

ACADEMICS

Local students graduate from Oregon State University

HERMISTON HERALD

More than 7,000 students representing all 50 states and 73 countries have earned degrees as part of Oregon State University's Class of 2020.

This year's class includes 7,181 total graduates earning 7,452 degrees, with 267 people earning double degrees and two receiving three degrees.

Local students who graduated in June from Oregon State University include:

Boardman:

Paola Mendoza, Bachelor of Arts, psychology, Bachelor of Arts, sociology; Maria G. Rodriguez, Bachelor of Science, public health; Mayra L. Sanchez-Barrera, Doctor of Pharmacy (4-year), pharmacy.

Echo:

Connor B. Bettencourt, Bachelor of Science, agricultural sciences; Alexander P. Olsen, Bachelor of Science, horticulture; Esau I. Sanchez, Bachelor of Science, public health.

Heppner:

Macy J. Gibbs, Bachelor of Science, agricultural business management; Maddie R. Lindsay, Bachelor of Science, biohealth sciences.

Hermiston:

Taylor P. Betz, Bachelor of Science, *cum laude*, agricultural business management; Austin Drinkwater, Bachelor of Science, mathematics; Martee M. Kelly, Bachelor of Science, *cum laude*, business administration, Bachelor of Science, *cum laude*, agricultural sciences; Kaa-

jal D. Mishra, Bachelor of Science, *magna cum laude*, food science and technology; Tristan D. Mitchell, Bachelor of Science, construction engineering management, Bachelor of Science, innovation management; Adriana Ramirez, Bachelor of Science, agricultural sciences; Tanner A. Smith, Bachelor of Arts, *magna cum laude*, music; Arnulfo Torres, Bachelor of Science, education, Bachelor of Science, biology; Samuel D. Wilson, Bachelor of Science, computer science.

Ione:

Daniel T. Holtz, Bachelor of Science, business administration; August H. Peterson, Bachelor of Science, agricultural sciences, Bachelor of Science, political science; Oskar M. Peterson, Bachelor of Science, *summa cum laude*, mechanical engineering.

Irrigon:

Kevin M. Feyder, Bachelor of Fine Arts, graphic design; Isabel Orozco, Bachelor of Science, biohealth sciences.

Stanfield:

Jesus M. Carrillo, Bachelor of Science, *summa cum laude*, kinesiology; Laura N. Cornejo, Bachelor of Fine Arts, digital communication arts; Michael A. Martinez, Bachelor of Science, business administration; Coralia C. Rojas, Bachelor of Science, business information systems.

Umatilla:

Koty C. Nobles, Bachelor of Science, *cum laude*, psychology; Priscilla Perches, Bachelor of Science, kinesiology.

Hermiston student named to dean's list

Josiah Barron of Hermiston was named to the dean's list by Pensacola Christian College, for academic achievement during the 2020 spring semester.

Students named to the dean's list earned a semester grade point average of 3.0 or higher.

Hermiston grad selected to national honor society

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Kyle Kopta of Hermiston was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Kopta was initiated at Washington State University Tri-Cities.

Kopta is among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10% of seniors and 7.5% of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10% of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

BUSINESS

Hermiston movie theater reopens

By JADE MCDOWELL
NEWS EDITOR

Hermiston Cinema joined the list of businesses reopening under Phase 2 after a long closure.

The movie theater posted an announcement on their Facebook page that they were reopening beginning Friday, June 26.

Since studios have not been releasing new movies during the COVID-19 shutdown, the theater is showing past favorites like "Avengers" and "Zootopia."

Like all businesses in Oregon, movie theaters must operate under social distancing guidelines. Rules posted by Hermiston Cinema include not visiting the theater while

sick, sitting at least six feet apart from people you did not arrive with and signing in when arriving for contact tracing purposes.

Customers are encouraged to wear masks, use the hand sanitizer available and purchase their ticket with a debit card if possible.

During the shutdown the theater offered drive-through concession sales and will continue to offer that option Fridays and Saturdays from 4-7 p.m.

All options for the drive-through concessions are \$5 and people are asked to pay in cash and use exact change.

For more information call the theater at 541-567-1556.

DEATH NOTICES

Kenneth Dean Peterson

Hermiston-

June 28, 1925 — March 9, 2020

Kenneth Dean Peterson, 94, of Hermiston, died Monday, March 9, 2020, in Hermiston. He was born June 28, 1925, in Denton, Montana.

A graveside service with military honors will be held Saturday, July 11 at 10 a.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery. A memorial service will follow at 1 p.m. at the Eastern Oregon Trade & Event Center, 1705 E. Airport Road, Hermiston. Masks are required at both events. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

David W. Baisley

Hermiston

May 28, 1954 — June 28, 2020

David W. Baisley, 66, of Hermiston, died Sunday, June 28, 2020, at his home. He was born May 28, 1954, in Eureka, California. A graveside service will be held Saturday, July 11 at 1 p.m. at the Echo Cemetery. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Michael J. 'Mickey' Easton

Hermiston

March 7, 1946-June 26, 2020

Michael J. "Mickey" Easton, 74, of Hermiston, died Friday, June 26, 2020, in Hermiston. He was born March 7, 1946, in The Dalles. A private family burial will be held in The Dalles. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

COURTS

SENTENCES

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

FELONY

•Angel Santiago Lemus, 19, Umatilla, pleaded guilty to Assault IV: sentenced to 3 years probation, 180 sanction units, 90 maximum jail units, \$200 fine and \$800 fine-suspended, plus restitution to be determined.

•Bill Wayne Snyder II, 39, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Failure to Report as Sex Offender II: sentenced to 180 days jail.

MISDEMEANOR

•Luis Mesteth Aguilar, 34, Umatilla, pleaded guilty to Attempt to Commit Class A Misdemeanor: sentenced to 90 days jail-suspended, 2 years probation and \$1,000 fine, plus court costs and fees.

•Elaborio Guzman, 74, Umatilla, pleaded guilty to Failure to Perform Duties of Driver-property damage: sentenced to 180 days jail-suspended, 18 months probation, \$100 fine, \$1,900 fine-suspended, \$12,949.48 restitution and 90 days driver's license suspension, plus court costs and fees.

•Robert David Clark, 39, Hermiston, was convicted of Possession of Heroin: sentenced to 180 days jail-suspended, 18 months probation, 90 sanction units, 30 maximum jail units, 80 hours community service, \$100 fine and \$900

fine-suspended; pleaded guilty to Criminal Trespass I: sentenced to restitution, to be determined (sentence discharged).

SUITS FILED

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

•Quick Collect Inc. vs. Jeri Gossett of Hermiston: seeks \$984.91.

•Second Round LP vs. William J. Patterson of Hermiston: seeks \$2,808.87.

DIVORCES

PENDLETON — Divorce decrees were signed in Umatilla County Courts for: Larissa Mae Ritzer and Michael Leon Ritzer of Hermiston.

MARRIAGES

PENDLETON — Marriage licenses have been registered in Umatilla County for: Jeffrey Astudillo, 37, and Magda Reyes, 35, both of Umatilla. McKinze Rae Phillips, 22, and Nathan Roy Barnes, 32, both of Hermiston.

Juan Manuel Jauregui, 44, and Fernanda Saray Tostado, 34, both of Umatilla. Anna-Lee Michelle Waggoner, 36, and Ryan Chad Pearson, 39, both of Stanfield.

Jessie James Seholm, 40, and Jennifer Nichole Follett, 40, both of Hermiston. Beau Michael Morgan, 37, and Andrea Nicole Kauffman, 38, both of Hermiston.

BIRTHS

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston

JUNE 16, 2020

KEEFER — Kelsie Stewart and Paul Keefer of Umatilla: a girl, Mya Jade Erika Marie Keefer.

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton

JUNE 18, 2020

WORDEN — Brenda Worden and Robert M. Worden of Hermiston: a boy, Benjamin Richard Worden.

POLICE LOG

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

12:41 a.m. — A fight was reported on Southeast Sixth Street.
1:28 a.m. — A hit-and-run was reported on So. Highway 395.
1:30 p.m. — A domestic disturbance was reported on East Montana Avenue.

3:10 p.m. — A domestic disturbance was reported on West Ridgeway Avenue.

9:41 p.m. — A fire was reported on Southwest 11th Street.
11:24 p.m. — A burglary was reported on West Orchard Avenue.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

8:11 a.m. — A person was reportedly sleeping in an area marked "no trespassing" and a second person was throwing a bicycle, screaming and going into traffic in the same area.
8:56 a.m. — A burglary was reported on Southwest 11th Street.

10:45 a.m. — A vehicle theft was reported on West Harper Road.

5:47 p.m. — A hit-and-run was reported on East Main Street.
6:08 p.m. — A possible drunken driver in a white Cadillac was reportedly swerving all over the road, and then stopped for a very long time at a section of road with no stop sign.

11:36 p.m. — A domestic disturbance was reported on Northwest 11th Street.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

4:31 a.m. — A hit-and-run was reported on North First Street.
7:14 p.m. — A domestic disturbance was reported on West Sunland Avenue.

8:54 p.m. — A possible drunken driver was reported on West Elm Street.

11 p.m. — A fight was reported at Newport Park.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

6:30 a.m. — Child abuse or neglect was reported on South Highway 395 and Highland Avenue.

8:22 a.m. — A caller reported her son got drunk the night before and stole a part from her air conditioning unit.

4:11 p.m. — A two-vehicle crash was reported at the intersection of East Gladys Avenue and North First Street.

6:35 p.m. — A hit-and-run was reported on West Cedar Avenue.

10:44 p.m. — A domestic disturbance was reported on West Madrona Avenue.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

2:14 a.m. — A physical fight between two males was reported on Southeast Sixth Street, but police were unable to locate it.

11:52 a.m. — Child neglect was reported with two small children in the road at West Highland Avenue.

3:08 p.m. — A motor vehicle crash was reported on North First Street.

6:43 p.m. — A caller reported several young children were locked in a car in the heat with the windows rolled up and the car not running.

7:46 p.m. — A domestic disturbance was reported on West Laird Avenue.

9:56 p.m. — A fight was reported on East Main Street.

11:13 p.m. — A domestic disturbance involving a man shoving a woman was reported on Northwest Dawn Drive.

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

7:14 p.m. — A drunk driver in a gray car was reported on Southwest 12th Street, but police were unable to find the car.

7:59 p.m. — A drunken driver was reported on East Elm Avenue.

MONDAY, JUNE 29

12:32 p.m. — A business on North First Street reported someone had attempted to gain entry into the building and bent the hinges on the door, but did not appear to have succeeded in getting inside.

Hermiston Police Department responded to multiple complaints about fireworks throughout the past week.

Truck in Columbia River presents a mystery

By JADE MCDOWELL
NEWS EDITOR

A vehicle found in the Columbia River on Wednesday, June 24, did not have anyone inside and appears to have been purposely sent into the water, the Umatilla County Sheriff's Office reports.

The sheriff's office, Umatilla County Fire District #1 and Columbia Basin Dive Rescue responded to Warehouse Beach on Highway 730 east of Hermiston on the afternoon of June 24 after a 911 caller reported seeing fresh tire tracks leading off the edge of a cliff adjacent to the beach.

The caller could see something light-colored through the deep water below, according to Under-sheriff Jim Littlefield.

CBDR deployed divers and sonar in the area and discovered a white pickup truck underwater. Littlefield said they did not find anyone in the vehicle or surrounding water.

"The vehicle did not have license plates, and the divers described a chain and padlock type device on the steering wheel," he said in an email. "There were no witnesses, but it appears that the vehicle was purposely dumped into the river."

The incident is under investigation.



Staff photo by Jade McDowell

An ambulance stands by at Warehouse Beach on June 24 as divers attempt to locate a vehicle that went over the cliff and into the river. The vehicle turned out to be empty.



Dr. Dave Drotzmann and Dr. Kollan Arritt would like to welcome a new associate,

Dr. Stephanie Uggen

a graduate from Indiana University practicing full scope optometry, specializing in Pediatrics.



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