

**OBITUARIES**

**Larry William Birt**  
Hermiston

April 5, 1950 — April 3, 2020

Larry William Birt of Hermiston was born April 5, 1950, in Seattle, Washington, the son of William and Marie (York) Birt. He passed away in Hermiston on Friday, April 3, 2020, at the age of 69.



Larry was born and lived in Lynnwood, Washington, throughout his childhood where he graduated from Meadowdale High School in the class of 1968. After high school, he served in the U.S. Navy, stationed primarily at the Naval Air Station on Whidbey Island, where he fell in love with the island and Puget Sound area.

Following honorable discharge from the Navy on June 18, 1975, he lived and worked in Washougal, Washington, and in 1977 moved to Hermiston, Oregon, where he resided since.

He worked as a carpenter and cabinet maker before joining Wilde Electric Motor Supply in 1983, learning the electric motor repair trade. He purchased the business with a partner, David Lamp, in January 1994. Larry's work ethic and strong commitment to his business, customers, and employees was clearly seen

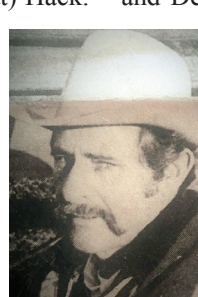
by all who knew him. He enjoyed photography, good music, cribbage, a fresh salmon filet, and anything chocolate. He liked sports and followed the Seattle teams. Above all, he loved time with his family. His grandson brought an additional joy the last couple years. Larry married Beth Brock in Hermiston on March 20, 1981. The couple divorced in 2004, but kept in touch throughout the years. He is survived by his two sons, Ezra and wife Sheena Birt of Indianapolis, Ind., and Ian and wife Ashley and grandson Levi Birt, all of Chandler, Ariz.; sisters Linda Nolan of Mukilteo, Wash., and Bonnie Birt and husband Brian Barney of Bothell, Wash.; and many extended family members. He was preceded in death by his business partner, and both of his parents.

A private family service will be planned at a later time. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements. To leave an online condolence for the family, please go to [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com)

**Gary Edward Hack**  
Hermiston

November 27, 1940 — April 5, 2020

Gary Edward Hack of Hermiston was born November 27, 1940, in Baker City, Oregon, the son of Laurance and Shirley (Bennett) Hack. He passed away in Hermiston on Sunday, April 5, 2020, at the age of 79.



Hack

Gary grew up and attended school in Baker City, Oregon. After high school, he served in the U.S. Army for a few years. He then worked in construction, which took him to jobs throughout the western United States. Next, he worked on cattle ranches, which grew into him running his own cattle. He had a very strong work ethic throughout his life.



He is survived by his daughters Valetta, Kena and Rahana; son Ed; four sisters, Linda, Shelly, Kathy and Debbie; brothers Larry, Chuck, Rick and Dave; close friend and partner Joyce Langley; several grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and extended family members. Gary was preceded in death by his parents, and two brothers, Monte and John.

At his request, no service will be held. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements. To leave an online condolence for the family, please go to [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

**POLICE LOG**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 7**

12:04 p.m. — Two males were reportedly fighting on West Ridgeway Avenue.

2:51 p.m. — A domestic disturbance was reported on Southwest Porter Court.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8**

6:10 p.m. — A burglary was reported on West Orchard Avenue.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 9**

2:13 p.m. — A cold hit and run was reported on North First Street.

2:28 p.m. — A woman reported that a 2011 Toyota Tundra hit her vehicle an hour earlier in the Walmart parking lot and then drove away.

4:58 p.m. — A domestic disturbance was reported on West Hermiston Avenue.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 10**

3:10 p.m. — Child abuse/neglect was reported on East Newport Avenue and Southeast Seventh Street.

3:51 p.m. — Child abuse/neglect was reported on West Ridgeway Avenue.

6:35 p.m. — Child abuse/neglect was reported on Southwest 17th Street, involving a civil dispute between people recently divorced.

9:22 p.m. — A hit and run crash was reported on Northwest 11th Street.

10:54 p.m. — A domestic disturbance was reported on West Ridgeway Avenue.

11:14 p.m. — Unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle was reported on East Highland Avenue and South Highway 395.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11**

1:31 a.m. — A party involving minors in possession of alcohol and tobacco was reported on West Beech Avenue.

3:41 a.m. — A caller reported a teenager came home angry, choked her and threw her down, on Southwest Desert Oak Drive.

7:04 a.m. — A hit and run was reported on West Hermiston Avenue.

5:32 p.m. — A fight was reported on West Harper Road.

7:02 p.m. — A drunk driver was reported on Northwest 11th Street and Umatilla River Road.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 12**

9:23 a.m. — A hit and run was reported on North First Street.

9:55 a.m. — A large turkey was reported roaming South First Street.

4:11 p.m. — A hit and run was reported on West Harper Road.

**MONDAY, APRIL 13**

9:10 a.m. — A domestic disturbance was reported on Southwest 11th Street.

11:45 a.m. — A domestic disturbance was reported at Safe-way.

1:34 p.m. — A hit and run was reported at the Hermiston police station.

8:31 p.m. — A vehicle was reported stolen on Southeast Sixth Street.

9:48 p.m. — An assault was reported on North First Street.

**DEATH NOTICES**

**Peggy Jean Brown**  
Hermiston

May 1, 1947 — April 14, 2020

Peggy Jean Brown, 72, of Hermiston, died Tuesday, April 14, 2020, in Kennewick, Washington. She was born May 1, 1947. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

**Teria (Faamaile) Poumele**  
Hermiston

June 5, 1942 — March 27, 2020

Teria (Faamaile) Poumele, 77, of Hermiston, died Friday, March 27, 2020, at her home. She was born June 5, 1942, in Samoa. A private family burial was held at the Hermiston Cemetery. A public celebration of life service will be announced at a later date. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements. Share memories with the family at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

**Wanda L. Wolter**  
Hermiston

Aug. 25, 1939 — March 23, 2020

Wanda L. Wolter, 80, of Hermiston, died Monday, March 23, 2020, in Hermiston. She was born Aug. 25, 1939, in Klamath Falls. A celebration of life service will be announced at a later date. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements. Share memories with the family at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

**Aaron Wade Van Fossen**  
Irrigon

July 9, 1977 — March 30, 2020

Aaron Wade Van Fossen, 42, of Irrigon, died Monday, March 30, 2020, in Hermiston. He was born July 9, 1977, in Weiser, Idaho. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston was in charge of arrangements.

**COURTS**

**SENTENCES**

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

**FELONY**

•Rebecca Raquel Ramirez, 29, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Felon in Possession of Firearm: sentenced to 24 months Oregon Dept. of Corrections (DOC) and 2 years post-prison supervision; pleaded guilty to Failure to Appear I and a Attempt to Commit Class A Misdemeanor: sentences to discharge.

**JUDGMENTS**

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

- Professional Service Bureau vs. Sabas M. Castro Martinez and Susan Elizabeth Martinez Santos Munoz of Hermiston: judgment for \$802.85.
- Unifund CCR LLC s. Rachel L. Shilhanek of Hermiston: judgment for \$2,294.87.

- Unifund CCR LLC vs. Danny J. Nolan of Umatilla: judgment for \$1,220.66.
- Midland Credit Management INC. vs. Verizal Garcia (Hernandez) of Hermiston: judgment for \$1,833.07.

**SUITS FILED**

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

- Valerie Bradley vs. Solon E. True: seeks \$9,635.87.
- Caleb L. Scott of Umatilla (TRCI) vs. Richard Crist of Ontario (SRCI): seeks \$35,000.

**MARRIAGES**

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

- Oreanna Marie Knop, 34, of Hermiston, and William Griffin Thomas Jr., 31, of La Grande.

**BIRTHS**

**Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston**  
APRIL 7, 2020

**LANDA —** Mallory A.F. Mulcare and Jose J. Landa of Hermiston: a girl, Amelia Marie Landa.

**OBITUARY POLICY**

The Hermiston Herald publishes paid obituaries. The obituary can include small photos and, for veterans, a flag symbol at no charge. Death notices will be published at no charge. Obituaries may be edited for spelling, proper punctuation and style. Obituaries and notices may be submitted online at [hermistonherald.com/obituaryform](http://hermistonherald.com/obituaryform), by email to [obits@hermistonherald.com](mailto:obits@hermistonherald.com), by fax to 541-276-8314, placed via the funeral home or in person at the Hermiston Herald or East Oregonian offices. For more information, call 541-966-0818 or 1-800-522-0255, x221.

**EOMG to host online candidate forums**

HERMISTON HERALD

Stuck on who to vote for in the crowded Oregon 2nd Congressional District race?

EO Media Group soon will provide residents in Eastern and Central Oregon an opportunity to hear from Republican and Democratic candidates running to replace Congressman Greg Walden.

The media group is hosting online candidate forums using its newspapers' Facebook pages and websites, including [hermistonherald.com](http://hermistonherald.com).

The forums, which are being livestreamed and recorded without an audience due to COVID-19 concerns, are scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 1, for the Democratic candidates and 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, May 2, for the Republican candidates.

"A crucial mission of local newspapers is to inform the public about matters that can affect their lives and their com-

**HOW TO WATCH**

**What:** Oregon 2nd Congressional District candidate forums  
**When:** Democrat forum is 6:30 p.m., Friday, May 1; Republican forums are 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, May 2.  
**Where:** Streaming live on the Hermiston Herald Facebook page. Forums can be rewatched after the event at [hermistonherald.com](http://hermistonherald.com) or on EOActive.tv.  
**Questions:** Submit questions in advance by email to [CD2forum@eomediagroup.com](mailto:CD2forum@eomediagroup.com) or on Facebook Live during the event.

munity," said Kathryn B. Brown, vice president of EO Media Group. "EO Media Group is glad to be able to provide this online forum to give voters the opportunity to get to know more about the CD2 candidates before the May 19 primary election." There are 16 candidates — five Democrats and 11 Republicans — running for the seat U.S. Rep. Greg Walden has held since 1998. Walden, the top Republican on the House Energy and Commerce Committee and Oregon's only Republican in

Congress, announced in 2019 he will retire in January 2021. With 11 Republicans entered in the primary, Brown said it was necessary to hold two forums on May 2. "It was important to us to make sure there was enough time for voters to hear from all of the candidates without sitting through an overly long forum," she said. The forums are being streamed by La Grande-based Eastern Oregon Alive TV, a local internet TV station.

The forums will be available for viewing on the Herald's website or on EOActive.tv following the events.

"Voters will have the chance to rewatch or watch for the first time if they missed the live stream," Brown said.

The forums are being moderated by Chris Rush, the regional publisher of the EO Media Group's east side publications.

Voters can submit questions to [CD2forum@eomediagroup.com](mailto:CD2forum@eomediagroup.com) in advance of the forums or on Facebook Live during the event.

Oregon's 2nd Congressional District is the largest of Oregon's five districts, and is the seventh largest district in the nation.

It covers all of Eastern Oregon and the Medford area.

Ballots are sent out April 29, and the primary election is May 19. The top vote getter in each party advances to the general election later this year.

**Good Shepherd pharmacy moving to curbside pick-up and delivery**

HERMISTON HERALD

To reduce the spread of COVID-19, Good Shepherd Pharmacy is providing free prescription delivery to patients' homes.

Over-the-counter pharmacy items are also available through the curbside and home delivery services, according to a news release.

As Good Shepherd continues to restrict non-essential visitors to its campus, public foot traffic into the pharmacy is closed. Patients can call 541-667-3652 to make arrangements to have their medications delivered. If they would prefer to pick up their medications themselves, they can call the same number to arrange curbside pickup at

Entrance C of Good Shepherd Medical Center, outside the pharmacy.

For patients on campus for an appointment, being treated in the emergency room or admitted to the hospital, prescriptions will be delivered to their bedside or a waiting area.

For up-to-date Good Shepherd Health Care System information, visit the GSHCS Facebook page or [www.gshealth.org](http://www.gshealth.org). General questions about COVID-19 can be directed to the Oregon Health Authority by dialing 211 on a cellphone. Those who believe they may have COVID-19 should call their primary care provider or Umatilla County Public Health at 541-278-5432. For medical emergencies, dial 911.

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