

OBITUARIES

Justin Richard Waddell Hermiston May 9, 1984 — February 4, 2020

Justin Richard Waddell was born May 9, 1984, in Hermiston, Ore. He passed February 4, 2020, in Hermiston. Justin was 35 years old.

Justin was a lifetime resident of the Umatilla and Hermiston area. Justin lived with his father (Richard Dorn Waddell) until his father's passing July 19, 1996. Justin and his brother Mathew then became part of the Larry and J. Deane Coombs family.

Justin was undeniably the proud father of four beautiful children: Makaiyla, Kamri, Kaden and Kloaie.

Justin loved the outdoors, exploring and creating new adventures. Justin also enjoyed going to concerts and special events where he had the opportunity to meet some of his favorite actors.

Justin is survived by his longtime partner Ashley Riley; his mother Laurie Ann LeGrand; his grand-

mother Hattie Bechler; his parents Larry Coombs and J. Deane Coombs; his brothers Mathew Waddell, Nathen Waddell and Jamie Coombs; his sisters Ashley Ayres and Michelle LaGrand; his four children Makaiyla Waddell, Kamri Waddell, Kaden Waddell and Kloaie Waddell; his aunt Trina Parish Waddell, and his uncle Tom Waddell.

Justin is preceded in death by his father, Richard Dorn Waddell, and his grandfather, Charles Robert Bechler.

Services will be held at the Hermiston Assembly of God Church, 730 E. Hurlburt Ave., Hermiston, on Thursday, February 13, 2020, at 11 a.m.

Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. To leave an online condolence for the family, please go to www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.



Waddell

Marilyn 'Joanne' Poland Hermiston

October 13, 1934 — February 5, 2020

Marilyn "Joanne" Poland, age 85, died February 5, 2020, at home in Hermiston, Oregon.

Joanne ("Grandma Jo" to her grandchildren) was born October 13, 1934, in Emmett, Idaho, to Homer and Martha "Goldie" (Spears) Garrett. The family moved frequently during Joanne's childhood, living in Idaho, California, Washington, and Oregon. She graduated from Pilot Rock (Oregon) High School in 1953.

From 1954 to 1957, she worked as a telephone operator for what was then Bell Telephone in Pendleton, Oregon. She married her husband, Jesse Poland, on June 1, 1957, at Calvary Baptist Church in Pendleton. They celebrated their 60th anniversary in 2017.

Joanne was a homemaker who loved spending time with her family and pets. She spent most of her married life in Pendleton, moving to Hermiston in 2014.

She is survived by her

sons Michael (Pamela) of Pendleton and Eric of Hermiston; daughter Leah Stollar-Hooker (Mark) of Stanfield, Oregon; granddaughters Jasmine Stollar of Hermiston, Jade Hooker of Stanfield, Alexandria Poland of Pendleton, and Jacinda Hooker of Stanfield; stepgranddaughter Andrea Elbert of La Grande, Oregon; and great-grandson Syllas Swanger of Hermiston. She is also survived by her brother, Kenneth Garrett (Georgia) of Pendleton; two nephews, Alan and Brian Garrett, and their families; and several cousins. She was preceded in death by her husband Jesse in March 2018.

A private ceremony will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to a favorite charity or to the National Federation of the Blind, 200 East Wells Street at Jergen Place, Baltimore, MD 21230.

Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston.



Poland

DEATH NOTICE

LaVaughn A. Browning Hermiston

March 31, 1923 — Feb. 5, 2020

LaVaughn A. Browning, 96, of Hermiston, died Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2020, in Hermiston. She was born March 31, 1923, in La Grande.

A celebration of life service will be held Saturday, Feb. 15 at 5 p.m. at Burns Mortuary chapel in Hermiston. A private family burial will be held later at Island City Cemetery. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

POLICE LOG

TUESDAY, FEB. 4

11:07 a.m.— Police took a report for a possible stolen green Honda Civic near Southeast Sixth Street.

12:28 p.m.— A man reported that a woman is following him around town, and chasing him in her vehicle.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 5

1:36 p.m.— Someone on West Ridgeway Avenue was flattening a car tire with a razor blade.

1:54 p.m.— A drunk driver was reported on Highway 395.

THURSDAY, FEB. 6

1:55 a.m.— A domestic disturbance was reported on Southwest 11th Street.

7:56 a.m.— Someone reportedly broke into a car on North First Street using a rock to break a window.

9:47 a.m.— A man on West Pine Avenue found rifle bullets that didn't belong to him on his property and would like to dispose of them.

FRIDAY, FEB. 7

3:49 a.m.— A possible burglary was reported on South Highway 395.

9:05 a.m.— A domestic disturbance was reported on West Hartley Avenue.

2:23 p.m.— A caller advised someone had hit and damaged his vehicle near Club 24 the previous day and did not leave a note.

3:10 p.m.— Police took a report of a woman whose ex-boyfriend was sending her harassing messages.

SATURDAY, FEB. 8

1:46 a.m.— A domestic disturbance was reported on Southwest Cottonwood Drive.

4:09 a.m.— A domestic disturbance was reported on East Catherine Avenue.

9:26 p.m.— A drunk driver was reported on East Highland Avenue.

10:25 p.m.— A drunk driver was reported on South Highway 395.

SUNDAY, FEB. 9

12:15 a.m.— Vehicles were reported driving around the damaged Riverfront Park.

10:34 a.m.— A hit and run was reported at North First Street and West Highland Avenue.

5:34 p.m.— A burglary was reported on Northwest Seventh Street.

MONDAY, FEB. 10

12:09 p.m.— A neighbor made a noise complaint about a loud party on Northeast Sixth Street.

9:03 a.m.— A resident reported that someone had been accessing their bank account and writing checks from that account without their knowledge for the past three weeks.

12:35 p.m.— A domestic disturbance was reported on Northeast Fourth Street.

3:47 p.m.— A woman reported that someone had found her boyfriend's wallet in the McDonalds parking lot and had contacted him through Facebook, but was refusing to return it unless he gets a reward.

5:18 p.m.— Someone was creating a disturbance outside of a business on South Highway 395.

ACADEMIC HONORS

U of I names fall honor roll

MOSCOW, Ida. — **Madison Anderholm** of Hermiston was named to the fall 2019 semester honor roll at the University of Idaho:

More than 2,600 students qualified for the U of I Dean's List for the fall 2019 semester. To be included in the Dean's List, U of I students must maintain at least a 3.5 GPA on a minimum of 12 graded credits during the semester. The fall 2019 semester ended December 20.

Local students named to EOU dean's list

LA GRANDE — Eastern Oregon University named 523 students to the dean's list for the 2019 fall term. Qualifying students achieve and maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale while completing a minimum of 12 hours of graded EOU coursework.

The following local students earned this distinction: **Boardman:** Veronica Alvarez Frias, Mayra Llamas Fregoso, Joseph O'Brien; **Echo:** Elizabeth Cox; **Hermiston:** Monica Aguilar, Vanessa Ambriz Mendoza, Ryne Andreason, Lara Arriola, Stephanie Avila, Ashleigh Banker, Jennifer Fuentes, Timothy Handforth, Vaughan Hawkins, Andrew James, Adara Lopez, Kody Moss, Edgar Navarrete Ruiz, Cecia Palacios, Ethan Pitzer, Bailey Srofe, Ellen Vander Stelt, Luke Walchli; **Umatilla:** Yoshira Escamilla, Christy Macias, Rachelle Nycz.

Eastern Oregon University was founded in 1929 as a teacher's college and today serves as a center for education, culture, and scholarship in rural areas of Oregon. At EOU students receive personal attention from their professors while building strong relationships with peers and mentors. Visit eou.edu for more information.

BIRTHS

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston JAN. 28, 2020

BURNS — Lindsey R. Burns and Jacob K. Burns of Hermiston: a girl, Austin Zayne Burns.

KNOWLES — Sarah Knowles of Hermiston: a boy, Dallas Reed Knowles.

JAN. 29, 2020

CASTELLO — Claudia J. Castello and Michael D. Castello of Hermiston: a girl, Clara Joy Castello.

HALLOS — Ciara Kowalski and Collyn Hallos of Stanfield: a girl, McKinley Hallos.

FEB. 3, 2020

JEPPESON — Angel M. McMurtry and Joshua A. Jeppeson of Hermiston: a boy, Rowan Adam Wayne Jeppeson.

COURTS

Sentences

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

FELONY

•Uhuru'Sekou Kamara Ajani Obataiye-Allah, 38, Umatilla (TRCI), pleaded guilty to Aggravated Harassment: sentenced to 19 months Oregon DOC and 2 years post-prison supervision.

Suits Filed

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

•Credits Inc. vs. Todd M. and Barbara Abercrombie of Irrigon: seeks \$1,345.70.

•Credits Inc. vs. Jessica A. Kestler of Hermiston: seeks \$2,004.10.

•Credits Inc. vs. Veronica N. Legarda of Hermiston: seeks \$2,332.85.

•Credits Inc. vs. Deianira Martinez of Umatilla: seeks \$941.69.

•Credits Inc. vs. Kevin M. Mitchell of Hermiston: seeks \$1,362.72.

•Credits Inc. vs. Elisa M. Lowery-Omaljev of Stanfield: seeks \$1,120.87.

•Credits Inc. vs. Adan Torres Rafael and Elizabeth Olivo of Irrigon: seeks \$552.02.

•Credits Inc. vs. Sonia Salazar Sanchez of Irrigon: seeks \$852.43.

•Credits Inc. vs. Molly C. Sells of Hermiston: seeks \$3,594.64.

•Credits Inc. vs. Brian Snyder of Irrigon: seeks \$1,159.23.

•Credits Inc. vs. Jessica Trujillo of Umatilla: seeks \$868.91.

•Credits Inc. vs. Christopher Wallace of Hermiston: seeks \$964.98.

•Quick Collect Inc. vs. Levi Matthew Hayden and Joanna

Hayden of Hermiston: seeks \$586.55.

•Quick Collect Inc. vs. John Farrester of Hermiston: seeks \$986.29.

•United Finance Co. vs. Antonio Alvaro of Hermiston: seeks \$8,942.62.

•Brian A. Zimmerman vs. Tana Halligan: seeks \$49,999.

•Allstate Fire and Casualty Insurance Company as subrogee of Patrick Durant vs. Frankie's Towing: seeks \$2,783.22.

•Ashley Manor LLC vs. Aito Iruستا of Stanfield: seeks \$1,039.37.

•Swift Transportation Co. of Arizona LLC vs. Aaron Ranslam: seeks \$5,720.

Judgments

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

•Midland Funding LLC vs. Noralba Ruiz of Hermiston: judgment for \$900.38.

•Credits Inc. vs. Luis Mesteth Aguilar of Umatilla: judgment for \$4,433.86.

•Credits Inc. vs. Jasmine G. Romo of Irrigon: judgment for \$4,855.26.

•Credits Inc. vs. Maria A. Sanchez of Boardman: judgment for \$467.57.

•Credits Inc. vs. Marcum and Sandra Mason of Boardman: judgment for \$2,773.27.

•Credits Inc. vs. Alberto Ruiz Gomez of Hermiston: judgment for \$787.74.

•Credits Inc. vs. Francisco and Edith Santana of Irrigon: judgment for \$297.36.

Divorces

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

Quinet Irene Mecham of Umatilla and Garret Emery Mecham of Prague, Okla.

Portland from Lewiston.

Reeb and his congregation, the Lewiston-based River City Church, are listed as defendants in the complaint. He is currently listed as a youth pastor on the church's website.

The Congregational Presbyterian Church of Lewiston lent the van to River City for the conference, and is listed as a defendant as well.

The complaint alleges that River City Church failed to properly train and supervise Reeb, and also to equip the Econoline van. It further alleges that Reeb was traveling at an unsafe speed for road conditions and failed to properly merge, resulting in the rollover.

According to the document, Ranstrom seeks at least \$124,000 for medical expenses and for tuition reimbursement. The complaint states the plaintiff seeks a jury trial on the matter, and that the amount for economic and non-economic damages not exceed \$750,000.

Ranstrom's lawyer declined to provide comment to the *Hermiston Herald* regarding the matter and representatives from River City Church did not respond to a request for comment.

The defendants have yet to respond to the complaint filed.

Law enforcement officials at the time said the youth group, comprised of youths between the ages of 14 and 20, was traveling to a Christian conference in

Market robbed at gunpoint Tuesday night

Police seek public's help to identify man

HERMISTON HERALD

Hermiston police responded to a report of an armed robbery on Northwest 11th Street the evening of Feb. 4.

A male suspect wearing a face mask and a red American Eagle sweatshirt allegedly held an employee at gunpoint in the 11th Street Market before 10:30 p.m. He fled from the scene on foot with cash and remains at large. Law enforcement officials are not disclosing the amount that was taken.

The gun was never fired

and no one was hurt in the incident, police said. The Hermiston Police Department is currently investigating the case.

"Historically, violent crime in Hermiston is relatively infrequent," said Hermiston Police Chief Jason Edmiston. "When these types of events occur, it alarms us."

Anyone with information about the case is asked to call Lieutenant Studebaker at 541-667-5095.

This surveillance still shows the suspect in an armed robbery at the 11th Street Market in Hermiston.



Photo contributed by Hermiston Police Department