

DEATHS

Miguel Leal Gonzalez

Hermiston

June 18, 1963 — Dec. 15, 2018

Miguel Leal Gonzalez, 55, of Hermiston died Saturday, Dec. 15, 2018, at his home. He was born June 18, 1963, in Jalisco, Mexico. Visitation will be held Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2018, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2018, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Burns Mortuary Chapel, Hermiston. Rosary will be held Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2018, at 6 p.m. at Burns Mortuary Chapel, Hermiston. Mass of Christian Burial is Thursday, Dec. 20, 2018, at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church, Hermiston. Burial will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Leave condolences for his family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

Virginia Marie Bissinger

Hermiston

Feb. 29, 1928 — Dec. 15, 2018

Longtime Stanfield resident Virginia Marie Bissinger, 90, of Hermiston died Saturday, Dec. 15, 2018, in Hermiston. She was born Feb. 29, 1928, in Echo. Recitation of the Holy Rosary is Saturday, Jan. 5, 2019, at 10:30 a.m. with Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church, Hermiston. Burial follows at 2 p.m. at Pleasant View Cemetery, in Stanfield, Oregon. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Leave condolences for her family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

Teresa Dunn

Hermiston

Feb. 12, 1962 — Dec. 9, 2018

Teresa Dunn, 56, of Hermiston, died Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018. She was born Feb. 12, 1962, in Oregon City. A memorial service was held Monday, Dec. 17 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hood River County Fairgrounds in Odell, Ore. Burial will follow at 2 p.m. in the I.O.O.F. Three Mile Cemetery near The Dalles. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of final arrangements. Leave an online condolence for the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

BIRTHS

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston DEC. 4, 2018

GONZALEZ — Alexandra Gonzalez and Jose T. Gonzalez of Hermiston: a girl, Jocelyn Annalise Gonzalez.

POLICE LOG

TUESDAY, DEC. 11

2:02 a.m. — A suicidal subject was at Northeast Sixth Street.

2:22 p.m. — There was an assault at Kennedy Avenue.

5:03 p.m. — A woman was reported to have stolen hair care products from a business on North First Street, and was running southbound on McNary Street.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 12

2:49 p.m. — Someone was taking bows off the Christmas tree on Northeast Second Street.

THURSDAY, DEC. 13

10:32 a.m. — Child abuse or neglect was reported at North First Street.

11:40 a.m. — There was a domestic disturbance on West Highland Avenue, a woman on the language line said she needed the police.

8:58 p.m. — Two men on bicycles broke into a dark

colored vehicle in front of Chateaubri on Southwest 11th Street.

FRIDAY, DEC. 14

1:33 a.m. — There was a fight at East Main Street.

2:35 p.m. — There was a suicidal subject at West Harper Road.

SATURDAY, DEC. 15

3:24 p.m. — There was a man beating a woman in a vehicle at Northwest Geer Road.

5:29 p.m. — Someone left a baby in a cart in the store on North First Street.

SUNDAY, DEC. 16

11:07 p.m. — On West Hermiston Avenue, two males crashed a car into a parked vehicle and ran east on Hermiston Avenue.

MONDAY, DEC. 17

8:56 p.m. — Someone came to the police station having a panic attack, and having difficulty breathing, at South First Street.

Former TRCI worker charged with sexual misconduct

By HERMISTON HERALD

HERMISTON — The former food services coordinator of Two Rivers Correctional Institution faces a misdemeanor charge for sexual relations with an inmate.

Kimberly Ann Porter of Hermiston worked at the state prison in Umatilla as a food services coordinator from Nov. 3, 2014, until she

resigned Aug. 3, according to Department of Corrections communication manager Jennifer Black. The Umatilla County District Attorney's Office indicted Porter in October on the lone count. According to court documents, the state accused Porter of engaging in sexual

contact with inmate Buford Thomas Harper between April 1 and May 22.



Porter

Harper, 32, of Canyonville, is serving 25 years for murder. He teamed up with two other men in 2013 to rob another man of his medical marijuana at his home in Tri City near

Myrtle Creek in Douglas County. Harper in 2014 pleaded guilty to killing the man.

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office on Friday arrested Porter, 52, on a warrant after she skipped her arraignment on Nov. 20. Deputies booked her into the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton. Jail staff said she bailed out the same day.

By PHIL WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

The state mandate for police to collect race and gender data could lead to a downturn in some officer activity.

Local police leaders expressed that and other concerns about House Bill 2355, which requires police to document race and gender during traffic stops "to identify patterns or practices of profiling." The law kicked into effect this summer but the state is giving more time for smaller departments to sort out how to gather, store and submit data.

Hermiston Police Chief Jason Edmiston said his department has to start by July 1, but will roll out the program in April so officers have time to learn the system. He said he anticipates at least one side effect.

"I think we're going to see a very slight dip in officer-initiated activity and a slight dip in traffic stops," Edmiston said.

That could lead to police missing bigger crimes. Police catching unlawful activity during stops "happens all the time," Edmiston said, but bogging down a cop in the field with extra work is likely to lead to



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Pendleton Police officer Cass Clark takes a statement from Gloria Huber, center, about a hit-and-run on her son Brandon Josleyn's vehicle recently in Pendleton.

backlash to avoid that work. The chief said that's just part of human nature.

The bigger problem, police said, stems from gathering the data. Officers have to provide the reason for the stop and their perceptions at the moment.

"Just because you perceive somebody to be a male or female, doesn't mean they are male or female," Edmiston said. "And when you perceive race, I think you are on a slippery slope."

Boardman Police Chief Rick Stokoe expressed a similar concern.

"I don't want our officers to guess," he said. "That's

not what our job is. We're to go out and look for crime."

Boardman police and most other agencies in Umatilla and Morrow counties rely on the same police records management system, Sun Ridge Inc., which is creating software to help agencies gather the data. Stokoe said Boardman police will start in as soon as the software clicks.

Pendleton Police Chief Stuart Roberts said habitual offenders raise another red flag. Pendleton has some drivers who are members of minorities and who receive multiple traffic citations a week.

"That totally taints your statistical information," he said.

And while the state has promised to contact agencies when blips arise, Roberts said he found that hard to believe given the 180 or so agencies in Oregon.

Data collection is nothing new for police. Oregon law requires agencies to report crime data, which Oregon State Police sift through and compile each year into reports of several hundred pages to show everything from the number of murders in Oregon to officer assaults. According to state police, the Oregon Annual Uniform Crime Reports have an error rate of approximately 1 percent.

Yet the 2017 report, the most recent for a full year, shows gaps in the 162 agencies it lists. The Harney County Sheriff's Office and University of Oregon Police Department were among 17 agencies that did not submit up to six months of data in time for the 2017 report, and 25 agencies, often small and rural, submitted no data, including the sheriff's offices of Grant, Gilliam, Sherman and Willowa counties. Race and gender data could face the same problems.

COURTS

Sentences

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

FELONY

•Daniel Lee Wood III, 28, Umatilla (TRCI), pleaded guilty to Aggravated Theft I: sentenced to 15 months Oregon Dept. of Corrections (DOC), 2 years post-prison supervision, \$200 fine and \$41,287.06 restitution; pleaded guilty to Failure to Appear I: sentenced to \$200 fine-suspended.

•Justin Lee Rehmke, 33, Umatilla, pleaded guilty to Unlawful Use of Weapon and Felon in Possession of Firearm: sentenced to 13 months Oregon DOC and 2 years post-prison supervision for each count.

•Bradley John Bettencourt, 30, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Arson I: sentenced to 24 months Oregon DOC and 3 years post-prison supervision, plus restitution to be determined.

•Jon-Christian Stubblefield, 40, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Coercion: sentenced to 36 months Oregon DOC, 2 years post-prison supervision, \$200 fine and \$12,891.35 restitution, plus court costs and fees; pleaded guilty to three counts of Assault IV and one count of Strangulation and Attempt to Commit Class C/Unclassified Felony: sentenced to \$100 fine for each count (sentences discharged); pleaded guilty to Interfering With Peace/Parole/Probation Officer: sentenced

to 30 days jail and \$100 fine.

Suits Filed

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

•Credits Inc. vs. Mathew Bradburn of Hermiston: seeks \$1,612.59.

•Quick Collect Inc. vs. Dora Madrigal of Hermiston: seeks \$585.61.

•Credits Inc. vs. Lindsey Evans of Stanfield: seeks \$818.27.

•Credits Inc. vs. Kaari E. Larson of Hermiston: seeks \$759.34.

•Credits Inc. vs. Chela A. and Daniel R. Navejar of Hermiston: seeks \$739.96.

•Credits Inc. vs. Feliciano Joaquin Pedro of Hermiston: seeks \$1,069.52.

•Credits Inc. vs. Damion A. Perez of Hermiston: seeks \$1,432.35.

•Credits Inc. vs. Danny R. Siguenza of Hermiston: seeks \$470.12.

•Credits Inc. vs. Andrew Stone of Hermiston: seeks \$2,743.99.

•Credits Inc. vs. Marlana M. White of Hermiston: seeks \$2,135.59.

•Credits Inc. vs. Brianne T. Bishop of Hermiston: seeks \$668.99.

•Credits Inc. vs. Danielle Martin Kestler (fka Myers) of Hermiston: seeks \$1,137.33.

•Midland Funding LLC vs. Juan Hernandez: seeks \$1,150.87.

•TD Bank USA vs. Judith M.

Raysor of Hermiston: seeks \$1,345.

•Maureen McNeill, personal representative of the estate of Joshua K. Herrig vs. Anthony K. Enriquez: seeks \$1.75 million.

•Numerica Credit Union vs. Steven W. Clark of Hermiston: seeks \$40,866.38.

Judgments

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

•Capital One Bank vs. Rebecca N. Kempf of Hermiston: judgment for \$3,499.43.

•Credits Inc. vs. Bret A. Winks of Hermiston: judgment for \$856.35.

•Credits Inc. vs. Sergio Aguilera and Regina Aguilera (Rodriguez) of Umatilla: judgment for \$5,652.60.

•OneMain Financial Group LLC vs. Summer D. Murphy: judgment for \$4,622.99.

•Evergreen Financial Services Inc. vs. Kyle and Amanda Sherwood of Umatilla: judgment for \$509.10.

•United Finance Co. vs. Ral Manuel Domingo Mulul of Boardman: judgment for \$7,626.08.

•Credits Inc. vs. Christopher

Foreman of Hermiston: judgment for \$574.58.

•OneMain Financial Group LLC vs. Michelle A. Alvarado of Hermiston: judgment for \$3,713.21.

•OneMain Financial Group LLC vs. Ishmar K. Armstrong of Hermiston: judgment for \$5,358.69.

•United Finance Co. vs. Theresa Capote of Umatilla: judgment for \$8,797.92.

Divorces

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

Pollyanna Sayre and Brian Chester Sayre of Hermiston; Slade Steven Smith and Tamara Ann Smith of Hermiston; Timothy Michael Young of Umatilla and So Young Kwon; Yecenia Flores and Manuel Flores of Hermiston; Darnell Wright Jr. of Umatilla and Keri Lorene Wright of Newberg.

Marriages

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

Julio Cesar Monclova, 21, and Alyssa Renee Torres, 21, both of Hermiston. Antonio Estrada Velazquez, 67, and Maria Elena Solano, 63, both of Umatilla.

Umatilla acquires 27 acres of land

By HERMISTON HERALD

The city of Umatilla added 27 acres to its inventory when the city council agreed to acquire a property at a meeting last week.

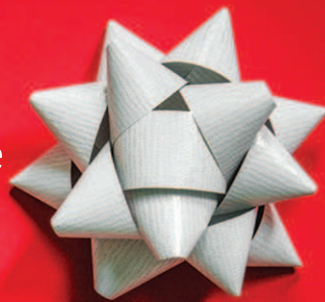
The property is at the corner of Highway 730 and Highway 395 and was acquired from Hermiston Power Partnership, a subsidiary of Calpine Corp. a power plant operator.

The company had been making mitigation payments, which average

about \$7,500 per year, to Umatilla for running transmission lines through the land. Instead of money changing hands, Hermiston Power Partnership will forgo the last five years of payments.

Melissa Ince, deputy city manager and finance director, said the city hasn't determined a use for the property yet, but it could be developed for wetland mitigation or commercial purposes.

The greatest gift you can give someone is your time & attention.



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