.25 plus interest, costs and fees.

Credits Inc. vs. Agripina and Samuel Ortiz of Umatilla: seeks \$924.37 plus interest, costs and fees.

Credits Inc. vs. Francisco Ayona of Hermiston: seeks \$692.59 plus interest, costs and fees.

Credits Inc. vs. Beatriz Ortiz of Umatilla: seeks \$2,209.75 plus interest, costs and fees.

Credits Inc. vs. Skylar Jensen of Hermiston: seeks \$1,171 plus interest, costs and fees.

Credits Inc. vs. Ray and Rikki Robbins of Umatilla: seeks \$1,139.80 plus interest, costs and fees.

Credits Inc. vs. Tyler Blake Hadley of Irrigon: seeks \$771.75 plus interest, costs and fees.

Credits Inc. vs. Shannon K. Farrington of Hermiston: seeks \$1,040 plus interest, costs and fees.

CSO Financial Inc. vs. Teresa Ann Walchli (Cooper) of Hermiston: seeks \$2,146.79 plus interest, costs and fees.

JUDGMENTS

The following judgments have been rendered in Umatilla County courts:

Collection Bureau of Walla Walla Inc. vs. Elvera Joyce Walling and Jesse V. Walling Sr. of Hermiston: judgment for \$77.65 plus interest, costs and fees.

Capital One Bank vs. Nathan Bishop of Umatilla: judgment for \$3,022.88 plus interest, costs and fees.

United Finance Co. vs. Floyd Starr of Umatilla: judgment for \$8,385.51

plus interest, costs and fees.

Credits Inc. vs. Sidney Britt of Hermiston: judgment for \$2,048.44 plus interest, costs and fees.

Credits Inc. vs. Jennifer Carol Smith (Stout) of Hermiston: judgment for \$659.65 plus interest, costs and fees.

Ray Klein Inc. vs. Shannon M. Erickson of Hermiston: judgment for \$315.52 plus interest, costs and fees.

DIVORCES

Divorce decrees were signed in Umatilla County Courts for:

Ofelia Guerrero and Guy Stephens of Hermiston; Kristina Jo Salchenberg of Hermiston and Wayne Harold Salchenberg of Goldendale, Washington.; Roland Keith Wampler of Hermiston and Madalene Lee Wampler of Stanfield.

MARRIAGES

Marriage licenses have been registered in Umatilla County for:

Daniel Raymond Rector, 32, and Jaime Louise Pelland, 41, both of Umatilla.

Joseph William Bernard, 37, of Umatilla and Cheurice LaRee Rhoades, 50, of Sunriver.

Eric Scott Fraser, 34, and Jessica Marie Fraser, 26, both of Boardman.

Veldon Leroy Green, 37, of Umatilla and Constance Gay Bergstrom, 50, of Portland.

Adrian Sidney Maldonado, 27, of Umatilla and Kelsey Renee Brewer, 20, of Albany.

Carlos Melendez Maya, 63, and Maria Del Carmen Melendez, 65, both of Boardman.

PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

MONDAY, MAY 8

2:17 a.m. — A caller reported that a female was yelling at a male to leave her alone, at Northeast 4th Street and East Beebe Avenue, Hermiston.

4:50 a.m. — An OSP officer in a personal vehicle reported a male lying in the middle of the road at Agnew Road and Bridge Road, Hermiston.

3:10 p.m. — Missing juvenile/runaway reported at East Newport Avenue, Hermiston.

4:34 p.m. — A caller reported that there was a female screaming at a male, at West Hermiston Avenue.

9:45 p.m. — A female reported suicidal threats at East Sandstone Avenue, Hermiston.

SUNDAY, MAY 7

12:01 a.m. — A caller reported a runaway at West Highland Avenue, Hermiston

12:07 a.m. — A caller reported a runaway at Southwest Desert Oak Drive, Hermiston.

4:15 a.m. — A suicidal subject was reported at Southwest Debra Court, Hermiston.

12:22 p.m. — A suicidal subject was reported at East Jennie Avenue, Hermiston.

11:19 p.m. — A runaway was reported at Southwest Desert Oak Drive, Hermiston.

SATURDAY, MAY 6

12:45 p.m. — A male is outside on South 4th Street kicking a dog, and was headed up McKenzie Avenue.

10:27 p.m. — A caller on Southwest 7th Street reported his friend said he was going to find a bridge and jump into a highway.

FRIDAY, MAY 5

10:13 p.m. — Several subjects were fighting on East Main Street, Hermiston.

10:19 p.m. — A woman reported her car had just been stolen, on South Highway 395, Hermiston.

THURSDAY, MAY 4

1:07 a.m. — A woman at West Hemlock Avenue reported that her son is trying to break into the house.

10:25 a.m. — A woman called the Hermiston Police Department tip line to report that someone offered to give her a car in exchange for her daughter. The caller left no other information, and the voice on the voicemail recording does not match that of the caller.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

2:41 a.m. — A woman at West Alder Avenue, Hermiston, reported that someone is trying to break into her house.

1:28 p.m. — A missing person was reported at Lifeways — Peer Services on North 1st Place, Hermiston.

TUESDAY, MAY 2

4:42 a.m. — Prowler reported at West Cody Avenue, Hermiston.

2:04 p.m. — A caller at Southwest Meadow View Drive, Hermiston, said he'd been receiving multiple scam calls from someone saying they are with the IRS.

5:11 p.m. — A woman reported she was assaulted by her 17-year-old daughter at East Sunset Drive, Hermiston.

5:54 p.m. — A woman at Eastern Oregon Trade and Events Center had her vehicle broken into, and someone stole her purse. The vehicle appears undamaged.

6:46 p.m. — A red 1999 Ford Mustang was stolen from outside a business on West Hermiston Avenue.

10:16 p.m. — A male prowler was looking in the windows at East Dogwood Apartments on East Dogwood Avenue, Hermiston.

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