

## OBITUARY

## William L. 'Bill' Caplinger

Echo

July 8, 1944 — February 12, 2020

William L. "Bill" Caplinger was born on July 8, 1944, in Pendleton, Oregon, to parents Lowell and Wilhelmina Lois Hedrick Caplinger. He died on February 12, 2020, at his home in Echo, Oregon, at the age of 75 years.

Bill was raised and attended schools in Pendleton, graduating from Pendleton High School in the class of 1962. He then attended Blue Mountain Community College, studying accounting for two years. Bill served in the Oregon National Guard for several years.

With his first marriage, Bill gained four stepchildren and in 1979 he married Connie (Coppinger) Thomas and gained two more.

In the early years, Bill drove truck for the Grateful Dead band and was part owner of Markle Trucking. He worked for Pendleton Grain Growers, where he served in many capacities, including grain division manager when he retired.

Bill served for 10 years on the Pendleton Round-Up Board of Directors. He and Connie enjoyed competing in cut-

ting horse competitions throughout the Northwest. Bill enjoyed riding horses, hunting and his dogs.

He is survived by his brother, Richard (Susan) Caplinger; stepdaughters Kim and Kaye Limbaugh, Kathi Leckrone, Becky Thomas Donaldson and Lisa Thomas Kuhlman; stepson Kelly Limbaugh; stepgrandchildren Bridget, James and Janelle Donaldson, and Olivia and Kate Kuhlman; niece Shelly Caplinger and nephew Derek (Carol) Caplinger; and numerous cousins.

Bill was preceded in death by his wife Connie, and his parents.

A graveside service will be held on Thursday, February 20, 2020, at 1 p.m. at the Echo Cemetery, Echo, Oregon.

Those who wish may make contributions in Bill's memory to the American Diabetes Association.

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



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## DEATH NOTICES

## Lonnie Ray Dobyns

Hermiston

April 14, 1937 — Feb. 13, 2020

Lonnie Ray Dobyns, 82, of Hermiston, died Thursday, Feb. 13, 2020, in Hermiston. He was born April 14, 1937, in Byars, Oklahoma. A celebration of life service will be held Saturday, Feb. 22 at 1 p.m. at the Hermiston Church of the Nazarene, 1520 W. Orchard Ave. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

## Lucius Roy Holbrook III

Hermiston

Jan. 4, 1944 — Feb. 15, 2020

Lucius Roy Holbrook III, 76, of Hermiston, died Saturday, Feb. 15, 2020, in Hermiston. He was born Jan. 4, 1944, in Florida. Arrangements are pending with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories with the family at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

## Mark James Cliff

Umatilla

April 13, 1966 — Feb. 12, 2020

Mark James Cliff, 53, of Umatilla, died Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2020, in Hermiston. He was born April 13, 1966, in Portland. A funeral service will be held Saturday, Feb. 22 at 3 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 15 Grant St., Umatilla. Burial will follow at the Sunset Hills Cemetery in Umatilla. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

## Elnora Panages

Hermiston

Dec. 24, 1930 — Feb. 14, 2020

Elnora J. Panages, 89, of Hermiston, died Friday, Feb. 14, 2020, in Hermiston. She was born Dec. 24, 1930, in Clatskanie, Oregon. A graveside service at the Riverview Cemetery in Boardman will be announced at a later date. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

## POLICE LOG

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

7:26 a.m.— A burglary was reported on West Standard Avenue.  
9:04 a.m.— On North First Street, a domestic disturbance was reported.  
9:09 a.m.— On East Jennie Avenue, a couple was involved in a domestic disturbance.  
9:16 a.m.— A manager on North First Street called the police after a man in her workplace's bathroom was asking people for their names.  
2:46 p.m.— On South First Street, a woman reported that her home wifi and her families phones were all hacked.  
2:58 p.m.— On West Moore Avenue, a resident called to report their neighbor for grinding a car engine "at all hours" for the past few weeks.

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

10:34 a.m.— Someone on Northeast Second Street and East Oregon Avenue called the police to report a small tan dog at the local bus stop has been biting school children every day.  
12:27 p.m.— On Northwest Spruce Street and West Beech Avenue, a resident reported their neighbor for neglecting puppies.  
3:34 p.m.— A domestic disturbance occurred on East Catherine Avenue when a woman reportedly punched a man in the face.  
11:11 p.m.— A drunk driver on West Ridgeway Avenue was cited and released by police.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

12:26 a.m.— On South Highway 395, fraud was reported.  
8:34 a.m.— A man is concerned for his friend, who continually has "transients" come to her residence and peer through her windows.  
1:49 p.m.— On South First Street, a camouflage colored pickup truck was parked illegally on the south side of the high school gym.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

8:58 a.m.— A woman believes someone came into her home Thursday night, because when she woke up Friday morning her belongings were rearranged.  
2:13 p.m.— A father is hoping an officer will speak with his son, who continually enters their home by crawling into their garage. He fears this is raising suspicions of criminal activity in the neighborhood.  
3:07 p.m.— The Fourth Street and West Moore Avenue street sign reportedly fell down.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

12:25 a.m.— A domestic disturbance was reported on East Sunset Drive,  
2:56 p.m.— A domestic disturbance was reported on West Hartley Avenue.  
5:33 p.m.— On East Jennie Avenue, a domestic disturbance was reported.

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

8:33 p.m.— Someone reported they were being harassed over the phone.

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

9:23 a.m.— A man was reportedly run over by a semi-truck on South Highway 395.  
11:31 a.m.— Someone reported a property was full of junk that was blocking view of the intersection of Northwest 10th Street and West Madrona Avenue, and had aggressive dogs.  
1:59 p.m.— A dog bite was reported at Victory Square Park.

## COURTS

## Sentences

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

FELONY  
•Travis Ward, 28, pleaded guilty to Unauthorized Use of Vehicle: sentenced to 18 months probation, 90 sanction units, 30 maximum jail units, 80 hours community service, \$200 fine, \$1,800 fine-suspended and restitution to be determined.

## Suits Filed

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

•Scott Leander Camirand of Umatilla (TRCI) vs. Mr. Kempas, ODOC employee, of Umatilla (TRCI): seeks \$75.

•Scott Leander Camirand of Umatilla (TRCI) vs. Cpl. M. Hill, ODOC employee, of Ontario (SRCI): seeks \$30.

•Scott Leander Camirand of Umatilla (TRCI) vs. Mr. Summer, ODOC employee, of Umatilla (TRCI): seeks \$235.

•Scott Leander Camirand of Umatilla (TRCI) vs. Mr. A. Barerra, TRCI employee: seeks \$375.

•TD Bank USA N.A. vs. Blanca Castro of Stanfield: seeks \$2,447.48.

•Margalee Morgan of Hermiston vs. Jon Lorence, Cindy Noland and Noland Door Co. Inc.: seeks \$49,940.

•Merchants Acceptance Corp. vs. Mariela Suarez of Umatilla: seeks \$1,970.65.

•Collection Bureau of Walla Walla vs. Sean Zieske of Hermiston: seeks \$1,452.13.

•Collection Bureau of Walla Walla vs. Olivia D. Pedro of Stanfield: seeks \$243.56.

•CSO Financial Inc. vs. Angela T. Camardese of Umatilla: seeks \$1,010.

•United Finance Co. vs. Lisbeth Gonzalez of Irrigon: seeks \$1,962.49.

•United Finance Co. vs. Ruben Gutierrez of Irrigon: seeks \$2,252.72.

•United Finance Co. vs. Jose Verdugo Rios of Hermiston: seeks \$1,616.48.

•Bank of America N.A. vs. Elizabeth Banda of Hermiston: seeks \$6,800.10.

•Credits Inc. vs. Sarah J. and Brandon Deardorff of Stanfield: seeks \$622.33.

•Credits Inc. vs. Rebecca A. Farrens of Hermiston: seeks \$3,225.11.

•Credits Inc. vs. Nancy Rodriguez and Jose Duenas of Boardman: seeks \$672.64.

## Judgments

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

•Credits Inc. vs. Stephanie Cronen of Hermiston: judgment for \$1,913.14.

•Credits Inc. vs. Tina Peck (Tina L. Bonilla) of Hermiston: judgment for \$6,667.62.

•Credits Inc. vs. Ronald and Susan Cochet of Hermiston: judgment for \$5,896.34.

•Nationwide Recovery Service vs. Juliana Canchola of Umatilla: judgment for \$2,395.43.

•Bonneville Billing & Collections Inc. vs. Colton McKenney of Hermiston: judgment for \$203.56.

•Evergreen Financial Services Inc. vs. Sterling and Kathleen Needles of Hermiston: judgment for \$306.88.

## Divorces

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

Magda Esther Reyes Rosas of Hermiston and Alberto Hernandez of Umatilla.

## Marriages

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

Lorenzo Chavez Lopez, 37, and Amelia V. Cortez, 33, both of Hermiston.

Esgar Sanchez Carrillo, 28, and Saida Benicio Rodriguez, 26, both of Umatilla.

Miguel Angel Rojas Cazares, 38, and Maria DeJesus Arrieta Ochoa, 40, both of Hermiston.

Jeny Mendoza Garcilazo, 22, and Marcos Mejia, 20, both of Hermiston.

Sergio Barreto Pineda, 48, and Ma Nereida Cruz-Meraz, 33, both of Umatilla.

## Grants boost tourism in west Umatilla County

By JADE MCDOWELL  
NEWS EDITOR

Hermiston and Umatilla netted some tourism-promoting cash this month as the Eastern Oregon Visitors Association announced its first regional grants program.

The city of Umatilla received \$7,000 toward new wayfinding signs, and the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce received a total of \$7,000 to be split evenly between a new tourism website and a new visitor center.

Kimberly Nevil, the chamber's CEO, said the money for the visitor center will be used when the chamber builds its new offices and workforce development center on South Highway 395. A visitor center will

be included in the project, and Nevil said ideas for the money include a mural promoting Hermiston and an interactive electric kiosk.

On the website side, Nevil said the chamber has a Travel Hermiston committee that has "really taken off" in the last six months. The committee hopes to take the tourism-related parts of the chamber's current website and spin it off into a separate Travel Hermiston website that would highlight hotels, restaurants, events and other attractions for visitors.

"Basically, 'What can you do during the weekend while you're here for business?'" Nevil said.

The Travel Hermiston committee meets at 7:30 a.m. the first Thursday of every month at the Union

Club, 201 E. Main St. in Hermiston, and the public is welcome to attend.

The city of Umatilla received \$7,000 from the Eastern Oregon Visitors Association as well, to be used to add wayfinding signage to help direct visitors to attractions in the area.

The association paid out a total of \$81,850 for the 2019-2020 grant cycle after receiving applications for more than \$322,000 in projects. The money comes from the passage of House Bill 4146, which required Travel Oregon to invest 20% of the statewide lodging tax into Oregon's seven designated tourism regions. The Eastern Oregon Visitors Association implements the money for the Eastern Oregon region.

The association's execu-

tive director Alana Carollo said in a statement that they were "ecstatic" about the level of response for the first grant cycle.

"The Grants Program has been a great opportunity to engage with new partners and organizations, and to further grow and align our collaborative efforts," she wrote. "We are looking forward to the product development and economic impact the project recipients will have at the local, regional and state level, and are excited to see what next year's submissions will bring!"

Other grants awarded include grants to various Eastern Oregon visitor centers, museums, arts centers, agritourism farms and the Eastern Oregon Film Festival in La Grande.

## Inland Northwest Musicians score Oregon Arts Commission grant

HERMISTON HERALD

The Inland Northwest Musicians were among the 101 recipients who were awarded Small Operating Grants through the Oregon Arts Commission. Each of the organizations received \$1,494.

Based in Hermiston, the musical ensembles of the

INWM present concerts across Eastern Oregon and southeastern Washington. The grant helps put gas in the tank as the groups travel throughout the region as part of their commitment to provide free music to rural audiences.

The Small Operating Grant awards are offered to organizations with budgets

under \$150,000. The money can have a huge impact on a small organization's service to the community, said Carrie Kikel, communications manager for the Oregon Arts Commission and Oregon Cultural Trust.

"This grant program was developed to increase the Arts Commission's support of Oregon's small arts pro-

viders," said Anne Taylor, arts commission chair.

For more information about the grant program, contact Kikel at 503-986-0081, [carrie.kikel@oregon.gov](mailto:carrie.kikel@oregon.gov) or visit [www.oregonartscommission.org](http://www.oregonartscommission.org).

In other INWM news, the group's orchestra will perform a concert in Milton-Freewater. The pro-

gram includes Saint-Saens' "Symphony #3" and Albinoni's "Adagio for Strings and Organ." The free event is Saturday, Feb. 22 at 4 p.m. at the Milton Adventist Church, 1244 N. Elizabeth St. Donations are gladly accepted.

Led by music director and conductor, R. Lee Friese of Athena, the perfor-

mance also features organist Randolph Pearson of Walla Walla. Pearson performs on the church's tracker organ, which is mechanically outfitted to be touch sensitive by the player. Friese said it will result in a magnificent sound with the symphony.

For more information, contact 541-289-4696 or [inwm@machmedia.net](mailto:inwm@machmedia.net).

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