

**OBITUARIES**

**Dorene Lyn Napolitano**

Hermiston

November 27, 1949 — September 5, 2019

Dorene Lyn Napolitano of Hermiston, Oregon, was born on November 27, 1949, in Ely, Nevada, to parents Arthur and Helen Weston. After a three-decade-long battle with breast cancer, she sadly passed away on September 5, 2019, at the age of 69 years.

Dorene was raised in the small town of Ely, Nevada, and graduated in the class of 1967. She went on to earn her bachelor's degree and then nearly achieved her master's degree in physical therapy before starting a family with Patrick Donald Napolitano in 1973. She was a wonderful mother to their three children: Christopher, Angela and Jennifer.

Dorene was an amazing person to say the least. Everyone that had the honor of meeting her found themselves blessed. Her selfless and kind nature was experienced by the hundreds of the children she taught. After raising her own children she went eagerly into the teaching profession and earned

a master's degree in teaching. Her focus was on making others' lives better, with knowledge, love and compassion. She was truly an angel on earth and will be sadly missed.

She is survived by Patrick Donald Napolitano, Hermiston, Ore.; son Christopher Napolitano, Longview, Wash.; daughter Jennifer Ann Napolitano, Gresham; three beautiful grandchildren; sister Diane Wofla, Seattle, Wash.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Dorene was preceded in death by her daughter, Angela, and her parents.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2019, at 12 noon at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church, Hermiston, Oregon. Please join us in honoring Dorene's memory.

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

Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon.



Napolitano

**Joe Burr Sturza**

Hermiston

August 17, 1958 — October 5, 2019

Joe Burr Sturza passed away quietly at home in Hermiston, Oregon, on October 5, 2019, at the age of 61. He was born August 17, 1958, in Redmond, Oregon, to Pete Sturza and Faye (Rice) Sturza.

Joe grew up with his brother, John, beginning in Redmond, Ore., moving to Arcadia, Calif., with his mother during grade school and ending up back in Redmond. Joe's father taught him about the world of cattle and ranching, while his mother immersed him in horse racing and showing. During his adventurous youth, Joe developed the passion to hunt, fish, and try anything once. Aboard his favorite horse, G.I., Joe rodeoed for Redmond High School, where he graduated in 1977.

In college, Joe rode bareback horses and roped for BMCC in Pendleton and WWCC in Walla Walla, where he earned a Farrier Science degree.

In the years to follow, Joe rode outside colts, shod horses, worked for his stepdad Alex Hadden's construction company, and continued to rodeo. He trained, rode and ran race horses, and drove and handled horses for his mother's horse transport business.

Joe married Julie Habeck in 1982, they moved to Hepner, Oregon. They had a son, Ty, and a daughter, Casie.

Joe was raised around many influential people, one being Mel Prince, who employed Joe as a horse handler for a Kentucky-based, aircraft horse transporter Tex Sutton Forwarding Co. In 1986, Joe was the handler for Ferdinand, a Kentucky and Derby winner, on one of the horse's cross-country flights.

Joe moved his family to Hermiston, Oregon, in 1988 where he started his general contractor business, Sturza Construction. Later, Joe and Julie divorced.

Joe went on to open Horse Plaza, a one-of-a-kind equine services establishment, in 1995 on East Highland Avenue with the support of then-girlfriend Dency Paluso. As the store took off, the construction business

was left behind to keep up with his new adventure.

In 1999, Joe moved the store and his residence to the Diagonal Road location. The store continued to grow and was a full-time venture. He lent help and shared knowledge where and when he could. He was a philanthropist in his own way. He sponsored various clubs and organizations with tack and saddles. Joe was as big of a draw for Horse Plaza as the goods that were sold.

Joe worked hard and played hard. He enjoyed his band of brood mares, stallions and jacks, and looked forward mostly to the babies in the spring. Joe spent countless days on horseback, hunting and fishing. For many years, Joe had enjoyed the company of his girlfriend Kathy Moore, doing some traveling, relaxing and wine tasting.

He appreciated a good card game, enjoyed music and dancing, and betting horses. Little kids were drawn to Joe and he adored them. He loved his friends, liked good whisky and would tolerate a good fist fight. Joe threw a big loop — he had more friends than one could count.

Joe is survived by his son Ty and his wife Keeah; daughter Casie and her boyfriend Mickey; brother John Sturza; sisters Jill Kenfield, Robin Sharp and Barbara Haide; his greatly treasured grandchildren, Steely and Pete; numerous nieces and nephews; and girlfriend Kathy Moore.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents and stepfather.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2019, at 4 p.m. at the Skip & Sherry Walchli Farm, 32697 E. Loop Road, Hermiston, Oregon.

In lieu of flowers or donations, please contribute, in Joe's memory, to the Children's Rodeo held during the Pendleton Round-Up, c/o Burns Mortuary, P.O. Box 289, Hermiston, OR 97838.

Please share memories of Joe with his family at [burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://burnsmortuaryhermiston.com) Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon.



Sturza

**BIRTHS**

**Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston SEPT. 29, 2019**

**JAMES** — Sierra A. Rhorer and Austin L. James of Hermiston: a boy, Josiah Leroy James.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

**Wednesday, October 9**

2:43 p.m. — Someone called to report a vehicle with a chihuahua inside had been parked for two days.

4:49 p.m. — A burglary was reported on West Madrona Avenue.

**Thursday, October 10**

8:16 a.m. — Someone on Northwest Stockton Street reported that a gun was stolen from their parents' camper last month.

9:01 a.m. — On Southwest Sage Drive, a domestic disturbance occurred.

10:22 a.m. — A domestic disturbance was reported on Southwest 11th Avenue.

11:04 a.m. — At Southwest Ninth Street and West Tamarack Avenue, a domestic disturbance was reported.

6:57 p.m. — Police took a report for a burglary that happened on West Madrona Avenue.

**Friday, October 11**

4:21 p.m. — Someone reported hearing five or six gunshots near West Hermiston Avenue, but police couldn't locate the source.

4:56 p.m. — A woman "saying odd things" was trying to enter a home on Northeast Marty Drive.

9:37 p.m. — Someone heard a woman screaming during a domestic disturbance on Southeast Sixth Street.

10:47 p.m. — A domestic disturbance was reported on West Sunland Avenue.

**Saturday, October 12**

11:56 p.m. — Police responded to a drunk driver on North First Street.

**Sunday, October 13**

2:06 a.m. — Ten to 20 people were reportedly fighting in a parking lot on East Main Street but dispersed before the police arrived.

4:26 p.m. — Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle occurred on Southeast Sixth Street.

**COURTS**

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

•Humberto Saul Ramos Ramos, 26, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Kidnapping I: sentenced to 90 months Oregon Dept. of Corrections (DOC), 3 years post-prison supervision and restitution to be determined; pleaded guilty to Menacing and Assault IV: sentenced to discharge; pleaded guilty to Robbery II: sentenced to 70 months Oregon DOC, 3 years post-prison supervision and \$375 restitution; pleaded guilty to Conspiracy to Commit Class A Felony and Conspiracy to Commit Class B Felony: sentenced to 25 months Oregon DOC and 2 years post-prison supervision for each count; pleaded guilty to Supplying Contraband: sentenced to 15 months Oregon DOC and 2 years post-prison supervision; pleaded guilty to Giving False Information to Police in Connection with Citation/Warrant: sentence discharged.

•Giovanni Aguilar Ramirez, 22, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Possession of Methamphetamine: sentenced to 18 months probation, 90 sanction units, 30 maximum jail units, \$200 fine and \$2,300 fine-suspended.

•Steven Richard Locks, 38, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Assault IV: sentenced to 30 days jail, 3 years probation, 180 sanction units, 90 maximum jail units, \$200 fine and \$800 fine-suspended.

•Eduardo Rodriguez Barriga, 28, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Unlawful Use of Weapon: sentenced to 50 months Oregon DOC, 10 months post-prison supervision and \$1,407.20 restitution.

MISDEMEANOR

•Raul Solis, 33, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to DUII: sentenced to 30 days jail, 150 days jail-suspended, 2 years probation, 40 hours community service, \$1,000 fine, \$1,500 fine-suspended

and 1 year driver's license suspension, plus court costs and fees; pleaded guilty to a second count of DUII: sentenced to 45 days jail, 135 days jail-suspended, 3 years probation, 160 hours community service, \$1,300 fine, \$1,200 fine-suspended and 3 years driver's license suspension, plus court costs and fees.

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

- Discover Bank vs. Margarita Zaragoza: seeks \$9,114.48.
- Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Jacqueline Knowles: seeks \$1,112.74.
- LVNV Funding LLC vs. Bartolo Gutierrez: seeks \$5,410.58.
- LVNV Funding LLC vs. Julie Clark: seeks \$1,333.27.
- LVNV Funding LLC vs. Jeremy Smith: seeks \$1,209.40.
- U.S. Bank N.A. vs. Sabino Armenta: seeks \$20,268.55.
- Midland Funding LLC vs. Charles McKim of Hermiston: seeks \$845.53.
- Midland Funding LLC vs. Renee Garcia of Echo: seeks \$905.19.
- Midland Funding LLC vs. Holly Kestler of Hermiston: seeks \$1,377.79.
- Midland Funding LLC vs. Ramon Dovalina of Hermiston: seeks \$2,155.63.
- Midland Funding LLC vs. Youbany Razon of Umatilla: seeks \$1,598.32.
- Robert W. Calhoun vs. Leon Paul and Angeline Totus: seeks \$160,000.
- TD Bank USA N.A. vs. Mindy Haro of Umatilla: seeks \$944.37.
- LVNV Funding LLC vs. Sonia Alamilla: seeks \$2,180.72.
- Velocity Investments LLC vs. Ronald D. Leslie: seeks \$2,427.01.
- Wells Fargo Bank N.A. vs. Jose G. Cortez, Regino Rivera Rodriguez, Rosalia Rodriguez and occupants of the property: seeks \$16,319.89.
- Michael Pearson vs. William Joe Griffin dba Griffin

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**Scollan Ovid Grabeel**

Hermiston

January 31, 1926 — October 11, 2019

Scollan Ovid Grabeel was born on January 31, 1926, in Ava, Missouri, to Ervin and Zella (Brixey) Grabeel. He died on October 11, 2019, at his home in Hermiston, Oregon, at the age of 93 years.

Scollan was raised and attended school in Missouri. He served in the Army from 1944 to 1946 as a rifleman with the 188th Parachute Infantry, 11th Airborne Division on occupation day in Japan. He took glider infantry training in Japan, and guarded government buildings and military installations of occupation area. He received the WWII Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal and Army of Occupation Medal.

After he came home, bought some land to farm along with cattle, got married and had three sons. He then moved his family to Pendleton and went to work at the sawmill in Pilot Rock. Shortly after that he got a job with the Union Pacific Railroad and moved to Hermiston. His first marriage ended in 1977. He remarried in 1979 to Beverly. He worked for the railroad for 30 years and retired in 1989. Then he and Beverly moved back

to Ava to work his farm and raise cattle.

Scollan and Beverly moved back to Hermiston 2013 where they made their home, enjoying visits from their grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly; his sons Charles Grabeel of Hermiston, Ore., and Keith Grabeel and wife Cindy of Wenatchee, Wash.; his stepdaughters Teri Allstott and Bryan of Hermiston, Ore., and Sherry Fischer of Kennewick, Wash.; 10 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; one niece and one nephew.

He is preceded in death by his parents, sister Wilma and brother-in-law Russell, and son Eddie Max.

Those who wish may make contributions in Scollan's memory to [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org).

A graveside service with military honors will be held on Friday, October 18, 2019, at 1 p.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery, Hermiston, Oregon.

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Grabeel



**DEATHS**

**Greta W. Henneke**

Warrenton, Va.

July 22, 1935 — Sept. 24, 2019

Longtime Hermiston resident Greta W. Henneke, 84, of Warrenton, Va., died Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2019, in Warrenton. She was born July 22, 1935, in Paderborn, Germany. Services will be announced at a later date. Share memories with the family at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

**Bessie E. Barnett**

Hermiston

July 30, 1930 — Oct. 7, 2019

Bessie E. Barnett, 89, of Hermiston, died Monday, Oct. 7, 2019, in Hermiston. She was born July 30, 1930, in Echo. A private burial will be held at Heritage Memorial Park in Dewey, Arizona. Share memories with the family at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

**D. LaVern Partlow**

Condon

Oct. 18, 1920 — Oct. 13, 2019

Longtime Boardman resident D. LaVern Partlow, 98, died Sunday, Oct. 13, 2019, in Condon. She was born Oct. 18, 1920, in La Grande. A graveside funeral service will be held Thursday, Oct. 17 at 11 a.m. at the Riverview Cemetery, Boardman. Share memories with the family at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

**DEATHS**

**Norma Jean Hayward**

Hermiston

Dec. 3, 1936 — Oct. 11, 2019

Norma Jean Hayward, 82, of Hermiston, died Friday, Oct. 11, 2019, in Richland, Wash. She was born Dec. 3, 1936, in Woodland, Illinois. A private family burial will be held at the Hermiston Cemetery. Share memories with the family at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).



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