

## OBITUARIES

## Gene D. Mitchell

Hermiston

August 28, 1929 — May 5, 2019

Gene D. Mitchell of Hermiston, Oregon, was born on August 28, 1929, in Abraham, Utah, to parents Melvin and Frances Tolbert Mitchell. He died on May 5, 2019, in Hermiston, Oregon, at the age of 89 years.

Gene was raised in Abraham and later in Delta, Utah. He was united in marriage to Bonnie L. Belliston on October 3, 1951, in Ely, Nevada. He served in the United States Army in the Korean War until his honorable discharge.

He returned to Utah and went to work for the Union Pacific Railroad as a lineman and later as a signalman. They lived in Nampa, Idaho, and Kennewick, Washington, before settling in Hermiston, Oregon, in 1963 where they have lived since.

Gene was a longtime active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He enjoyed rodeo, horse racing, baseball (avid Mariners fan), fishing, gardening, dancing, throwing horseshoes, bowling and going to the Oregon coast. Gene cherished spending time with his grandchildren



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and great-grandchildren. He is survived by his daughter Brenda Townsend, Lake Stevens, Wash.; son Steve Mitchell, Kennewick, Wash.; brother David Mitchell, Grants, New Mexico; 10 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Gene was preceded in death by his wife of 61 years, Bonnie Mitchell, in 2012; son Rick Mitchell; daughter Deborah Mitchell; grandson Shaun Mitchell; his parents; and siblings Gerald, Delbert, Berdene, Lawana, Vernon and Ella Mae.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2019, at 10 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1035 S.E. Ninth St., Hermiston, OR 97838. Burial with military honors will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery, Hermiston, Oregon.

Please share memories of Gene with his family at [burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon, is in care of arrangements.

## Leroy John Bunten

Baker City

May 26, 1936 — April 30, 2019

Leroy John Bunten passed away April 30, 2019, at home in Baker City, Oregon, surrounded by his wife and children. A Celebration of Life will be held May 18, 2019, at Oxford Suites, located at 1050 N. First St., Hermiston, Oregon, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Please come join the family as they celebrate Leroy.

Leroy was born to John L. Bunten and Bessie G. (Hoffman) Bunten in La Grande, Oregon, on May 26, 1936, the fifth of eight children.

Leroy was a lifelong resident of Oregon, settling in Hermiston in 1943. Leroy joined the United States Air Force, his period of active duty was January 8, 1954, until October 7, 1957. He served in Korea and Japan. Leroy met his wife Theresa W. Hill of Irrigon, Oregon, and were married in Hermiston on September 18, 1960.

Leroy worked for the Union Pacific Railroad at Hinkle for several years. He then went to work at the Umatilla Army Depot, where he retired in 1994. In retirement Leroy and Theresa moved to Sumpter, Oregon, where they had previously enjoyed family vacations and owned a home. In 2008 they moved to Baker City, Oregon,

“where you don’t need a backhoe for the snow.”

Leroy’s greatest passion was trading and dealing vehicles, equipment and antiques. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, going on drives through the mountains and family time. Leroy was a member of the American Legion Post No. 0041 in Baker City and a 50-year member of the Hermiston Elks Lodge No. 1845.

Leroy was preceded in death by his parents; brothers William, Raymond, Vernon and Freddie Bunten; and sister Juanita (Bunten) Cross.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Theresa; his daughter, Lesa Bunten, and son, Ricky Bunten; his sisters, Betty (Bunten) Gulzow and Janie (Bunten) Bates, and numerous nieces and nephews.

For those who would like to make a memorial donation in honor of Leroy, the family requests the Opal Foundation (Heartn-Home Hospice) to help people who cannot pay for Hospice through Tami’s Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834.

Online condolences can be shared at [tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com).



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## Evelyn L. Gibson

Hermiston

October 24, 1927 — May 5, 2019

Evelyn L. Gibson of Hermiston, Oregon, was born on October 24, 1927, in Spokane, Washington, to parents Lawrence and Bertha Olsen Logsdon. She died on May 5, 2019, in Hermiston, Oregon, at the age of 91 years.

Evelyn was raised and attended a country school house through the eighth grade and graduated from Davenport High School in the class of 1945. She tap danced her way into the heart of Dale Gibson during a performance with the Akappa Club and they were united in marriage on August 4, 1946, in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

After Dale was honorably discharged from the Army they returned to Davenport, Washington. They later lived in several places including, Colville, Washington, Bend, Oregon, Davis, California, and Baker City, Oregon, before settling in Hermiston, Oregon, in 1977, where they have lived since.

Evelyn worked outside the home at various jobs over the years and helped Dale with the family business, Gibson Breeders Service. Her greatest joy was being a stay-at-home wife, raising her children and spending time with her grandchildren. She enjoyed music, square and tap dancing, gardening, baking, cooking and sewing.

She is survived by her husband of nearly 73 years, Dale Gibson, Hermiston, Ore.; sons Craig Gibson and wife Nancy, Gig Harbor, Wash., and Gene Gibson and wife Judy, Kuna, Idaho; daughters Caryle Gallien and husband Greg, Hermiston, Ore., Marla Anderson and husband Clark, San Diego, Calif., and Cerise Smallwood, La Grande, Ore.; sister Hazel



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Wolftrum, Spokane, Wash.; 10 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; close friend and caregiver Teresa Iverson, Hermiston, Ore.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her parents; a son-in-law, Duane Smallwood; brothers Allen, Raymond and Lee Logsdon; and a sister, Marie Hafer.

She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother who will be dearly missed by all.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, May 7, 2019, at 2 p.m. at Burns Mortuary chapel, Hermiston, Oregon. Burial will follow at the Pleasant View Cemetery, Stanfield, Oregon.

Please share memories of Evelyn with her family at [burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon, is in care of arrangements.

## DEATH NOTICES

## Alejandro ‘Alex’ Velasco

Boardman

Aug. 17, 1994 — May 6, 2019

Alejandro “Alex” Velasco, 24, of Boardman, died Monday, May 6, 2019, at his home. He was born Aug. 17, 1994, in Hermiston. Rosary will be held Wednesday, May 8 at 6 p.m. at Burns Mortuary chapel in Hermiston. Funeral mass will be held Thursday, May 9 at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Boardman. Burial will follow at the Riverview Cemetery, Boardman. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Share memories with the family at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com)

## Marcus ‘Marc’ Robins

Hermiston

Jan. 20, 1942 — May 2, 2019

Marcus ‘Marc’ Robins, 77, of Hermiston, died Thursday, May 2, 2019, at his home. He was born Jan. 20, 1942. No funeral will be held, at his request. A full obituary will follow. A celebration of life will be planned by the family at a later date.

## Francis A. ‘Frank’ Lowe

Hermiston

May 14, 1939 — April 27, 2019

Francis A. “Frank” Lowe, 79, of Hermiston, died Saturday, April 27, 2019, in Richland, Washington. He was born May 14, 1939, in Crawfordsville, Oregon. Services are pending with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories with the family at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

## Pearl ‘June’ Stewart

Hermiston

Sept. 21, 1945 — May 5, 2019

Former Condon resident Pearl “June” Stewart, 73, of Hermiston, died Sunday, May 5, 2019, in Hermiston. She was born Sept. 21, 1945, in Idaho. Arrangements are pending with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston.

## Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston

APRIL 27, 2019

**BESLER** — Colette J. Terry and Kevin M. Besler of Hermiston: a girl, Ruelle Violette Besler.

APRIL 29, 2019

**PEREZ SANTOS** — Rosenda M. Santos Hernandez and Bacilio Perez Garcia of Hermiston: a boy, Luis Fernando Perez Santos.

## COURTS

## Sentences

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

## FELONY

•Gabriel Lorenzo Guerra, 32, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Unlawful Use of Weapon: sentenced to 5 years probation, 180 sanction units, 90 maximum jail units and \$200 fine.

•Noah Daley Weatherford, 19, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Unauthorized Use of Vehicle: sentenced to 18 months probation, 90 sanction units, 30 maximum jail units, 80 hours community service, \$250 fine, \$2,250 fine-suspended and 1 year driver’s license suspension.

## Suits Filed

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

•Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Daisy G. Palomino of Umatilla: seeks \$1,825.54.

•Ray Klein Inc. dba Professional Credit Service vs. John Hood: seeks \$8,642.79.

•Jennifer Albade vs. Herbert L. March, as trustee and individually, and Susan M. March: seeks \$141,844.58.

•Dora McTigue vs. City Auto LLC: seeks \$350,000.

•Midland Funding LLC vs. Humberto Garay of Umatilla: seeks \$2,594.38.

•Security Credit Services LLC vs. Ernest Begay of Hermiston: seeks \$2,222.16.

•Midland Funding LLC vs. Raul Mendiola III of Hermiston: seeks \$1,119.76.

•Midland Funding LLC vs. Saul Solorzano of Hermiston: seeks \$4,931.90.

•Midland Funding LLC vs. Daniel Valdovino of Hermiston: seeks \$1,396.15.

•Credits Inc. vs. Lorena Barraza of Hermiston: seeks \$712.05.

•Credits Inc. vs. Christopher G. Bartlett of Hermiston: seeks \$1,504.45.

•Credits Inc. vs. Teddy L. Collier of Boardman: seeks \$489.92.

•Credits Inc. vs. Nancy R. Hughes of Hermiston: seeks \$1,277.09.

•Credits Inc. vs. Victor Jimenez (Jimenez-Honesto) of Boardman: seeks \$481.02.

•Credits Inc. vs. Valentin and Maria Lomas of Irrigon: seeks \$3,871.23.

•Credits Inc. vs. Erika Min-ton of Hermiston: seeks \$6,440.26.

•Credits Inc. vs. Pedro and Rachel Muniz of Hermiston: seeks \$815.49.

•Credits Inc. vs. Angela and Joseph Young of Hermiston: seeks \$2,116.74.

•Evergreen Financial Services Inc. vs. Irma and Gary Rodriguez of Umatilla: seeks \$601.47.

•Credits Inc. vs. Zachary G. Baker of Boardman: seeks

\$594.29.

•Credits Inc. vs. Kimberly L. Brown of Hermiston: seeks \$1,758.51.

•Credits Inc. vs. Lezlee Curtis of Hermiston: seeks \$673.01.

•Credits Inc. vs. Ismael Villarreal Sr. and Sara Sanguino of Hermiston: seeks \$2,581.10.

•Credits Inc. vs. Anna Marrieta of Irrigon: seeks \$2,057.93.

•Credits Inc. vs. Rosellie Ramirez of Hermiston: seeks \$4,821.67.

•OneMain Financial Group LLC vs. Rachel A. Strickland and John Espinoza: seeks \$1,510.54.

•Midland Funding LLC vs. Pamela Hawley: seeks \$2,602.90.

•United Finance Co. vs. Teodoro Pablo Ramos of Hermiston: seeks \$3,839.31.

## Judgments

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

•Capital One Bank vs. Barbara E. Barboe of Hermiston: judgment for \$3,925.71.

•Unifund CCR LLC vs. Maria G. Morales of Umatilla: judgment for \$1,228.

•Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Casandra Leonard of Umatilla: judgment for \$875.92.

•Citibank N.A. vs. Yolanda Nunez of Hermiston: judgment for \$2,701.47.

•Credits Inc. vs. Thomas Way and Tara Fredrickson Way of Boardman: judgment for \$1,087.37.

•Nationwide Recovery Service vs. Axel A. Barrera of Hermiston: judgment for \$7,287.41.

•Credits Inc. vs. Jaime A. Morales Martinez and Victor H.M. Martinez acting by and through Octavio Morales Martinez of Hermiston: judgment for \$1,256.

•Buttercreek Mobile Home Park vs. Tiana and Juan Carlos Rangel of Hermiston: judgment for \$1,986.89.

•Credits Inc. vs. Sherrie and Louis V. Koenig of Hermiston: judgment for \$1,246.76.

•Nationwide Recovery Service vs. Jolee M. Romanick of Hermiston: judgment for \$9,299.37.

•Nationwide Recovery Service vs. Ashley Zegers of Hermiston: judgment for \$5,411.86.

## Divorces

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

Miguel Angel Mendoza Cortez and Alicia Mae Mendoza of Hermiston.

## Marriages

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

Adolfo Madrigal Mendoza, 29, and Olivia Elizabeth Flores, 27, both of Hermiston.

Juan Reyes, 34, and Cristina Silva, 31, both of Hermiston.

## POLICE LOG

## TUESDAY, APRIL 30

9:18 a.m. Someone reported a bucket of strawberries was stolen out of their truck on North First Street.

9:38 a.m. An assault was reported on Southwest Seventh Street.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

10:08 a.m. A fight was reported on Southwest Seventh Street.

12:54 p.m. A woman reported her daughter was being harassed by another student at the high school.

1:41 p.m. Someone reported they were being stalked.

2:35 p.m. A domestic disturbance involving a male and a female in a physical altercation was reported on West Sunland Avenue.

8:59 p.m. A domestic disturbance was reported at West Sunland Avenue.

## THURSDAY, MAY 2

2:18 a.m. A domestic disturbance was reported on Southeast Sixth Street.

11:53 a.m. A domestic disturbance was reported on Northeast First Street.

1:21 p.m. A burglary was reported on East Pine Avenue.

5:50 p.m. A domestic disturbance was reported on Northeast First Street.

6:45 p.m. A disturbance was reported on West Park Avenue.

## FRIDAY, MAY 3

3:02 a.m. A caller complained about a party causing a disturbance on Southwest Sage Drive.

2:53 p.m. Someone reported that their window had been shot through on Northeast Third Street.

5:43 p.m. A runaway was reported on South First Street.

8:11 p.m. A domestic disturbance was reported on Southwest Eighth Place and Orchard Avenue.

11:54 p.m. A disturbance was reported on East Highland Avenue.

## SATURDAY, MAY 4

5:55 a.m. A domestic disturbance was reported on West Orchard Avenue.

12:02 p.m. A domestic disturbance was reported on Southwest Eighth Place.

3:55 p.m. A disturbance was reported on Southeast Sixth Street.

10:09 p.m. An assault was reported on Northeast First Street.

## MONDAY, MAY 6

10:22 a.m. A violation of a restraining order was reported on West Oak Avenue.

3:29 p.m. A domestic disturbance was reported on East Elm Avenue.

4:37 p.m. A domestic disturbance involving a male and female yelling and slapping each other was reported on West Ridgeway Avenue.

8:19 p.m. A domestic disturbance was reported on Southeast Sixth Street.

Editor’s note: May 5 was missing from the Hermiston Police Department bulletin posted online.

## Class focuses on challenging behaviors

A free class is available to help develop strategies when dealing with behavioral challenges with aging Oregonians.

“Positive Approach to Alzheimer’s and Dementia Care” is offered by Oregon Care Partners. The session is Monday, May 13 from 9 a.m. to noon at Wildhorse Resort & Casino, located off Interstate 84

at Exit 216. The class is designed for caregivers and family members, as well as social workers or first responders.

For more information, to register for the free class or view other resources, visit [www.oregoncarepartners.com](http://www.oregoncarepartners.com). For questions, contact 1-800-930-6851 or [info@oregoncarepartners.com](mailto:info@oregoncarepartners.com).