

## PUBLIC SAFETY

## Tuesday, March 10

3 a.m. — A robbery was reported at a business on West Highland Avenue.

10:14 a.m. — Someone was reportedly being harassed in their office at Southeast Sixth Street.

11:48 a.m. — A woman reported she and her son have been being harassed on Facebook and by text for a year.

6:36 p.m. — A domestic disturbance was reported on East Dogwood Avenue.

## Wednesday, March 11

12:38 p.m. — Someone reported that young adults have been racing vehicles in their neighborhood of Southwest 10th Street and West Cody Avenue about 10 p.m. every night, and asked for extra patrols in the area.

## Thursday, March 12

9:50 a.m. — A caller stated her family gave a man \$1,200 to take to the jail, but he stole it instead.

10:44 a.m. — A hit and run was reported on West Joseph Avenue.

4:22 p.m. — A man reported someone hit his wife's vehicle last Thursday and drove away.

8:23 p.m. — A drunk driver was reported on Northwest 11th Street.

## Friday, March 13

12:13 p.m. — A domestic disturbance was reported on West Ridgeway Avenue.

3:24 p.m. — Someone reported their child was assaulted while getting off the school bus on Northeast Sixth Place.

4:10 p.m. — A caller reported she was being harassed at her home on Southwest Suzanne Court.

4:57 p.m. — A caller reported someone threw soda all over his car in the Hermiston High School parking lot.

6:05 p.m. — A disturbance was reported on East Main Street.

## Saturday, March 14

1:05 a.m. — A disturbance was reported on Southwest Oak Drive.

12:19 p.m. — A disturbance was reported on West Ridgeway Avenue by a woman whose son would not leave when she wanted him to.

7:10 p.m. — A domestic disturbance was reported on Southwest 11th Street.

## Sunday, March 15

1 a.m. — A fight was reported on East Main Street, but police were unable to locate it.

7:23 a.m. — A hit and run was reported on West Orchard Avenue.

12:19 p.m. — A drunk driver was reported on South Highway 395.

6:32 p.m. — Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported on East Montana Avenue.

## Monday, March 16

9:03 a.m. — Two different callers reported a blue Honda Accord with the right side of its bumper missing doing 40 to 50 miles per hour on Standard Avenue by Rocky Heights Elementary.

12:12 p.m. — A hit and run was reported on East Beebe Avenue. The driver was cited and released.

5:44 p.m. — A driver reportedly hit their neighbor's house with their vehicle and then drove off, on Northeast 10th Street.

7:34 p.m. — An assault was reported on Southwest 11th Street.

# City of Hermiston announces new COVID-19 adjustments

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The city of Hermiston announced new closures to encourage social distancing on Tuesday afternoon.

According to a news release by the city, the Hermiston Municipal Court will be closed to the public for two weeks beginning Thursday, March 19.

Trials and court appearances will be rescheduled and sent via mail.

Online payment is still available at [hermiston.or.us/municipal-court/home](http://hermiston.or.us/municipal-court/home) and court staff can be reached at 541-567-6610.

The city council still plans to hold its March 23 meeting, but in order to limit the gathering to fewer than 25 people, the public

is encouraged to participate via video livestream or conference call.

Details of the procedures will be provided on the city's website at a later date.

The city is also allowing residents who are enrolled in the taxi ticket program for senior and disabled citizens to use their ride vouchers to cover the cost of

delivery for food they have ordered. Call 541-567-6055 to reserve a ride.

Parks and recreation programs continue to be suspended until at least April 12.

The utilities department will not shut off water or electric service for non-payment for now, but bill payment and collection will continue as usual.

## Missing Umatilla teacher found safe

HERMISTON HERALD

A missing Umatilla High School math teacher was found safe on March 11.

Lorenzo Sanchez, 29, had been missing since Feb. 27. Deputy Calvin Meade reported he was found safe in Denver and is with family. He said he had not had

a chance to speak with Sanchez yet, and the reasons for Sanchez's disappearance were still unknown.

"Obviously students and staff have all been concerned about his welfare," he said. "... The good thing is he has been found, he is safe and he is with family."

Sanchez's roommates had reported Feb. 27 he did not return home the night before, and he was not heard from again until a relative reported he had sent them a Facebook message on March 7 but had not replied to their response.

His car was located in Providence, Utah last week.

Superintendent Heidi Sipe said she was happy to know that Sanchez is safe, even if she didn't have details yet about what had happened.

Sanchez has been with the school district since 2017, first as an educational assistant and then as a math teacher.

## EO Media Group names regional sales director

HERMISTON HERALD

Veteran newspaper leader Karrine Brogoitti has been named regional sales director for EO Media Group's east side operations, which includes six print newspapers and associated websites.

Brogoitti, who already serves as regional publisher of the *La Grande Observer* and the *Baker City Herald* newspapers, will continue in that role. Family-owned EO Media Group purchased the *La Grande* and *Baker City* newspapers in July 2019. It also operates newspapers in Pendleton, Hermiston, John Day and Enterprise.

"Since acquiring the *La Grande Observer* and *Baker City Herald* last July, I've been very impressed with Karrine's passion, leader-



Brogoitti

ship and her commitment to the communities and businesses we serve," said EO Media Group COO Heidi Wright. "With Karrine taking on a regional sales and marketing leadership role and our company's recent investment in new technology, I have no doubt our Eastern Oregon properties will grow and continue the company's 112-year commitment to the region."

A lifelong resident of La Grande, Brogoitti's newspaper career spans nearly 25 years. She started at *The Observer* in June 1997 as an advertising sales assistant, then was promoted

to a multimedia marketing sales position in July 1998. She was later promoted in December 2014 to advertising manager, and then again in December 2015 to regional advertising director of Western Communication's Northeast Oregon properties.

In January 2018, Brogoitti was named regional publisher of the *La Grande Observer* and the *Baker City Herald*, overseeing a staff of nearly 30 employees.

"Karrine is a proven leader with a rich background in sales and marketing," said EO Media Group Regional Publisher Chris Rush. "She is already a highly visible presence in La Grande and Baker City and we expect that she will soon become a familiar presence

in Pendleton, Hermiston and the other Eastern Oregon communities that we serve."

Rush said Brogoitti will work closely with *East Oregonian* Advertising Manager Angela Treadwell and other newspaper managers and staff to expand advertising opportunities for customers, both in print and online.

"I'm really looking forward to working hand-in-hand with the strong sales teams across our east side publications to brainstorm new ideas and fine tune our menu of marketing strategies and initiatives," Brogoitti said. "There's a lot of new ideas and plans on the horizon that I'm eager to put into action to help our business communities grow and succeed."

## FREE Colorectal Screening Kits Available March 23rd & 30th

Colorectal cancer, the **2nd leading cause of cancer death**, can be detected early through screenings such as a colonoscopy or a Fecal Immunochemical Test (FIT).

Hermiston and surrounding areas have a **high incidence** of late-stage colorectal cancer diagnosis.



### At-Home Screening Options Available in Hermiston

The Tri-Cities Cancer Center will provide free **Fecal Immunochemical Tests (FIT)** that are FDA cleared to screen for colorectal cancer, colon polyps, diverticulitis, and colitis at our satellite office in Hermiston. FIT is a simple, self-administered test that provides quick results.

## FREE Colorectal Screening Kits Available

**Where:** Good Shepherd Medical Center, 600 Northwest 11th Street, Suite E-23, Hermiston, OR

**When:** Monday, March 23rd & 30th, 9am-2pm

- Open to anyone ages 50+
- Education and walk through of screening options
- Instructions on FIT
- Receive FREE FIT for at-home screening

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