

OBITUARIES

Lorna Louene (Haynes) Landry

Hermiston

March 7, 1934 — December 4, 2019

Lorna Louene (Haynes) Landry of Hermiston, Oregon, was born on March 7, 1934, in Baker City, Oregon, to Louis and Georgia (Ferguson) Haynes. She died on December 4, 2019, in Hermiston, Oregon, at the age of 85 years.

Louene graduated from La Grande High School in 1952 and pursued her love of nursing, graduating as a registered nurse in 1957. Upon graduating she met Richard Landry, a pilot in the United States Air Force, and they were married. They spent time overseas in Guam and Panama before moving back to La Grande in the early 1970s.

Richard (Dick) Landry was offered a job with Pendleton Grain Growers in Hermiston and Louene went to work for Good Shepherd Hospital where she worked until she retired in 2003.

She had a love for horses and the outdoors.

Louene is survived by her niece and nephews Lauri and Dwayne Huxoll of Hermiston, Ore., Louis Haynes and Mila Pallares of Vernal, Utah, and Mike and Laura Mallory of La Grande, Ore., and numerous great-nieces and -nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband Richard (Dick) Landry, parents Louis and Georgia Haynes, brother and sister-in-law Joe and Verna Haynes and her niece Terry (Mallory) Decker.

A private family burial will be in the Hermiston Cemetery, Hermiston, Oregon.

Those who wish may make contributions in Louene's memory to Vange John Memorial Hospice at 645 W. Orchard Ave., Suite 300, Hermiston, OR 97838.

Please share memories of Louene with her family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon.



Landry



Horton

Lois Roberta (Crow) Horton

Pendleton

April 7, 1932 — December 1, 2019

Lois Roberta (Crow) Horton passed away with her family by her side on December 1, 2019, at Kadlec Hospital in Richland, Wash., after a short illness.

Lois was born on April 7, 1932, in Pendleton, Ore., the daughter of John Crow and Mildred (Bowman) Crow.

Lois worked in federal service for 33 years. She started at Umatilla Army Depot, followed by Herlong Army Depot, Federal Job Information Center, the U.S. Forest Service and finally back at Umatilla Army Depot, where she retired.

In retirement, Lois volunteered with the National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE), Kick'n Cancer-New Beginnings and the Umatilla County Historical Society.

Lois enjoyed knitting, crocheting, reading and spending time with her family.

Lois is survived by her son Bruce Wattenburger, wife Shan and their children, Allyson Clark and Kyle Wattenburger of Redmond, Ore., and daughter Rhonda Walker, husband Eli Walker Sr., children Eli Walker Jr. and daughter Mindy Hobbs of Sparks, Nev. Lois also enjoyed her eight great grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are in care of Pendleton Pioneer Chapel and donations may be made in Lois' name to Kick'n Cancer-New Beginnings (KCNB) at P.O. Box 1362, Pendleton, OR 97801.

A graveside service was held at Olney Cemetery on Friday, December 6 at 1 p.m.

and damage that was "getting out of control" in that area.

Friday, December 6

12:04 a.m.— An assault was reported on West Sunland Avenue.

9:19 a.m.— An assault was reported on East Beech Avenue.

1:20 p.m.— Someone called the police to say they saw a man with an active circuit court warrant headed northbound on Highway 395 near Sunset Elementary school. Police were unable to locate him.

9:59 p.m.— A car with no lights hit three other cars and drove off towards McDonald's on North First Street.

11:34 p.m.— A report of a theft in progress on North First Street resulted in a citation.

Saturday, December 7

8:45 a.m.— An alpaca was at large on Northeast Willow Court.

9:11 p.m.— A 25-year-old male caused a disturbance on Northwest Third Street.

Sunday, December 8

5:11 p.m.— A domestic disturbance was reported on Northwest 12th Street.

8:03 p.m.— A domestic disturbance was reported on Northwest 11th Street.

Monday, December 9

1:22 p.m.— A caller reported that someone in the area of Elm Avenue and Northeast Fourth Street was going 15 mph in a 25 mph zone, trying to make him angry.

2:57 p.m.— Someone reported their son has been missing since Saturday.

5:08 p.m.— A domestic disturbance was reported on East Autumn Avenue.



Oregon State Police photo

Oregon State Police responded to a fatal two-vehicle crash on Highway 730 on Dec. 4.

One man dead in Highway 730 crash

HERMISTON HERALD

A two-vehicle crash resulted in one death on Highway 730 on Dec. 4.

A 1990 Ford F-150 pickup truck headed west near milepost 202 crossed into the eastbound lane and collided with a 2011 Volvo semi-truck driven by Steven Unruh, 64, of Nampa, Idaho, according to a preliminary investigation conducted by the Oregon State Police.

OSP troopers responded to the scene at around 8:40 p.m., according to a press release.

Police said the driver of the pickup, Jorge Antonio Ramirez-Aguilar, 29, of Cinebar, Wash., suffered fatal injuries.

The crash resulted in a four-hour highway closure.

Unruh was taken to Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston.



Staff photo by Ben Lonergan

A three-vehicle crash involving a semi-truck, a white Toyota Tacoma and a gray Chevrolet Suburban interrupted traffic along Highway 395 on Thursday evening.

Crash halts traffic on Highway 395

HERMISTON HERALD

A three-vehicle crash interrupted rush-hour traffic along Highway 395 on Thursday evening.

According to Oregon State Police, a Toyota Tacoma driven by Connie Winks, 49, of Pilot Rock, was stopped on Highway 395 northbound between Sturgis Street and Baggett Lane to turn left into a local car dealership. The vehicle was behind a semi-truck, driven by Wesley McArthur, 40, of Alberta, Canada.

A Chevy Suburban driven by Michael Duke Gignac, 33, struck the Toyota Tacoma from behind. Gignac was attempting to pass the semi-truck and didn't see the vehicle, according to OSP.

OSP troopers responded to the scene after 4:40 p.m. and cleared the area near 6 p.m.

There were no injuries involved in the crash, through Winks and the passengers that accompanied her were shaken.

"(Oregon Department of Transportation) needs to put a turn lane here," Winks said.

She and her daughter and grandson were headed to the car dealership to possibly purchase a vehicle. Winks said that when Gignac struck their vehicle, it spun twice on the road.

"It all happened so fast," she said.

OSP did not say whether any citations were issued. The vehicles driven by Gignac and Winks were both towed off the scene.

The resulting traffic also caused a hit and run crash. No injuries were reported.

BIRTHS

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston

NOV. 25, 2019

BITHER — Becky Bither and Harry Bither of Hermiston: a boy, Tate Allan Bither.

WARRICK — Mikayla L. Sparks and Austin J. Warrick of Irrigon: a boy, Creedence Jay Warrick.

NOV. 28, 2019

RAMIREZ PEREZ — Martha Perez Ahilon and Martin Ramirez Matias of Hermiston: a girl, Genesis Esther Ramirez Perez.

NOV. 29, 2019

HERRERA — Natasha L. Van Fossen and Manuel G. Herrera Jr. of Hermiston: a girl, Jasmine Arias Herrera.

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton

DEC. 2, 2019

CHRISTY — Brooke L. Christy and Michael F. Christy of Hermiston: a girl, Janice Jean-Ann Christy.

COURTS

Sentences

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

FELONY

•Miriah Ann Withers Elwell, 28, Stanfield, pleaded guilty to Delivery of Heroin: sentenced to 2 years probation, 120 sanction units, 60 maximum jail units, 100 hours community service, \$500 fine and \$1,500 fine-suspended.

•Cassandra Darlene Ross, 29, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Possession of Methamphetamine: sentenced to 18 months probation, 90 sanction units, 30 maximum jail units, 60 hours community service and \$2,000 fine-suspended.

•Terrance Spencer, 26, Umatilla (TRCI), pleaded no contest to Aggravated Harassment: sentenced to 25 months Oregon DOC, 2 years post-prison supervision and \$200 fine.

Suits Filed

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

•Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC s. Chad V. Armstrong of Hermiston: seeks \$3,130.92.

•Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Ramon Dovelina of Hermiston: seeks \$2,478.84.

•LVNV Funding LLC vs. Sherrie Winks of Stanfield: seeks \$1,146.56.

•Quick Collect Inc. vs. Casey Baker of Boardman: seeks \$1,419.64.

•Absolute Resolutions Investments LLC vs. Llanira Samora of Hermiston: seeks \$1,400.33.

•Velocity Investments LLC vs. Jennifer L. Gilcher of Hermiston: seeks \$6,959.10.

•Midland Credit Management Inc. vs. Kelley Hoskins of Hermiston: seeks \$1,983.53.

•Umpqua Bank vs. Benjamin R. Hoffman: seeks \$1,025.80.

•Midland Funding LLC vs. Agustin Cano of Hermiston: seeks \$755.41.

•Second Round Sub LLC vs. Natalie K. Lytton of Hermiston: seeks \$1,438.43.

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

•Midland Funding LLC vs. Diane Goatsen: judgment for \$1,409.61.

•Midland Funding LLC vs. Youbany Razon of Umatilla: judgment for \$1,598.32.

•Evergreen Financial Services Inc. vs. Rose A. and David Benton of Hermiston: judgment for \$714.89.

•Credits Inc. vs. Kruz S. Barfuss of Hermiston: judgment for \$1,815.26.

•Credits Inc. vs. Amanda and Levi Kauffman of Hermiston: judgment for \$2,548.85.

•Credits Inc. vs. Teofilo Ruiz Castaneda of Hermiston: judgment for \$4,751.42.

•Credits Inc. vs. Laura and John Calhoun of Umatilla: judgment for \$9,633.67.

•Credits Inc. vs. Victoria Hernandez of Hermiston: judgment for \$808.96.

•Credits Inc. vs. Esther (Lesther) A. Fuentes Lopez of Irrigon: judgment for \$2,209.32.

•Credits Inc. vs. Diana M. Fogg of Hermiston: judgment for \$634.94.

•North American Recovery Inc. vs. James Schell of Umatilla: judgment for \$1,051.61.

•Credits Inc. vs. Angel Darien Leyva of Hermiston: judgment for \$3,441.39.

•Credits Inc. vs. Michael Fig of Umatilla: judgment for \$1,846.07.

•Credits Inc. vs. Ashley E. Browning of Hermiston: judgment for \$3,894.29.

•Credits Inc. vs. Natalia E. Rosales of Hermiston: judgment for \$3,771.99.

•Credits Inc. vs. Katherine L. Robinson of Hermiston: judgment for \$2,041.16.

•Quick Collect Inc. vs. Juanita and Daniel Sennett of Boardman: judgment for \$1,194.15.

•United Finance Co. vs. Omar Luna Guizarro of Boardman: judgment for \$1,902.46.

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

Ellen Louis Faulkner of Umatilla and Cory E. Faulkner of Hermiston.

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

Rosa Emma Umana, 48, and Jose Luis Gualip, 58, both of Hermiston.

Ana Maria Cadenas, 34, and Cesar Rodriguez Castillo, 33, both of Hermiston.

Randell Leroy Dickenson II, 35, and Melissa Rayann Littrell, 33, both of Hermiston.

POLICE LOG

Tuesday, December 3

4:23 p.m.— Someone on the phone with emergency dispatch was upset when asked for personal information and hung up the phone.

Wednesday, December 4

2:01 a.m.— A lone skateboarder disrupted traffic on Highway 395 near the Hermiston Plaza.

11:37 a.m.— A juvenile was cited for shoplifting at Dollar Tree.

2:17 p.m.— A man called police to report he may have a runaway with him.

4:01 p.m.— A man brought a lost chihuahua in a pink sweater to the police department.

6:54 p.m.— Police were unable to locate a loose horse on East Jennie Avenue an Northeast Sixth Street.

7:02 p.m.— A missing person was reported on Manzanita Place.

Thursday, December 5

12:22 a.m.— Police were unable to locate a fight reported on Southwest 11th Street.

8:40 a.m.— A domestic disturbance was reported on West Ridgeway Avenue.

10:19 a.m.— Police took a report for graffiti on the left side of a residential complex on Northwest 11th Street.

12:41 p.m.— A woman wanted to consult an officer after her son was suspended from school for having a knife.

3:35 p.m.— A burglary occurred on East Gladys Avenue.

3:46 p.m.— Police made an arrest following a domestic disturbance which occurred on North First Street.

4:55 p.m.— A woman requested extra patrol around Southwest 13th Place due to theft

Hermiston City Council approves discount on water rates for low-income residents

By JADE MCDOWELL
NEWS EDITOR

The Hermiston City Council made it easier for low-income residents to get a break on their water and sewer bills Monday.

The council approved a proposal by city staff after a significant increase in utility rates in March increased the number of hardship applications the city was receiving.

City manager Byron Smith said the city's previous process involved submitting an application detailing the customer's income sources and expenses, which a committee would then use to decide whether the person should be given a discount.

"There were a lot of 'ifs' in the process before," Smith said.

The new system adopted Monday requires people to apply annually, using their federal tax return for the year. If the applicant doesn't file their taxes until partway through the year, they can get credit for payments they already made. If the applicant falls below the federal poverty line, they will be given a 50% discount on their base fee for water and sewer, which under current rates would be a total discount of \$32.50 per month.

Using tax returns and the federal poverty line was recommended by the public infrastructure committee.

"The reason it came up was that there was so much subjectivity, it was nearly impossible to get on it," said councilor John Kirwan, who represents the council on that committee.

Mayor David Drotzmann expressed his approval for the plan, noting that reapplication yearly should provide a more accurate picture of who needs a discount, such as in cases where someone loses their job but then later finds another one that pays well.

During time for public comment, Jackie Linton of Hermiston said when she was knocking on doors during a past campaign for city council, she heard from citizens who said they didn't have money left over for food after they paid for bills such as water and sewer.

"Thank you to the city, and city councilors, for having compassion on those who are low income," she said.

The program is opt-in —

people who might qualify must submit an application. Smith said since 2012 the city only had 10 applicants, but he expects more people to apply in light of the complaints the city received this year about rate increases. If everyone who qualified for the discount applied, city staff estimate the city could lose 3.5% of its expected water and sewer revenue, at which point Smith said they would need to consider adjustments to the program or rates.

The city's current utility rates are \$35 base rate for water plus 50 cents per 1,000 gallons up to 15,000 gallons and \$3.50 per 1,000 gallons beyond that. Sewer is \$35 per month plus \$3 per 1,000 gallons used, calculated based on average monthly use in December, January and February.