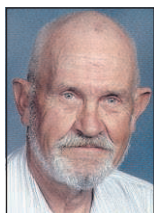


OBITUARIES

Edgar M. 'Ed' Neilsen

Hermiston
September 3, 1929 - December 14, 2017

Edgar M. "Ed" Neilsen of Hermiston, Oregon, was born on September 3, 1929, in Council Bluffs, Iowa, to parents Victor George and Rachel Lorraine Carper Neilsen. He died on December 14, 2017, in Hermiston, Oregon, at the age of 88 years.



Neilsen

Ed was raised in Council Bluffs, Iowa, graduating from Lincoln High School in the class of 1948 before joining the United States Army. He served from 1948 until his honorable discharge in 1952.

Ed lived in Alaska before moving to Baker, Oregon, in 1957 where he lived until 1963. He went to work for ODOT (Oregon Department Of Transportation) as the Eastern Oregon highway engineer. Ed married Erma Reed in Reno, Nev., on July 29, 1977, and they settled in Hermiston, Oregon, in 1979 where they have lived since. He retired from ODOT in 1992 and began working with Anderson Perry & Associates as a project engineer in 1994, continuing until 2016 when he was 86 years old.

Ed was an active member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hermiston, serving as an elder for many years. He officiated Babe Ruth and high school basketball, baseball, softball and football from 1957 until 2012. Ed enjoyed hunting, model railroads and

was an extremely talented woodworker.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Erma Neilsen, Hermiston, Ore.; daughters Becky Miltenberger (Don), Umatilla, Ore., and Ramona Culp (Kenny), Hermiston, Ore.; son Bruce Blakeley, England; brother Victor William Neilsen, Huxley, Iowa; sisters Barbara Frey, Sioux City, Iowa, and Jane Jenkins, Waldorf, Maryland; 12 grandchildren: Ashelee, Jeremiah, Shane, Grant, Heidi, Jacob, Zach, Josh and Josh, Zane, Jimmy and Ryan; five great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Ed was preceded in death by his parents, sons Bill Neilsen Shaw and Ted Blakeley, and sister Betty Streepy.

A funeral service was held on Monday, December 18, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. at Burns Mortuary chapel, Hermiston, Oregon. Burial with military honors will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery, Hermiston, Oregon.

Those who wish may make contributions in Ed's memory to the Bethlehem Lutheran Church Memorial Fund, 515 S.W. Seventh St., Hermiston, OR 97838.

Please sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

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



Steven M. Shockman

Hermiston
July 29, 1957 - December 6, 2017

Steven M. Shockman was born on July 29, 1957, in Hermiston, Oregon, to parents Arthur and Barbara Jean New-som Shockman. He died on December 6, 2017, at his home in Hermiston, Oregon, at the age of 60 years.



Shockman

He was raised and attended schools in Hermiston, Oregon, and in Fruitland, Idaho, where he participated in wrestling and football. Steve married Wilma Philpott and they had two daughters; Melony and Sara and have remained very close friends throughout the years.

He worked for Shockman Brothers in construction and later as a long haul truck driver for Willis Shaw Trucking, and as an owner operator through the years.

Steve loved going to auctions and flea markets looking for a good deal or anything "he needed." He enjoyed fishing, gardening and the outdoors. Steve was always tinkering in his shop either fixing something,

creating a tool or making things just right for his use.

He is survived by his daughters Melony Shockman, Albany, Ore., and Sara Richardson (Logan), Salem, Ore.; brother Allen Shockman, Hermiston, Ore.; grandsons Johnathan and Landon; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Steve was preceded in death by his brothers, Dick and Danny Shockman.

A celebration of life gathering was held on Sunday, December 17, 2017, from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center, 1705 E. Airport Road, Hermiston, Oregon.

A private family burial will be at the Hermiston Cemetery, Hermiston, Oregon.

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



DEATHS

Howard Russell Christensen

Corbett, Ore.
July 4, 1932 - Dec. 11, 2017

Former Arlington resident Howard Russell Christensen, 85, of Corbett, Ore., died Monday, Dec. 11, 2017, at his home. He was born July 4, 1932, in Decatur County, Kansas. Services are pending with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

Diann Haigh

Stanfield
March 6, 1954 - Dec. 13, 2017

Diann Haigh, 63, of Stanfield died Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2017, at her home. She was born March 6, 1954, in Pasco, Wash. Arrangements are pending with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

Marylin L. Thomas

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
Aug. 10, 1943 - Dec. 9, 2017

Former longtime Umatilla County resident Marylin L. Thomas, 74, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, died Saturday, Dec. 9, 2017. She was born Aug. 10, 1943, in Hermiston. Services was held Friday, Dec. 15 at 12 noon at the First Baptist Church in Coeur d'Alene. Arrangements are with Yates Funeral Home.

BIRTHS

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston

DEC. 6, 2017

COX — Arraceli Flores and Kenneth H. Cox of Hermiston: a girl, Jenesyss Star Cox.

SHELL-MURPHY — Amanda L. Murphy and Colten R. Schell of Umatilla: a girl, Amelia Page Schell-Murphy.

DEC. 8, 2017

GUNN-WALKER — Racheal Gunn-Walker and Spencer Walker of Hermiston: a boy, Travis Wayne Gunn-Walker.

DEC. 11, 2017

TENORIO — Maritza Sanchez and Fred Tenorio of Umatilla: a girl, Abby Maritza Tenorio.

VIESCA — Lakicha Viesca of Hermiston: a boy, Jaiden Alexander Viesca.

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton

DEC. 8, 2017

VILLEGAS — Teiko D. Szasz and Gerardo Villegas of Boardman: a boy, Kobe Roberto Villegas.

COURTS

SENTENCES

PENDLETON — The following sentences have been imposed in Umatilla County courts:

FELONY

•Marissa Elizabeth Gonzales, 24, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to two counts of Possession of Methamphetamine: sentenced to 18 months probation, 90 sanction units, 30 maximum jail units, 160 hours community service, \$200 fine, \$800 fine-suspended and 6 months driver's license suspension for each count.

•Sarah Anne Patrick, 27, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Assault IV: sentenced to 30 days jail, 3 years probation, 180 sanction units, 90 maximum jail units, 100 hours community service and \$250 fine, plus restitution to be determined.

SUITS FILED

PENDLETON — The following suits have been filed in Umatilla County courts (interest, court costs and fees not listed):

•Capital One Bank vs. William C. Spaulding: seeks \$4,001.27.

•Capital One Bank vs. Michael H. Leopold: seeks \$3,529.40.

•Credits Inc. vs. Amelia Ough of Hermiston: seeks \$626.38.

•Credits Inc. vs. Bobby and Taelor Key of Hermiston: seeks \$2,446.92.

•Capital One Bank vs. Rosana Villalpando: seeks \$3,091.55.

•Capital One Bank vs. James W. Leonard: seeks \$2,080.98.

•Credits Inc. vs. Matthew and Alma Ginther of Irrigon: seeks \$1,315.17.

•Credits Inc. vs. Shane Cumpton of Hermiston: seeks \$869.66.

•Credits Inc. vs. Joshua D. and Kaley Lankford of Lexington: seeks \$2,873.39.

•Midland Funding LLC vs. April Auld: seeks \$1,089.04.

•Midland Funding LLC vs. Chad Chandler: seeks \$828.81.

•Debbie Arlene Tracy, personal representative of the estate of Arnold

Weldon Nix vs. Ashley Manor LLC, 3-D Health Care Services P.C. and Daniel E. Eslinger, P.M.H.N.P.: seeks \$1,105 million.

•Robert and Cheryl Cosner vs. Anthony and Susan Klein: seeks \$214,999.

•Credit Acceptance Corp. vs. Heather A. Quaris: seeks \$7929.61.

•Midland Funding LLC vs. Grover Whitmore: seeks \$1,368.24.

•Midland Funding LLC vs. Hannah Garver: seeks \$1,513.70.

JUDGMENTS

PENDLETON — The following judgments have been rendered in Umatilla County courts (interest, court costs and fees not listed):

•Western Mercantile Agency Inc. vs. Crystle Joann Garcia of Pendleton: judgment for \$485.50.

•Credits Inc. vs. Tori Cate-Hinz of Hermiston: judgment for \$696.60.

•Credits Inc. vs. Marisol and Javier Garcia of Hermiston: judgment for \$3,099.90.

•Credits Inc. vs. Jason Snow and Cynthia Coons of Hermiston: judgment for \$1,226.02.

•Credits Inc. vs. Jerry D. Hamlin of Hermiston: judgment for 9,950.79.219

DIVORCES

PENDLETON — Divorce decrees were signed in Umatilla County courts for:

Martha Leticia Ramirez Barajas of Umatilla and Luis Alberto Magana Villalvazo of Pasco, Wash.; Manuela Sanchez Quintero and Jesus Alberto Magallanes Ortiz of Hermiston; Lilitiana Calderon Castro and Salvador Aguilar of Hermiston; Oralia Frias and J. Guadalupe Morfin Rodriguez of Hermiston; Daniel James Kenney and Lisa Rachele Kenney of Hermiston.

MARRIAGES

PENDLETON — Marriage licenses have been registered in Umatilla County for:

Paul Woodard, 54, and Christina Marie Kennedy, 54, both of Umatilla.

POLICE LOG

TUESDAY, DEC. 12

9:16 a.m. — A woman reported someone looking into her windows around 6 a.m., at her home on West Orchard Avenue.

10:37 p.m. — A suicidal subject was reported at North First Street, Hermiston.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13

1:42 p.m. — A caller said he left a vacuum at the recycle station on West Harper Road. He said someone took it, along with acting like they wrote down his plate number. He said he wanted to know if someone had turned him in for leaving the vacuum.

THURSDAY, DEC. 14

1:06 p.m. — Theft and harassment were reported at Southeast Sixth Street, Hermiston.

2:07 p.m. — A caller asked for a welfare check on a man at West Elm Avenue and North First Street, Hermiston. The older man was sitting on some bags past Jack in the Box. He was wearing a heavy tan jacket and a hat.

7:48 p.m. — A runaway was reported South First Street.

FRIDAY, DEC. 15

4:08 a.m. — A caller heard a male screaming from a building on South Highway 395. They then heard a car door, and then a chirp from a vehicle.

4:06 p.m. — A caller reported a verbal domestic dispute at Southeast Fifth Street and East Newport Avenue.

SATURDAY, DEC. 16

1:51 p.m. — A Spanish-speaking caller reported their son had run away.

11:23 p.m. — A drunk driver was reported at North First Street, but officers were unable to locate the person.

SUNDAY, DEC. 17

1:46 p.m. — A drunk driver was reported at North First Street, Hermiston.

3:50 a.m. — A caller said their vehicle had been stolen and a 16 year-old male was missing.

5:17 p.m. — A suicidal subject, a 54 year-old woman, was reported at West Madrona Avenue, Hermiston.

11:27 p.m. — A caller said his ex-girlfriend hit him while they were in the vehicle. Both are now at a residence on Southwest Butte Drive, Hermiston.

MONDAY, DEC. 18

10:41 a.m. — A burglary was reported at North McNary Street, Hermiston.

10:56 a.m. — A runaway was reported at Northwest Samantha Street, Hermiston.

3:27 p.m. — A woman said she wanted to get her ex-husband out of her house. She said she talked to her lawyer, who said if she feared for her life, there was no reason an officer shouldn't remove him from her house.

3:59 p.m. — A first grader was reported missing from East Catherine Avenue, Hermiston. She was supposed to ride the bus from Sunset Elementary to Highland Hills Elementary, but never showed up. Sunset employees say she got on the bus, but the bus driver says she didn't.

6:51 p.m. — A drunk driver was reported at North First Street, Hermiston. They were in the Home Depot parking lot, going toward Harper Road.

Mail theft hits near Hermiston

The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office reported at least 40 Hermiston-area residents are the victims of recent mail theft.

The case began Dec. 5, according to the sheriff's office, when deputy Calvin Meade responded to a call regarding a report of mail all over the ground in the area of North Ott and East Loop roads, Hermiston.

"The mail included several envelopes that had been opened, including holiday cards with empty contents and checks," the sheriff's office reported.

Three Hermiston-area callers on Dec. 15 reported finding mail in the area of Sagebrush Road, Baggett Lane, Alpine Drive and Klaus Road east of Hermiston. They also found mail in other areas east of the town, including on East Punkin Center and Tabor roads, East Theater Lane between Northeast 10th Street and Townsend Road, and Sagebrush and North Townsend roads.

Meade determined at least 40 people were victims

of mail theft. The sheriff's office notified each as well as the postmaster in Hermiston. The post office will redeliver the mail to the victims, according to the sheriff's office.

The sheriff's office warned residents to be on the lookout for suspicious persons in the areas east of Hermiston and asked anyone with information regarding the mail theft to call the agency at 541-966-3651.

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