

OBITUARIES

William L. 'Bill' Flatt

Vancouver, Wash.
April 26, 1929 - January 16, 2018

Bill Flatt, 88, of Condon died January 16 in Vancouver, Wash. A Celebration of Life is planned for March 3rd at 1:00 at Condon High School gym. A potluck reception will follow at the grade school. As Bill was a proud American, the family welcomes those honoring Bill with their attendance to also honor our flag by wearing any type of red, white and blue.



Flatt



Bill was born April 26, 1929, in Moro, Ore., to Vernon and Lillian Flatt. Bill was later joined by a brother Bob and sister Lois. After graduating from Moro High School and Eastern Oregon State College, he returned working for First National Bank Moro and helped his father with Flatt's Truck Service.

Bill met Peggie Cloe in The Dalles and married in 1950, moving to Condon and bringing Flatt's Truck Service to the area. Soon after he purchased two school buses, agreeing to transport Condon school students. That agreement led to seven buses and a highway coach. So was born Mid Columbia Bus in 1956.

Bill and Peggie learned to fly in 1960 and he remained a pilot for 40 years. Airplane travel became a valuable tool for his business, allowing him to see customers and employees face-to-face, always giving the "family touch" no matter the distance from home.

In 1976 Bill purchased Schreiner's Chevron, constructing a new facility for the growing bus business. In 1990 he purchased M&A Auto Parts, relocating it to the SB Barker Building after extensive remodel.

Fifty-nine years after buying his first bus, growing MIDCO from two buses to over 900 in 52 school districts, Bill sold the business in 2015.

Bill served on Condon City Council, was president of Chamber of Commerce, member of the fire department, was scoutmaster serving on Blue Mountain Council of Boy Scouts, served on board of

directors for Meadowood Speech Camp, was master of the Mt. Moriah Masonic Lodge, was on the E/W Shrine Football Game Committee, and was a lay reader in the Episcopal Church. He was a charter member of the Condon Elks Lodge, serving as exalted ruler 1959, District Deputy 1963, Oregon State Elks Association President 1974 and as chairman of the

Elks National Americanism Committee carrying the flag in the opening ceremony of the National Convention in Chicago. Bill was inducted into Oregon State Elks Hall of Fame and stayed active as a past president. Bill was an avid outdoorsman, not missing many deer or elk hunting seasons over the years with his sons.

Bill and Peggie planned motor coach trips to various locations and had a good following of people that traveled with them every year. Locations included Boston, Alaska, Miami, Sedona, Calgary and Germany.

Bill developed macular degeneration in 2008, trading airplane and car keys in for an electric scooter. He soon adjusted to scooter travel, making room for co-pilot "Dewey," not being stopped by ice/snow/fog. When he requested tire chains, we had to decline.

Bill moved to The Quarry Senior Living in Vancouver when unable to live alone, enjoying being near family.

Survivors include faithful companion Dewey; son Kevin and wife Sandy of Spokane; daughter Laurie Roberge of Vancouver; daughter-in-law Cindy of Joseph; son Bruce and wife Ellen of Cove; son Jeff and wife Mellia of Rainier; 13 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Peggie, son Doug, son-in-law Gene and granddaughter Steffanie.

Memorial contributions can be sent to OHSU Foundation, Elks Children's Eye Clinic Building Fund, 1121 S.W. Salmon, Suite 100, Portland OR 97205-2020.

DEATHS

Don C. Blankenship

Hermiston
Jan. 7, 1937 - Jan. 22, 2018

Don C. Blankenship, 81, of Hermiston died Monday, Jan. 22, 2018, at his home. He was born Jan. 7, 1937, in Great Falls, Montana. At his request, there will be no formal service. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary. Sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Louis K. Nakapalau

Echo
March 24, 1951 - Jan. 26, 2018

Louis K. Nakapalau, 66, of Echo died Friday, Jan. 26, 2018, at his home. He was born March 24, 1951, in Honolulu, Hawaii. A funeral service with military honors will be held Saturday, Feb. 3 at 4 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Stake Center, 1035 S.E. Ninth St., Hermiston. A private burial will be held at the Hermiston Cemetery. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary. Sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Marilyn L. Pfnister

Hermiston
Sept. 19, 1931 - Jan. 17, 2018

Marilyn L. Pfnister, 86, of Hermiston died Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2018, in Hermiston. She was born Sept. 19, 1931, in Laird, Colo. A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 10 at 3 p.m. at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Hermiston. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary. Sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Glen E. Taylor

Hermiston
Jan. 24, 1935 - Jan. 27, 2018

Glen E. Taylor, 83, of Hermiston died Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018, in Richland, Wash. He was born Jan. 24, 1935, in Stroud, Oklahoma. Arrangements are pending with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Kevin L. Helzer

Hermiston
Sept. 27, 1960 - Jan. 28, 2018

Kevin L. Helzer, 57, of Hermiston died Sunday, Jan. 28, 2018, in Pendleton. He was born Sept. 27, 1960. A memorial service will be held Friday, Feb. 2 at 3:30 p.m. at the Burns Mortuary chapel in Hermiston. A celebration of life gathering will follow at the Pheasant Bar & Grill, 149 E. Main St., Hermiston. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary. Sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Charles R. 'Dick' Surber Sr.

Umatilla
Jan. 24, 1946 - Jan. 27, 2018

Charles R. "Dick" Surber Sr., 72, of Umatilla died Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018, at his home. He was born Jan. 24, 1946, in Wichita Falls, Texas. A funeral service will be held Friday, Feb. 2 at 1 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 14 Grant St., Umatilla. A graveside service will be held Monday, Feb. 5 at 1 p.m. at the Enterprise Cemetery. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary. Sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

BIRTHS

**Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston
JAN. 16, 2018**

CAMPBELL — Dixie L. Campbell and Joshua D. Campbell of Boardman: a girl, Elizabeth Caroline Campbell.

JAN. 19, 2018

FLORES — Elizabeth H. Weems and Horacio Flores-Salas of Hermiston: a boy, Noah Isaiah Flores.

JAN. 21, 2018

NEWTON — Raven D. Newton of Hermiston: a boy, Kaos David Newton.

JAN. 22, 2018

AGUILAR — Yareth C. Aguilar of Umatilla: a girl, Leilani Alessia Aguilar.

IN UNIFORM

Private First Class Wade Scott Kirkpatrick of Hermiston graduated from Marine Recruit Training at the Marine Combat Recruit Depot in San Diego, Calif., on Dec. 21, 2017.



Kirkpatrick

PFC Kirkpatrick successfully completed the Physical Fitness Test, which is a standard test used to measure battle-readiness of each Marine with a focus on stamina and physical conditioning. He also completed the Combat Fitness Test, which assesses a

Marine's functional fitness as it relates to the demands of fighting and winning battles.

PFC Kirkpatrick is the son of Dave and Anne Kirkpatrick of Hermiston and Annette Greiner of Milton-Freewater.

He will return to San Diego to complete Marine Combat Training and will then be shipped to Pensacola, Fla.

PFC Kirkpatrick plans to complete his military occupational specialty as an aviation systems technician.

COURTS

SENTENCES

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

FELONY

•Darlene Mae Mock, 59, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to three counts of Identity Theft: sentenced to 13 months Oregon Dept. of Corrections (DOC) and 1 year post-prison supervision for each count, and \$191 restitution.

•Ezequiel Alatorre, 22, Umatilla, pleaded guilty to two counts of Possession of Forged Instrument I: sentenced to 18 months probation, 90 sanction unit, 30 maximum jail units, 100 hours community service, and \$200 fine for each count.

MISDEMEANOR

•Kevin Lee Gregerson, 61, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to DUII: sentenced to 10 days jail, 170 days jail-suspended, 2 years probation, 80 hours community service, \$1,255 fine, \$2,000 fine-suspended and 1 year driver's license suspension, plus court costs and fees; pleaded guilty to Reckless Driving: sentenced to 180 days jail-suspended, 2 years probation, \$100 fine and 90 days driver's license suspension.

SUITS FILED

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

•Capital One Bank vs. Keith L. Weaver: seeks \$7,660.58.

•Wells Fargo Bank N.A. vs. Robert L. and Jacqueline D. Herrera of Hermiston and all others claiming right, title, lien or interest: seeks \$201,895.34.

•Midland Funding LLC vs. Angela Turner: seeks \$808.64.

•United Finance Co. vs. Kathryn Cram of Echo: seeks \$6,209.05.

•Quick Collect Inc. vs. Lazaro Rodriguez and Metodia Contreras of Hermiston: seeks \$906.51.

•Credits Inc. vs. David Silva Jr. and Alma Silva of Hermiston: seeks \$611.36.

•Credits Inc. vs. Rafael Munoz Jr. and Teresita Flores Zaragoza of Hermiston: seeks \$731.79.

•Credits Inc. vs. Mattias A. Rahm of Hermiston: seeks \$1,935.28.

•Quick Collect Inc. vs. Jesse V. and Elvera J. Walling of Hermiston: seeks \$380.60.

JUDGMENTS

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

•LVNV Funding LLC vs. Scott Smith of Echo: judgment for \$779.32.

•Cavalry SPV I LLC vs. Norma Rauch of Hermiston: judgment for \$4,231.01.

•Cavalry SPV I LLC vs. Mary Forman of Hermiston: judgment for \$923.22.

•Credits Inc. vs. Kasey Pankey of Umatilla: judgment for \$5,013.11.

•Credits Inc. vs. Scott McCorkle of Hermiston: judgment for \$2,800.55.

•Credits Inc. vs. Pedro Munoz (Munoz-Sanguino) of Hermiston: judgment for \$6,989.13.

•Credits Inc. vs. Sara L. Brooks and Christopher Foreman of Hermiston: judgment for \$1,242.55.

•Credits Inc. vs. Diana and Charles Evens of Hermiston: judgment for \$2,181.

•Crown Asset Management LLC vs. Patricia Doney of Umatilla: judgment for \$2,408.10.

•United Finance Co. vs. Brandon and Alana Wilson of Boardman: judgment for 2,774.03.

DIVORCES

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

Melissa Jo Martinez of Irrigon and Anthony David Martinez of Hermiston.

MARRIAGES

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

Jesus Uriel De La Rosa Romero, 25, and Valeria Gomez Esquivel, 25, both of Hermiston.

Jimmy Radillo, 21, and Guadalupe A. Gamaros Rodriguez, 24, both of Hermiston.

Alberto Varela Ruiz, 55, and Normalicia Garay Arellano, 58, both of Hermiston.

Sheriff's car theft suspect faces three criminal cases

Christopher Alvin Phillips of Hermiston faces 11 counts of burglary as well as stealing and crashing a Umatilla County Sheriff's Office patrol car.

The district attorney's office arraigned Phillips, 23, Friday afternoon in the Hermiston courtroom of Circuit Judge Eva Temple, according to court records. The charges range from misdemeanors of unlawful entry into a motor vehicle and theft to felonies of unauthorized use of a vehicle and attempted burglary.

On Jan. 18, the Umatilla County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle at a vacant house at 33464 E. Punkin Center Road east of Hermiston. Deputy Chris Daugherty found the vehicle, a red 1994 Ford Explorer, as well as Phillips and Tyler Morris, 19.

Daugherty arrested and handcuffed Phillips and put him in the back seat of the patrol car, according to a statement from the sheriff's office, and released Morris.

Daugherty kept his car running while waiting outside for a tow truck to take the Explorer. That's when Phillips moved his cuffs to his front, broke out the rear window of the patrol car, crawled into the driver's seat and took off. He crashed the car in a small canal at the corner of Tabor and Punkin Center roads, then ran. Deputies that afternoon caught



Phillips

Phillips near the Short Stop gas station at 32553 E. Punkin Center Road.

The district attorney's office also charged Phillips in two more cases:

•First-degree criminal mischief, second-degree burglary and theft for a Jan. 2 break-in at Eastside Market, 528 E. Main St., Hermiston;

•First-degree burglary, first-degree criminal trespass and third-degree theft for a Jan. 11 break-in at 33464 E. Punkin Center Road, Hermiston.

Phillips has hearings Feb. 12 to consider trial readiness in each case. Until then, he remains in the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton, in lieu of \$225,000 bail.

POLICE LOG

TUESDAY, JAN. 23

2:32 a.m. — A missing person was reported at Sater Court, Hermiston.

3:02 p.m. — A runaway was reported at South Highway 395, Hermiston.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 24

10:15 a.m. — A caller reported two juveniles are at Southwest Debra Court, harboring his 13 year-old son, and giving drugs to him and his daughter. The caller was just at the residence, and the juveniles said his son was sleeping inside and wouldn't bring him out.

9:35 p.m. — A suicidal subject was reported at Southeast Banker Drive, Hermiston.

11:58 p.m. — Someone reported hearing five shots fired at Northeast Fourth Street and East Elm Avenue, Hermiston.

Thursday, Jan. 25
2:07 a.m. — A runaway was reported at West Highland Avenue, Hermiston.

Friday, Jan. 26
6:04 p.m. — A caller at Southwest 13th Place, Hermiston, said a person keeps coming back and sitting on their front porch. The caller asked that he be trespassing.

Saturday, Jan. 27
6:54 a.m. — A runaway was reported at Northwest 11th Street, Hermiston.

Sunday, Jan. 28
3:58 a.m. — A prowler was reported at East Main Street, Hermiston.

5:52 p.m. — A suicidal juvenile was reported at Southwest 10th Place, Hermiston.

10:25 p.m. — A suicidal subject was reported at West Linda Avenue, Hermiston.

Monday, Jan. 29
12:01 a.m. — Someone jumped out a window at West Hartley Avenue, Hermiston.

11:07 a.m. — An assault was reported at East Cherry Avenue, Hermiston.

3:41 p.m. — A suicidal subject was reported at East Main Street, Hermiston.

11:38 p.m. — A robbery was reported at Northwest 11th Street, Hermiston. A suspect described as a short, heavyset Hispanic female in her early 20s displayed a weapon and demanded money from the 11th Street Market. Anybody with information is asked to call the Hermiston Police Department at 541-567-5519.

**Dog alerts
family to fire**

HERMISTON HERALD
A family's dog helped save their home on Thursday morning after it alerted them to a fire on their porch. Umatilla County Fire District 1 officials said the fire caused minor damage to the house on Sagebrush Road north of Hermiston. The family called 911 about 8:15 a.m. after the dog began barking, and UCFD1 responded. No one was hurt.

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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.

ATTENTION: TOWN HALL MEETING
with Legal Aid Services of Oregon
Tuesday, Feb. 6th • 10:00am
Irrigon Library
Legal Aid Services of Oregon will present information related to Senior Planning
• WILLS • TRUSTS • ESTATE PLANNING • BANKRUPTCY
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