

**OBITUARIES**

**Herbert Stanley 'Herb' Rand**  
Hermiston  
April 27, 1931 — April 21, 2020

Herbert Stanley "Herb" Rand was born April 27, 1931, in Pendleton, Oregon, to Mabel Grace Warner and Batie Parvin Rand.



Rand

Herbert grew up on a cattle ranch in Irrigon, Oregon, and enjoyed family life in the country including camping, hunting, and fishing. In his early 20s he moved to Hermiston, Oregon, and became a jack of many trades. He was a brakeman for Union Pacific Railroad, farmed 40 acres, worked construction on two dams on the Columbia River, and built two homes virtually on his own. He married and started a family, eventually having five children and three stepchildren.

Herbert retired from Union Pacific Railroad in 1990. He enjoyed retirement with his beloved wife Virginia "Ginger" Horn Rand. They spent winters in Arizona and summers in Oregon, together gardening,

cooking, and quilting. He also enjoyed long walks with his beautiful and energetic Westie, Bella.

Herbert passed on April 21, 2020, in Hermiston, Oregon, days before his 89th birthday. His wife Virginia preceded him in death years earlier, though he is survived by his older brother David Dewy Rand and by his children: John Rand, Evelynne Colosso, Karen Rand, Susan Williams, Tracy Nimrod, Les McLeod, Kathy Frost, and Kevin McLeod. He also has 20 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren, all of whom brought him so much joy in life.

A private family graveside service will be at Desert Lawn Memorial Cemetery, Irrigon, Oregon.

Please share memories of Herb with his family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon, is in charge of arrangements.

**DEATH NOTICES**

**Janice Marie 'Jan' Eppenbach**  
Seattle  
July 4, 1947 — April 22, 2020

Longtime Umatilla resident Janice Marie "Jan" Eppenbach, 72, died Wednesday, April 22, 2020, in Seattle, Washington. She was born July 4, 1947, in Pendleton. A private burial will be held at Desert Lawn Memorial Cemetery in Irrigon. A public celebration of life 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.

**Franklin Thomas 'Tom' Daulton**  
Hermiston  
April 17, 1937 — April 23, 2020

Franklin Thomas "Tom" Daulton, 83, of Hermiston, died Thursday, April 23, 2020, in Hermiston. He was born April 17, 1937, in Ashland, Kentucky. Services will be announced and held at a later date. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

**Paula L. Wetzel**  
Boardman  
Nov. 21, 1944 — April 21, 2020

Paula L. Wetzel, 75, of Boardman, died Tuesday, April 21, 2020, in Hermiston. She was born Nov. 21, 1944, in Grand Island, Nebraska. A celebration of life service will be held at a later date. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

**BIRTHS**

**Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston**  
APRIL 16, 2020

**GUTIERREZ** — Chenoah Begay and Brian Gutierrez of Hermiston: a girl, Isabella Reign Gutierrez.

APRIL 17, 2020

**MEDINA** — Angela D. Medina and Omar Medina of Hermiston: a boy, Isaiah Daniel Medina.

**St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton**  
APRIL 17, 2020

**MORENO** — Janette Cruz and Diego A. Moreno of Hermiston: a girl, Danielle Juliette Moreno.

APRIL 20, 2020

**MCCONNELL** — Elysse McConnell and Rodney McConnell of Umatilla: a boy, Boyd LaRon McConnell.

**COURTS**

**SUITS FILED**

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

•CNH Industrial Capital America LLC vs. Riven J. and Ruth M. Fenton: seeks \$61,090.

•Velocity Investments LLC vs. Peggy (Lee) Parisien of Umatilla: seeks \$6,828.

**JUDGMENTS**

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

•Midland Funding LLC vs. Benjamin Wetherell of Hermiston: judgment for \$1,452.50.

•Accounts Receivable INC. vs. Jennifer L. Gilcher of Hermiston: judgment for \$1,614.74.

**DIVORCES**

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

Hallie McKenzie Eckley and Jared Thomas Eckley of Hermiston; Elliot Lee Eoff of Umatilla and Tina L. Eoff of La Grande.

**MARRIAGES**

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

Wesley Virgil Marlatt Jr., 55, and Sarah Anne Kendrick, 57, both of Irrigon.

Curtis Ryan Blankenship, 39, and Monica Lyn Hofbauer, 44, both of Stanfield.

Robin Dean Kasiska, 57, of Hermiston, and Amy Beth Gore, 48, of Umatilla.

**POLICE LOG**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 21**

8:06 a.m. — Police responded for a death investigation for an elderly male found deceased.

9:51 a.m. — A caller reported possible child neglect when a 5-year-old boy came to her door alone on Northeast Fourth Street.

6:03 p.m. — A man reportedly paid someone for a television with counterfeit money on West Highland Avenue.

6:19 p.m. — A verbal domestic disturbance was reported on southwest 15th Street.

7:10 p.m. — A drunken driver was reported on East Beech Avenue and Northeast Fourth Street, but police were unable to locate them.

7:34 p.m. — A caller reported being harassed by a "rowdy" male.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22**

12:03 a.m. — Someone was reportedly trying to break into a mobile home and white van on East Main Street.

11:59 a.m. — A hit-and-run was reported on West Elm Avenue.

9:48 p.m. — Someone reported his roommates were fighting over his vehicle and belongings since he went to jail and he would like his sister to be able to pick them up.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 23**

5:19 a.m. — Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported on West Orchard Avenue.

6:08 a.m. — Unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle was reported on Southwest 10th Street.

11:09 p.m. — Two people were reportedly screaming and yelling and refusing to leave a location on South Highway 395.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 24**

1:16 p.m. — A domestic disturbance, involving a man beating up his girlfriend, was reported on Northwest 11th Street.

2:23 p.m. — An assault was reported on South First Street.

3:30 p.m. — A drunken driver was reported on East Dogwood Avenue.

7:41 p.m. — A disturbance was reported on West Locust Avenue.

11:50 p.m. — A domestic disturbance was reported on West Hermiston Avenue.

11:57 p.m. — Police assisted with traffic control after a truck went off the road and knocked down a power line on West Elm Avenue.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 25**

12:23 a.m. — A burglary was reported on Northwest Third Street.

1:30 a.m. — A woman was reportedly screaming on East Jennie Avenue, but police were unable to locate her.

2:56 a.m. — A disturbance was reported on East Beebe Avenue.

10:05 a.m. — A burglary was reported on Kelli Boulevard.

6:06 p.m. — Possible child abuse or neglect was reported on Northwest Dawn Drive.

6:34 p.m. — A hit-and-run was reported on North First Street.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 26**

3:01 a.m. — A disturbance was reported on West Ridgeway Avenue.

12:05 p.m. — A caller reported that a man was causing a disturbance on Northeast Eighth Street and East Main Street.

3:26 p.m. — Police made an arrest for drug activity on East Hurlburt Avenue.

3:53 p.m. — A hit-and-run was reported on West Hermiston Ave.

10:50 p.m. — A hit-and-run was reported on North First Street.

**MONDAY, APRIL 27**

1:40 a.m. — An assault was reported on East Gladys Avenue.

9:44 a.m. — Someone reported their 5-year-old son was missing on East Montana Avenue.

3:21 p.m. — Police helped with traffic control on a structure fire on Northwest 11th Street.

10:26 p.m. — A white SUV and silver sports car were reportedly chasing each other near Southeast Seventh Street and Newport Avenue.

# Umatilla County jumps to 45 cases of COVID-19

By **JADE MCDOWELL**  
NEWS EDITOR

Umatilla County's confirmed COVID-19 cases rose by eight on Tuesday, for a total of 45 known cases in the county since the pandemic began.

Continued cases of "community spread" where patients had no contact with a known case of COVID-19 indicate there are still cases going undetected, however.

According to Umatilla County Public Health's map of cases by zipcode, Hermiston continues to be the county's hot spot. The map shows Hermiston has between 16 and 25 residents who have tested positive, and Umatilla has 10 to 15 cases.

The county reported that seven of the eight cases confirmed on Tuesday had contact with a previously reported COVID-19 patient. Out of the four cases announced Monday, two had contact with previously reported cases.

Umatilla County continues to report no deaths linked to the virus, but three patients are currently in the hospital. Twenty-one of the county's cases have recovered so far, meaning they have reported no symptoms for 72 hours.

Statewide, as of Tuesday, Oregon Health Authority announced there have been 2,385

confirmed cases and 99 deaths from COVID-19. The state's reporting lags a day behind the counties', however, and Umatilla County's eight new cases were not included.

Nationally, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention listed close to 1 million cases and a total of 55,258 known deaths from COVID-19 on Tuesday.

The CDC also announced new symptoms that are officially considered COVID-19 symptoms that qualify a patient for testing. The list now includes cough, shortness of breath, fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat and loss of taste or smell.

Umatilla County Public Health urges anyone who is sick with a respiratory illness to self-isolate until they have been free of symptoms for at least three days.

Anyone not sick should avoid nonessential trips out of their home, because people can spread COVID-19 even when they are not experiencing any symptoms.

They also encourage everyone to take increased care of their mental and physical health during this time of increased stress, and to reach out through letters, emails, texts and other methods to people who are experiencing increased isolation.

# Head Start offers family care kits

HERMISTON HERALD

A local organization is putting together family care kits for families in need, reaching all across Eastern Oregon.

The kits, put together and organized by the Umatilla Morrow County Head Start, include food boxes, learning bags with activity sheets and manipulative toys, diapers and wipes, and other essential items.

Andrea Adams, community development coordinator for Umatilla Morrow County Head Start, said community reception

to the kits has been favorable since it began April 3.

"Since then, we've been able to get out over 200 food boxes and over 600 learning kits," she said.

Adams said most of the items for the kits have been donated. The only items her organization has had to purchase has been some diapers and wipes.

The family care kits have reached families in Milton-Freewater, John Day, La Grande and Condon, Adams said.

Adams said a second round of learning kits is in the works.

# Echo Kiwanis award scholarships

HERMISTON HERALD

The Echo Kiwanis Club announced scholarship grant awards for four Echo High School seniors: Katrina Morrison (\$2,000), Cynthia Buitron (\$1,750), Rachel McCarty (\$1,500), and Tylene Skillman (\$1,250).

At the time of her application, Morrison has a 4.0 grade point average and plans to attend Willamette University on her way to becoming a pediatrician. She is well established as a student leader, volleyball player, member of National Honor Society and holds a genuine appreciation for community service including serving as an Outdoor School counselor. As a junior at Echo, she enrolled in a college writing course and composed, for a contest, a first-place award-winning fictional writing piece.

Buitron has a nearly perfect academic record as well and a demonstrated interest in learning and growing through working well with others. She intends to graduate with an associate's degree from Columbia Basin Community College on her way to becoming a dental hygienist. In her application, one of her teachers was very appreciative of how much she had learned to rely on the kind, hard-working and trustworthy ethic that Buitron represents as a person.

McCarty has excelled as a judicious, helpful,

and athletic student leader in her career at Echo School and is respected as a hard-working, trusted neighbor in her rural community. She has been already enrolled in several college level courses and plans to attend Walla Walla Community College in the fall. She has a passion for becoming a registered nurse. She enjoys being involved with healing people and in nursing, McCarty realizes, there is always something new for her to learn.

Skillman is known as an inspirational, valued athletic student — friendly, honest and always willing to lend a helping hand. She intends to engage in pre-veterinary studies at Unity College in Maine. After having been active in FFA and engaging in eight years of growing and showing in 4-H, Skillman leaves high school

as being particularly interested in veterinary work with large animals. Echo Kiwanis was chartered in March of 2007. The scholarship grant award program began over ten years ago. Graduating Echo seniors are eligible for awards from this program and must apply to be considered. Funds have been gathered from donations offered through the generosity of local businesses and individuals. More recently, funds are also generated through net proceeds of the annual Echo Oktober-Fest Festival.



Buitron



McCarty



Morrison



Skillman

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