

COURTS

Sentences
PENDELTON — The following sentences have been imposed in Umatilla County courts:
FELONY
 •Michael Von Vertrees, 42, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Possession of Methamphetamine: sentenced to 18 months probation, 90 sanction units, 30 maximum jail units, 80 hours community service, \$500 fine, \$1,000 fine-suspended and 6 months driver's license suspension.
 •Gary Dean Powell, 46, address not provided, pleaded guilty to Possession of Methamphetamine: sentenced to \$200 fine and 6 months driver's license suspension; pleaded guilty to Felony in Possession of Firearm: sentenced to 18 months Oregon Dept. of Corrections (DOC), 2 years post-prison supervision and \$200 fine.

Suits Filed
PENDELTON — The following suits have been filed in Umatilla County courts (interest, court costs and fees not listed):
 •Bank of America N.A. vs. Jodie McNeil McNeil-Carter: seeks

\$2,973.65.
 •Bank of America N.A. vs. Costa Rodriguez Jr.: seeks \$3,399.83.
 •United Finance Co. vs. Sandra Hernandez of Hermiston: seeks \$4,092.30.
 •Credits Inc. vs. Edward T. Martinez of Hermiston: seeks \$2,752.79.
 •Credits Inc. vs. Steven Castillo Jr. of Umatilla: seeks \$6,922.07.
 •Credits Inc. vs. Jesus Diaz of Boardman: seeks \$4,467.41.
 •Credits Inc. vs. Tile and Marvin Hamilton of Hermiston: seeks \$787.85.
 •Credits Inc. vs. Cory and Michelle Little of Hermiston: seeks \$4,210.71.
 •Credits Inc. vs. Gregory S. Rodgers Jr. of Hermiston: seeks \$811.02.
 •Credits Inc. vs. Rumaldo Rodriguez of Hermiston: seeks \$1,068.32.
 •Credits Inc. vs. Jason K. Maddox of Hermiston: seeks \$1,276.92.
 •Western Mercantile Agency Inc. vs. Sabrina L. McCullough of Hermiston: seeks \$538.37.
 •Evergreen Financial Services Inc. vs. Hayden Tarvin of Hermiston: seeks \$400.42.

•Evergreen Financial Services Inc. vs. Alejandro Ramirez of Hermiston: seeks \$606.37.
 •Tab Burke of Hermiston vs. Oregon State Police and Tim Brown of Hermiston: seeks \$10,000.
 •Collection Bureau of Walla Walla vs. Amanda P. Villarreal (Olive) of Hermiston: seeks \$863.
Judgments
PENDELTON — The following judgments have been rendered in Umatilla County courts (interest, court costs and fees not listed):
 •Midland Funding LLC vs. Brittany Bennett (Hanson) of Hermiston: judgment for \$1,007.68.
 •Credits Inc. vs. Theresa Capote of Umatilla: judgment for \$2,126.57.
 •Credits Inc. vs. Jose Garcia III and Sarah D. Garcia of Hermiston: judgment for \$4,375.04.
 •Credits Inc. vs. Nicole Bullock of Umatilla: judgment for \$748.02.
 •Credits Inc. vs. Roberto Gonzalez Cerezo and Veronica Lopez of Umatilla: judgment

for \$1,234.74.
 •Credits Inc. vs. Andrea Covarubias of Umatilla: judgment for \$5,477.17.
 •Toyota Motor Credit Corp. vs. Denise M. Papineau of Hermiston: judgment for \$13,156.52.
 •Evergreen Financial Services Inc. vs. Stacie Bates of Hermiston: judgment for \$2,964.02.
 •Quick Collect Inc. vs. Bernardo Calderon of Hermiston: judgment for \$1,172.70.
 •Nationwide Recovery Service vs. Agustin Cano of Hermiston: judgment for \$5,050.51.
Marriages
PENDELTON — Marriage licenses have been registered in Umatilla County for:
 Larry Edward Rueber, 66, and Carol Noreen Welch, 65, both of Hermiston.
 Jorge Jaimez Ordaz, 40, and Ashlea Dawn Lovett, 29, both of Hermiston.
 Guadencio Escalante, Cardenas, 28, and Astrid Hernandez, 26, both of Umatilla.
 Juan Jose Tejada, 26, and Yesenia Leon Leon, 29, both of Umatilla.

BIRTHS

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston
FEB. 11, 2019
MCINTYRE — Katherine McIntyre and Braylin McIntyre of Hermiston: a boy, Jaxon P McIntyre.
FEB. 17, 2019
HENDON — Madison Kitchin and C.J. Hendon of Hermiston: a girl, Ivory Elaine Hendon.
FEB. 19, 2019
FODEN — Tiffani Jones and Michael Foden of Hermiston: a girl, Zuriyah Rose Foden.

POLICE LOG

Tuesday, Feb. 19
 9:30 a.m. — There was a minor in possession of alcohol or tobacco at South First Street.
 12:50 p.m. — Someone lodged a theft complaint at Columbia Drive.

Wednesday, Feb. 20
 1:38 a.m. — A caller reported on West Fulton Avenue that their husband was intoxicated and tried to choke them.

Thursday, Feb. 21
 4:22 a.m. — On South Highway 395, a couple were arguing as they were walking, and the male was grabbing and pushing the female.
 10:41 p.m. — There was a complaint of menacing at South Highway 395.

Friday, Feb. 22
 4:32 p.m. — A young child on Aspen Drive called to report their parents fighting.
 6:16 p.m. — A possible drunk driver was reported at East Catherine Avenue.

Saturday, Feb. 23
 1:47 a.m. — There was a fight at East Gladys Avenue.
 3:33 p.m. — There was a suicidal subject at West Standard Avenue.
 8:11 p.m. — There was a fight at North First Street.

Sunday, Feb. 24
 1:33 a.m. — A caller reported that a man attacked a woman on West Highland Avenue.
 4:20 p.m. — There was a domestic disturbance at Northeast Seventh Street.

Monday, Feb. 25
 12:17 a.m. — There was a runaway at Southwest Desert Oak Drive.
 12:04 p.m. — A caller reported that a male pushed a female out of the car at Northeast Fourth Street and East Jennie Avenue.
 5:00 p.m. — A man and a woman were fighting at East Gladys Avenue.

Oregon to become first rent-controlled state in U.S.

By PARIS ACHEN
 OREGON CAPITAL BUREAU
 SALEM — House Speaker Tina Kotek on Tuesday finally accomplished her longstanding goal to protect tenants from abusive landlords with passage of sweeping rent control legislation.
 The House voted 35-to-25 to cap annual rent increases to 7 percent, plus the change in the consumer price index, and restrict no-fault evictions. The legislation, Senate Bill 608, now goes to Gov. Kate Brown, who has

said she would sign it. Her signature would institute the first statewide rent control in the country.
 “This new law is one of many actions the legislature needs to take to address the housing crisis in Oregon,” said Lisa Morawski, a spokeswoman for Brown. “While it will provide immediate relief, we need to focus on building supply in order to address Oregon’s housing challenges for the long term.”
 Kotek crafted the bill to protect tenants from steep rent increases and prevent

large-scale evictions that have displaced Oregonians, especially in the Portland area.
 But the rent limits don’t apply to rental properties built within the past 15 years, a measure meant to encourage housing development in the state.
 The legislation allows certain no-fault evictions when a landlord wants to sell, upgrade or move into a property but requires landlords with larger holdings — five units or more — to pay a tenant a relocation fee equaling one month’s rent.

Tenants may sue the landlord when there is a violation and receive damages equal to three months’ rent.
 The legislation passed mostly along party lines with Democratic Reps. David Gomberg of Neotsu, Caddy McKeown of Coos Bay and Brad Witt of Clatskanie voting against the bill.
 The Senate passed the bill two weeks ago 17-11.
 Debate on the bill on the House floor lasted for more than an hour Tuesday, with several Republicans opposing it and Democrats speaking in favor.

Hermiston man arrested, charged with strangulation

A Hermiston man was arrested on Wednesday and charged with strangulation constituting domestic violence.
 Gregory Markel, 32, was charged with the crimes against a family member or person in his household, both constituting domestic violence, as well as harassment.
 Markel was lodged in the Umatilla County Jail. He has a hearing on Feb. 27.

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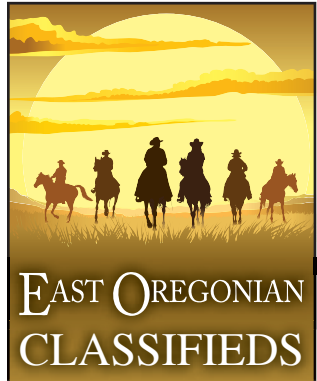
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