

OBITUARY

Dustin Duane Jackson

Stanfield

Sept. 25, 1976 — Dec. 16, 2018

Dustin Duane Jackson passed away at the age of 42, ending his three-year battle with frontal lobe dementia. Dustin was the son of Nina Favorel of Hermiston and Duane Jackson of Stanfield.

Dustin was born Sept. 25, 1976, in Columbus, Montana, and moved to Stanfield, Oregon, when he was 18 months old. He attended Stanfield schools, then worked in building and construction for most of his life.

He is survived by his mother and stepfather, Nina and Curtis Favorel; father,

Duane Jackson; sisters, Hal-lie (Josh) Thomas, Tanya (Amelia) Jackson; half-sister, Rachael (Kris) Fisher; daughter, Brooke (Korey) Fox; son, Bradlee Giusti; daughters, Kiara, Kaitlyn and Kylee; grandson, Easton; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by both maternal and paternal grandparents and an uncle.

There will be a private family service at a later date.

Huston-Jost Funeral Home in Lebanon, Oregon, is handling arrangements.



Photo contributed by Marvin Hamilton

Employees at the Hermiston Goodwill got into the holiday spirit when store manager Jessica Fernandez organized a giving tree for area foster children.

Goodwill wraps holiday spirit for foster kids

By TAMMY MALGESINI
COMMUNITY EDITOR

The Hermiston Goodwill recently brightened the holiday season for local foster children in Umatilla County by throwing them a Christmas party.

In addition to pizza and drinks, Goodwill played Santa Claus by providing each child with a \$20 store voucher during the Dec. 18 event. Store employees then acted as personal shoppers, assisting the children in finding toys and clothing.

“The staff’s hearts were warmed when they got to witness one of the children reacting to how many toys

he could buy for \$20,” said Marvin Hamilton, a certifier with the Department of Human Services Child Welfare program.

Representatives from Goodwill reached out to the DHS, Hamilton said, expressing a desire to throw a party for the children and their families. Marcy Wasney, facilities & special projects manager and Joey Edminster, community and marketing specialist, planned the event.

As if the act of good will hadn’t already secured the thrift store’s position on Santa’s “nice list,” store manager Jessica Fernandez also coordinated a giving tree. Store staff chose

tags from the tree and purchased gifts for the foster children. Dozens of brightly wrapped gifts were stacked on a table when Hamilton arrived on Dec. 20 to deliver them to the children.

Others joining the giving spirit by donating numerous gifts, included Pastor Hugo Villalobos of Rekindle Church, Hermiston Walmart Distribution Center, Hermiston Walmart Transportation, Lamb Weston in Boardman, Les Schwab Tire Center in Heppner and Diane Hardy’s 4-H group in Hermiston.

“The community has really shown their support of the foster children in the area,” Hamilton said.

DEATHS

Michael K. “Mike” Palmer

Hermiston

Oct. 24, 1958 — Dec. 18, 2018

Michael K. “Mike” Palmer, 60, of Hermiston died Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2018, in Kennewick. He was born Oct. 24, 1958, in Salinas, California. A celebration of life gathering will be held at a later date. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share online condolences for his family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

Joan (Jo) Katherine (Hamm) Lagerberg

Hermiston

Nov. 13, 1918 — Dec. 11, 2018

Joan Katherine Lagerberg, 100, of Hermiston died Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2018. She was born Nov. 13, 1918, in Milford, Iowa. A memorial mass will be held Jan. 17, 2019, at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church, Hermiston, followed by a celebration of life in the parish hall. She was entombed in the mausoleum at Deschutes Memorial Gardens in Bend beside her husband, Ted. Arrangements are with Redmond Memorial Chapel. Share online condolences at www.redmondmemorial.com

Steven M. Crewse

Milton-Freewater

March 11, 1966 — Dec. 15, 2018

Steven M. Crewse, 52, of Milton-Freewater died Saturday, Dec. 15, 2018, in Hermiston. He was born March 11, 1966, in Roseburg. Arrangements are pending.

Umatilla County’s financials pass audit

By HERMISTON HERALD

PENDLETON — Umatilla County’s financial tracking is in good order, according to the latest audit.

The county board of commissioners during its public meeting Wednesday in Pendleton heard from Cameron Anderson with the accounting firm Barnett & Moro P.C., Hermiston, which contracts with the county to perform the audits. He told the board the audit involved an array of tests, and the county’s accounting passed muster each time. He said the audit found no material weaknesses or deficiencies in the county’s financial information.

He also noted the cash for

the county increased about \$3 million overall from last year, with the general fund bumping up about \$1.4 million.

“Overall, not too exciting a year for the county,” Anderson said, “which is good.”

Commissioners George Murdock and Bill Elfering voted to accept the audit report. Commissioner Larry Givens was absent.

This was the last public meeting of the county board for 2018. The board meets next on Jan. 9 and will have a new commissioner. John Shafer of Athena takes his oath of office Jan. 2 at the county courthouse in Pendleton.

Crash takes out Hermiston police plan for evidence vehicle

By PHIL WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The Hermiston Police Department’s plan to create a vehicle to help with evidence gathering took a hard shot Tuesday due to a crash.

Umatilla County Fire District last year donated a 2006 Ford ambulance to the police department. Hermiston Police Chief Jason Edmiston said it has a lot of miles and the ball joints needed replacing, but the engine is a diesel and runs well.

The ambulance looked like the right vehicle to outfit so the department’s evidence technician could respond to certain crimes, such as a storage unit burglary, and gather evidence rather than have an officer dust for fingerprints while calls for service pile up. Edmiston said the project would not replace the evidence vehicle that Oregon State Police sends to major crime scenes.

Hermiston police sent the ambulance to a Tri-Cities business to give it a new coat of paint along with police striping, and recently left the vehicle at Duke’s Auto Plus, 30600 Highway 730, Umatilla, to replace the ball joints.

But a little before 11 a.m. Tuesday the plan



Contributed photo by Hermiston Police Department

A crash Tuesday in Umatilla likely damaged the frame of the former ambulance — behind the sedan and pickup — which the Hermiston Police Department planned to turn into a vehicle for gathering evidence at certain crime scenes.

crashed. Literally. Oregon State Police reported a Dodge Ram pickup towing a trailer was heading east on Highway 730 near Duke’s when a Kia Sedona pulled out and struck the right front axle of the trailer. The Dodge’s driver lost control, went off the road and into the parking lot of Duke’s, striking a Toyota Camry and the old ambulance.

The crash likely totaled

the Kia, according to state police, damaged the front bumper of the pickup, along with its right side and the right side of the trailer and munched the rear of the Toyota. The ambulance sustained exterior damage that does not appear too significant, Edmiston said, but the impact probably bent the frame on the vehicle, which had insurance coverage of \$17,000.

“So that would likely mean it’s totaled,” Edmiston said.

Marcelino Salas Canare, 67, of Umatilla, drove the Kia. Oregon State Police cited her for failure to yield the right of way, driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

Edmiston said that was the topper to the whole mess and it was disappointing the department did not get to try out the project.

BRIEFS

Health career camp announces early deadline

High school students interested in pursuing a career in the healthcare field are encouraged to apply for MedQuest Health Career Exploration Camp.

Based at Eastern Oregon University in La Grande, the June 16-21 camp provides a jump-start for a future career in the medical field. Students will participate in job shadows, attend panel discussions, go on an ambulance ride-along, possibly watch a surgical procedure and more.

The early application deadline is Sunday, Dec. 30. Tuition is \$400, which includes dorm housing, meals and supplies. A refundable application deposit of \$25 is required. Some scholarships are available.

Approximately 35 students will be selected to participate. For more information or to apply, contact 541-962-3422, bhargrove@neoahc.org or visit www.neoahc.org.

Pow wow features sober fun

The annual Sobriety Pow Wow in Mission offers alcohol-free fun.

The event is Friday, Dec. 28 from 7-10 p.m. at the Mission Longhouse, located on Confederated Way. It features dinner at 7 p.m. and dancing, drumming and games at 8 p.m. In addition, an AA meeting will be held at 6 p.m.

It’s sponsored by the Yellowhawk Prevention Program and The New Beginnings Coalition. For more information, call Marissa Baumgartner at 541-240-8440 or search Facebook.

POLICE LOG

SATURDAY, DEC. 15

3:24 p.m. — A man was beating a woman in a vehicle at Northwest Gear Road and West Dusk Avenue.

11:06 p.m. — Shots were fired on West Harper Road, in the area of Agape House.

SUNDAY, DEC. 16

4:21 a.m. — There was a fireworks complaint at West Ridgeway Avenue.

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

MONDAY, DEC. 17

2:49 p.m. — There was a two-vehicle accident at Northeast Fourth and East Main streets.

8:56 p.m. — Someone was at the police station having a panic attack.

TUESDAY, DEC. 18

11:59 a.m. — There was a

fight at South First Street.

4:47 p.m. — There was a suicidal subject at Northwest 11th Street.

11:08 p.m. — A prowler was reported at West Joseph Avenue.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 19

2:20 a.m. — A domestic disturbance was reported at Northwest 11th Street, a Spanish-speaking woman said her ex-husband took her phone and then left.

7:57 p.m. — A caller reported that a suicidal man was leaving the bank on East Gladys Avenue in a gray Toyota Tundra.

THURSDAY, DEC. 20

12:48 p.m. — A suicidal subject was reported at West Poplar Place.

3:12 p.m. — A man reported at the Hermiston Police Department that his daughter was missing, no one had seen or heard from her.

Good Shepherd expands urgent care coverage

Good Shepherd Medical Center is extending its Urgent Care hours, and will now be open Sundays, providing coverage seven days a week. As of now, the clinic will be open Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hours may be expanded in the future based on community needs.

The clinic can see people on a walk-in basis for

issues that may not rise to the level of the emergency room, such as cold, flu, earache, urinary tract infections and joint and muscle pain.

The clinic, located at 1050 W. Elm Ave., Hermiston, is also open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The clinic’s number is 541-567-2995.



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