

## BIRTHS

## Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston

MAY 11, 2018

**HUBER** — Amanda L. Huber and Andrew S. Huber of Hermiston: a girl, Hazel Jean Huber.

MAY 12, 2018

**RAMIREZ CHAVEZ** — Berenice Ramirez and Jhوناتan M. Ramirez of Boardman: a boy, Sebastian Ramirez Chavez.

**VERA** — Brittney M. Clark and Sosimo Vera of Irrigon: a girl, Emmalyn Aviana Vera.

## COURTS

## SENTENCES

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

## FELONY

•Aaren Anthony Barrera Rivera, 27, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to two counts of Theft I: sentenced to two years probation, 120 sanction units, 60 maximum jail units, 80 hours community service, \$200 fine and restitution to be determined for each count.

•James Joseph Martinez, 40, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Possession of Methamphetamine: sentenced to 18 months probation, 90 sanction units, 30 maximum jail units, 80 hours community service, \$200 fine and 6 months driver's license suspension.

## SUITS FILED

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

•Cavalry SPV I LLC vs. Vania Flores of Hermiston: seeks \$1,157.84.

•Bonneville Billing & Collections Inc. vs. William Spaulding of Hermiston: seeks \$348.23.

•Credits Inc. vs. Jessie A. and Brandi Aughinbaugh of Hermiston: seeks \$1,496.67.

•Credits Inc. vs. Abraham Arias of Boardman: seeks \$1,073.83.

•Midland Funding LLC vs. Karen Mendoza: seeks \$1,513.31.

•Bradley D. Zimmer of Hermiston vs. Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, MetLife Group Inc., MetLife Inc. and John Doe: seeks \$50,000 to \$1 million.

•Midland Funding LLC vs. Derek Anderson: seeks \$795.38.

•Midland Funding LLC vs. Amanda Grove: seeks \$1,268.10.

•Midland Funding LLC vs. Julie Clark: seeks \$1,137.05.

•Merchants Acceptance Corp. vs. Juana Delacruz of Hermiston: seeks

\$3,361.99.

## JUDGMENTS

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

•Discover Bank vs. Ronald W. Wart of Hermiston: judgment for \$7,278.09.

•Michael Robinson of Pendleton vs. Lara Lea Arriola of Hermiston dba Superior Northwest Buildings: judgment for \$12,425.

•OneMain Financial Services Inc. vs. Daryan A. Lewis of Hermiston: judgment for \$3,485.06.

•Credits Inc. vs. Mary Melissa Dunleavy of Boardman: judgment for \$5,447.82.

•Credits Inc. vs. Hugo Arellano of Umatilla: judgment for \$6,845.79.

•Columbia River Powder Coating LLC of Hermiston vs. Keith Friend Fabrication LLC of Hermiston: judgment for \$2,750.

•United Finance Co. vs. Travis Revoir of Heppner: judgment for \$3,888.07.

•Credits Inc. vs. Beverly A. Merrifield of Umatilla: judgment for \$636.06.

•Credits Inc. vs. Sandy J. Phillips of Irrigon: judgment for \$3,983.90.

•Credits Inc. vs. Sixto and Maria Barrera of Boardman: judgment for \$1,506.65.

## DIVORCES

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

John Michael McGregor of Osceola, Wis., and Fayrine Ann McGregor of Umatilla.

## MARRIAGES

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

Rumaldo Alfredo Rodriguez, 52, and Maria Guadalupe Mendoza Cardenas, 38, both of Umatilla.

## DEATH NOTICES

## Fred Colmenero

Hermiston

Feb. 8, 1937 - May 20, 2018

Fred Colmenero, 81, of Hermiston died Sunday, May 20, 2018, at his home. He was born Feb. 8, 1937, in Colorado. Services are pending with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuary-hermiston.com.

## Bernard 'Larry' Housden

Hermiston

Nov. 3, 1936 - April 19, 2018

Bernard "Larry" Housden, 81, of Hermiston died Thursday, April 19, 2018, in Kennewick, Wash. He was born Nov. 3, 1936, in Chehalis, Washington. A memorial service will be held Saturday, May 26 at 1 p.m. at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 2260 N.E. Fourth St., Hermiston. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

## Richard Edward Lenhart

Portland

Feb. 5, 1934 - April 21, 2018.

Former Hermiston resident Richard Edward Lenhart, 84, of Portland died Saturday, April 21, 2018, in Portland. He was born Feb. 5, 1934, in Hermiston. Finley Sunset Hills Mortuary in Portland handled arrangements.

## POLICE LOG

## Tuesday, May 15

9:21 p.m. — A suicidal subject was reported at West McKenzie Avenue, Hermiston.

## Wednesday, May 16

10:16 a.m. — A caller on East Hurlburt Avenue reported that she was just scammed out of \$1,000. Scammers told her to buy a "green dot" card, and she gave them the code and bought it at Safeway in Hermiston.

11:59 a.m. — A man came to the HPD lobby to report that he's in the middle of a lawsuit, and two women have been following him and his children all over town. He said he wants it to stop.

2:28 p.m. — A suicidal subject was reported at West Highland Avenue, Hermiston.

8:00 p.m. — Someone called from Northwest 11th Street and said people were trying to hurt him, but then he disconnected.

## Thursday, May 17

2:56 a.m. — Shots fired were reported at Northwest Spruce Street, Hermiston.

11:18 a.m. — A caller reported that his half-brother received traffic tickets, but used his name.

## Friday, May 18

12:38 p.m. — A suicidal subject was reported on Craig Road, Hermiston.

3:09 p.m. — A caller near Good Shepherd Scheduling on West Elm Avenue said that a dog was locked in a light blue older sedan in the parking lot. The caller believed the dog was in distress and asked an officer to respond.

## Saturday, May 19

2:33 p.m. — An assault was reported at North First Street, Hermiston.

8:10 p.m. — Someone reported screaming and yelling coming from inside a house on West Ridgeway Avenue, Hermiston.

8:22 p.m. — A runaway was reported at Southwest Seventh Avenue, Hermiston.

9:47 p.m. — A woman called to report someone had been shot, and that a man was on the ground, at East Beebe Avenue and North McNary Street, Hermiston.

## Sunday, May 20

1:26 p.m. — A four year-old child had been left in a black Kia Sedona at North First Street, Hermiston.

3:23 p.m. — An assault was reported at East Main Street, Hermiston.

## OBITUARIES

## Margaret Weaver Collatt

Salem

August 17, 1953 - February 19, 2018

Margaret Weaver Collatt, 64, passed away February 19, 2018, in Salem, Oregon. She was born August 17, 1953, in John Day to Buddie and Oradell Weaver.

Margaret was raised in Mt. Vernon, Oregon, where she attended school and participated in many school activities. She lived in Pendleton in the '80s while attending Blue Mountain Community College, where she graduated with both an RN and an accounting degree. Twenty years later she graduated with honors from OHSU with a Bachelor of Science in nursing.

In 1984 Margaret started working at the Oregon Department of Corrections in Salem, where she wore many hats with Health Services and received numerous awards both locally and nationally. She was part of the first nursing group that wrote the first set of health care policies and procedures for Oregon Department of Corrections. After 33 years she retired due to poor health.

Margaret had an enthusiastic and vibrant personality. She respected the people she came in contact with as they respected her as well. She was always full of life, fun energy and found joy in others. She lived her life with her heart.

Margaret is survived by children Lester (Mary) Wall and Joann Wall; mother and stepfather Oradell and Claude Talley; brother Jim (Mary) Weaver; sisters Elaine Foster and Janet (Rick) Hylton; grandchildren Aspen, Madisen, Elijah, Noah and

Isaiah; nieces and nephews Christopher, Mandy, Jerrod, Jennifer, Gregory, Janel and Andrew; several great-nephews and many cousins; and life-long friend Bruce Carlson.

She is preceded in death by her father Buddie and brother Alvin.

In Margaret's own words at the acceptance of her last award: "Thank you to all of you who have been my friends, and now family, over all the years. A few thoughts I would like to leave with you at this time. Find and cherish good mentors and good friends, to share the burden stories and the triumph stories, for occasional 'reality checks' and for talks when times are confusing. Every encounter is a teachable moment, and extend into the future. Treat everyone with respect just as you would a family member."

A celebration of life will be held May 27 at the Mt. Vernon Community Center in Mt. Vernon, Oregon, at 3 p.m.



Collatt

## Patricia Fontaine Mason

Hermiston

April 13, 1934 - May 7, 2018

Patricia Fontaine Mason of Hermiston was born April 13, 1934, in St. Joseph, Missouri, the youngest of 16 children born to William W. and Jessica (Mays) Willis. She died on May 7, 2018, in Hermiston at the age of 84.

As an infant, Patricia was adopted by Clifford and Beatrice Bean. She married L.D. McCubbins on October 4, 1949, and settled on the family farm in Touchet, Washington. From this union six children were born; the couple later divorced. In 1968, she married Myron Lippincott and they had one son before they divorced. In 1970, she married LeRoy Mason and the couple had one son. Together the couple lived in a variety of places including Union, Portland and Hermiston, Oregon.

She was preceded in death by both sets of her parents, all of her Willis siblings, her daughter Evelyn (Don) Patterson, and sons Robert McCubbins and James Mason.

She is survived by her husband, LeRoy of Umatilla; brother and sister Richard and Sharon Bean of Milton-Freewater;

children Darlene (Marty) Schmid of Hermiston, Eileen (Jim) Daniel and Malinda (Shawn) Prendiville of Walla Walla, Wash., Michael (Julie) McCubbins of Touchet, Wash., and Brian Lippincott of Portland; stepson Jimmy Mason of Portland; stepdaughter Kandie Jensen of Stanfield; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life and barbecue will be held from 2-5 p.m. on Saturday, June 2, 2018, at her daughter Darlene's residence, 32407 E. Punkin Center Road, Hermiston, Oregon.

Family suggest memorial donations be sent to Vange John Memorial Hospice, 645 W. Orchard Ave. #300, Hermiston, OR 97838.

To leave an online condolence for the family go to [www.burnsmortuary-hermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuary-hermiston.com).



Mason

## Suspect in storage unit burglaries arrested

By JAYATI RAMAKRISHNAN  
STAFF WRITER

A Hermiston man suspected of stealing truckloads of items from Hermiston and Umatilla has been arrested, and police are working to find out just how much he took.

Russell Scott Greene, 36, was taken into custody in Kennewick on Saturday morning after police found him at a local motel. The police found suspected stolen property in the room, and more stolen property may be recovered in the area.

Hermiston Police will be in touch with Kennewick Police about the investigation.

Greene has been arrested in Hermiston before, most recently in 2017 for identity theft and fraudulent use of a credit card.

Hermiston Police Chief Jason Edmiston said about 30 percent or 35 percent of the stolen items have been returned or slated for return so far.

He said right now, the department is preparing all their information to turn the case over to the district attorney's office, and waiting for Greene to be extradited back to Oregon.

Officers had been recovering stolen property since April 5, including items taken from residences around Hermiston and Umatilla, as well as storage units in Umatilla.

Officers recovered several truckloads full of stolen items, which ranged

from televisions and bicycles to firearms, artwork, furniture and military ordnance.

The stolen items are all packed into a room above the Hermiston Police Department.

Edmiston said city ordinance requires them to keep found property for 30 days, but the police department internal policy is to keep them for 60 days.

After that, he said, they will have to decide what to do with the unclaimed property.

Officers have also been making regular posts on Facebook reminding people about the merchandise, and asking them to be diligent about checking their storage units.

## Oregon lawmakers mull big livestock operations

## Senate committee eyes problems facing Lost Valley Farm of Boardman

By MATEUSZ PERKOWSKI  
EO MEDIA GROUP

SALEM — The regulatory problems facing a Boardman dairy have raised questions among lawmakers about avoiding "too big to fail" livestock operations in the future.

Negative publicity has continued to mount for Lost Valley Farm, which in 2018 has faced a \$10,600 fine, a lawsuit filed by state farm regulators and financial troubles resulting in bankruptcy proceedings.

The 7,300-acre farm is home to nearly 14,000 head of cattle.

The Senate Interim Committee on Environment and Natural Resources summoned the state's top agriculture and water regulators for a legislative hearing on May 21 to begin analyzing what went wrong.

The hearing was cut short

after an hour because the full Senate was expected to convene, but Sen. Michael Dembrow, D-Portland, said the matter will likely be revisited during legislative committee days in September.

The state government should be wary of confined animal feeding operations, or CAFOs, that are "too big to fail" due to the large numbers of animals involved, he said.

In the case of Lost Valley Farm, the dairy's size has been used as an argument against its forced closure, since cows will continue generating milk and waste regardless of a court order.

The testimony of Alexis Taylor, director of the Oregon Department of Agriculture, focused on the permitting required for dairies and how Lost Valley Farm navigated this process.

Dairies make up 206 of the 516 CAFOs inspected by the agency, which issues a civil penalty in fewer than 1 percent of the 880 inspections its employees conduct each year, Taylor said.

Lost Valley Farm is the most extensively monitored CAFO in Oregon, with groundwater from 11 wells

being tested for pollutants, she said.

The ODA has acted quickly in regard to the dairy's wastewater problems — within roughly a year, the agency has repeatedly notified the company of violations, issued a hefty civil penalty and sought a temporary restraining order that resulted in a settlement, Taylor said.

The court judgment, entered in March, provides an additional option for the agency: The dairy can be punished for contempt of court for violating the agreement, she said.

Such drastic measures are rarely necessary in regulating CAFOs, Taylor said. "It's really when an operator is unable or unwilling to be in compliance."

Weekly inspections of the Lost Valley Farm facility have continued since the settlement, but ODA is discussing further steps with attorneys from Oregon's Department of Justice, she said.

Any regulatory action is separate from the company's bankruptcy proceedings, she said.

The dairy's owner, Greg

te Velde, has filed for bankruptcy in California, where he's asked a judge to allow for the dairy, cattle and property to be sold for more than \$100 million. The company's largest creditor, Rabobank, instead wants the herd liquidated as soon as possible, arguing it's losing value.

Tom Byler, the director of the Oregon Water Resources Department, said the dairy was allowed to use groundwater under an exemption for livestock watering despite being located in a restricted area.

The operation's long-term potable water needs remain unresolved, since proposed water transfers have been blocked by administrative protests, Byler said.

Chad Allen, president of the Oregon Dairy Farmers Association, drove to the hearing in Salem from his farm in Tillamook but was unable to testify.

Allen said he wanted legislators to understand Oregon is a "leader" in the arena of CAFO regulation and that ODA acted aggressively in reacting to problems at Lost Valley Farm.

"The system clearly works," he said.

## OBITUARY POLICY

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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.