

**BIRTHS**

**Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston**  
**JAN. 9, 2020**

**LEYVA** — Josslyn A. Mena and Angel D. Leyva of Hermiston: a boy, Angel Darien Leyva Jr.

**WANOUS** — Hanna Wanous and Weston Wanous of Umatilla: a girl, Everly Rayne Wanous.

**JAN. 12, 2020**

**HAMILTON** — Natalie Hamilton and Bradley Hamilton of Stanfield: a boy, Grahm Thomas Hamilton.

**St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton**  
**JAN. 7, 2020**

**SEXTON** — Alanna P. Sexton and Tyler J. Sexton of Hermiston: a girl, Maylee Reign Sexton.

**POLICE LOG**

**Tuesday, January 14**

5:07 p.m.— Police took a report for a domestic disturbance on Southeast Ninth Street.

6:36 p.m.— A domestic disturbance was reported on West Juniper Avenue.

**Wednesday, January 15**

2:58 p.m.— On Northeast Seventh Street, a woman reported that her son's father broke down the door of her home.

**Thursday, January 16**

9:47 a.m.— After shoveling her sidewalk, a woman reported to the police that her door somehow became locked.

2:06 p.m.— A mother turned to police after a student reportedly sent her daughter and other children inappropriate images and sexual threats. She said the school was aware, but she thought police should know too.

3:50 p.m.— Someone reported a missing person on Northwest 12th Street.

3:59 p.m.— An assault was reported on Southwest Ninth Street.

10:36 p.m.— Police were unable to locate a drunk driver reported on East Main Street.

**Friday, January 17**

5:45 a.m.— Police took a report for a burglary on East Main Street.

9:34 a.m.— A woman wishes to speak with police after someone reportedly broke into her garage and rearranged her belongings.

1:26 p.m.— A man dropped off a metal box containing a blue phone, a knife and an empty money bag at the Hermiston Police Station. He said he found it on the Washington side of the Columbia River but Washington State Police didn't want it.

11:25 p.m.— On Southwest Ninth Street, a woman reported that her boyfriend locked her out of their home after a verbal fight.

**Saturday, January 18**

3:15 a.m.— A domestic disturbance was reported on Southwest Larkin Court.

10:03 a.m.— A bookstore owner on East Main Street called the police to report someone had run their car into a tree outside the shop.

**Sunday, January 19**

1:59 p.m.— A domestic disturbance was reported on West Sunland Avenue.

**Monday, January 20**

8:28 a.m.— A domestic disturbance was reported on West Laird Avenue.

5:10 p.m.— Police responded to an assault on East Main Street.

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

**Warming Station needs volunteers**

To the editor:  
 Hermiston has some of the most giving and compassionate people. Hard working, family, and wrestlers. Okay, football too. It is with a heavy heart that I write this letter.

Tonight, there wasn't enough volunteers to keep the Hermiston Warming Station open. I saw several men and a young lady having to sleep in the cold weather tonight. Some asked me, how are we going to keep warm? And all I could say is I don't know.

I am so sad, we work and have families too.

And it doesn't matter how they got in that situation, it matters that we all do the best we can to help. Can you volunteer one night a week? We would appreciate it and so will those that are in dire need. Thank you. And God bless you.

**Jackie Linton**  
 Hermiston



**PRIORITIES**

A hundred years from now it will not matter what My bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove... but the world may be different because I was important in the Life of a Child.



**Umatilla County upgrades security systems**

By **ALEX CASTLE**  
 STAFF WRITER

Umatilla County's security system is getting an upgrade.

The board of commissioners approved a \$100,000 system upgrade and access control expansion for the county courthouse, maintenance building, justice center and Stafford Hansell Government Center on Jan. 15.

The upgrade will replace the current system that runs on Windows XP, which Microsoft stopped supporting in 2014, along with reducing the number of keys handed out to employees and replacing them with access fobs.

"Now if an employee loses a key, we don't have to worry about tracking it down or changing out all the locks," Commissioner John Shafer said.

County employees currently have external access to the courthouse, justice center and government center with a fob, while internal doors still require keys. Beyond being a security risk, a lost employee key

requires the access points to be rekeyed, whereas fobs can simply be deactivated if lost.

For the project, the county contracted Uni-Tech Communications, which did the initial security system installation back in 2000.

The county previously approved major upgrades to its systems in 2007 and 2010 and has periodically replaced and updated its cameras.

The upgrades altogether are projected to cost \$99,850.56 but were budgeted a total of \$100,000.

The county is shooting to complete the project this fiscal year, Shafer said, and had previously budgeted for the project.

The upgrade is a part of larger security improvements to the courthouse that Shafer is hoping to make in his first year as county chairman.

According to Shafer, the county isn't even on the state's list of over 2,000 projects to receive funding for a new courthouse. But after the state didn't distribute any funds for upgrades last year, Shafer is hop-



Staff photo by Ben Loneragan

**The Umatilla County Board of Commissioners approved a contract with Uni-Tech Communications on Jan. 15 to upgrade security measures at the Umatilla County Courthouse.**

ing to secure some this year to complete a project that would move the courthouse's security checkpoint from the second to the first floor.

The board of commissioners also authorized the issuance of bids on Wednesday for its construction project of Airport and Ott roads near the Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center in Hermiston.

The project's goal is to

widen Airport Road and construct turn lanes into EOTEC, Shafer said, which will ease traffic congestion during the center's large events, such as the Umatilla County Fair.

Shafer said the county is now accepting proposals for the project, which will then be reviewed and evaluated.

"We'll take a look over them and see where we can get the most bang for our buck," Shafer said.

**COURTS**

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

**FELONY**  
 •Shane Verhey Springer, 32, Umatilla (TRCI), pleaded guilty to Possession of Methamphetamine: sentenced to 3 months Oregon Dept. of Corrections (DOC), 1 year post-prison supervision and \$200 fine; pleaded guilty to Criminal Mischief II: sentenced to 90 days jail and \$1,429.23 restitution.

•Romique Crystal Espino, 38, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Aggravated Harassment: sentenced to 19 months Oregon DOC and 2 years post-prison supervision; pleaded guilty to Harassment: sentence to discharge.

**MISDEMEANOR**  
 •Esteban Lomas, 39, Irrigon, pleaded guilty to Contributing to the Sexual Delinquency of a Minor: sentenced to 180 days jail-suspended, 2 years probation, 20 hours community service, \$400 fine and \$600 fine-suspended, 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):

- Unifund CCR LLC vs. Rachel L. Shilhanek of Hermiston: seeks \$2,294.87.
- State Accident Insurance Fund (SAIF Corporation) vs. Katrina and Edward Steinman dba Steinman Construction of Hermiston: seeks \$1,647.97.
- Crown Asset Management LLC vs. Juan C. Rodriguez: seeks \$10,097.
- United Finance Co. vs. Arnoldo Montes of Hermiston: seeks \$4,531.42.
- United Finance Co. vs. Cristian Chavez Flores and Jose L. Chavez Gonzalez of Umatilla: seeks \$5,757.82.
- United Finance Co. vs. Juan Castaneda Martinez of Hermiston: seeks \$3,194.68.

- Evergreen Financial Services Inc. vs. Esmeralda Espinoza of Hermiston: seeks \$347.50.
- Credits Inc. vs. Tina L. Bonilla (Peck) of Hermiston: seeks \$6,667.62.
- Credits Inc. vs. Ronald and Susan Cochet of Hermiston: seeks \$5,659.60.
- Credits Inc. vs. Alberto Ruiz Gomez of Hermiston: seeks \$787.74.
- Credits Inc. vs. Susan Munoz Martinez and Sabas Martinez of Hermiston: seeks \$1,695.59.
- Credits Inc. vs. Maria A. Sanchez of Boardman: seeks \$1,071.57.
- Credits Inc. vs. Francisco and Edith Santana: seeks \$747.36.
- Credits Inc. vs. Cody Dean Taylor and Kathy Lee Taylor: seeks \$836.50.

•Credits Inc. vs. Adrian Ybarra of Umatilla: seeks \$6,764.31.

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

•LVNV Funding LLC vs. Tomara Gallagher of Hermiston: judgment for \$595.24.

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

Kaitlin Raye Rosenthal, 21, of Richland, Wash., and Keaton Scott Wrathall, 23, of Hermiston.  
 Samantha Rose Weller, 17, and Elijah Michael Bruce Haight, 23, both of Irrigon.

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