

## OBITUARIES

## Daniel Joseph 'Dan' Brannan

Rieth

February 28, 1971 — July 2, 2020

Dan was born February 28, 1971, in Oregon City, Oregon, to parents Michael H. Brannan and Melinda (Brannan) Newman. He passed away at his home in Rieth, Oregon, at the age of 49.

Dan lived the first few years of his life in Molalla, Oregon, until his father passed away, later on moving to Eastern Oregon with his mother and sister Laura. He then grew up in Umatilla, attending school there starting with kindergarten and going all the way through high school. Dan made and kept many life-long friends along the way; most all that knew him considered him as a big-hearted person, and that would carry with him throughout his entire life.

While attending Umatilla schools he really enjoyed sports, starting out with T-Ball, and continuing with baseball through elementary school. His real love was football starting with freshman year, playing all four years as center for the team. Umatilla Vikings went to state playoffs three out of the four years.

Dan also joined the band at Umatilla where he fell in love with playing the drums, playing for the high school band and their concerts, school programs and celebrations. He also played drums for the Assembly of God Church three years in a row for their "Singing Christmas Tree" annual pageants. His love for playing the drums went beyond high school while living in Portland after high school, with friends and fellow musicians forming their own "garage rock band," playing for friends but mostly playing for their own enjoyment. He never lost his love for playing the drums.

He was also a member of 4-H during elementary school, raising and showing sheep at the annual Umatilla County Fair and Livestock Auction.

Dan moved to Dallas, Texas, shortly after high school with some family members, where he lived and worked for two years learning construction and mechanical skills that he would use the rest of his life.

After moving back to Oregon he lived in the Hermiston area for a couple of years then moved to the Eugene area while attending community college, earning his certification in welding and adding to his work and life skills.

He spent two seasons working for Tri-Dent Sea Foods in Alaska, helping to build housing for the cannery workers. He was a skilled carpenter and framer. Dan battled several health issues during his working life but always gave it "his all."

He also enjoyed the opportunity for the fantastic fishing in Alaska as he truly loved fishing of all kinds, fishing for many years when time allowed.

Dan was also a lover of animals, especially his dogs. He supported animal shelters and pet rescues by always adopting his beloved dogs from them. His big heart and love for them brought him much enjoyment.

His love of Oregon and the great outdoors kept him close to home for the remainder of his life, living in Colton, Oregon, for the last eight years and had just recently purchased a home in Rieth, Oregon, where he looked forward to being close to the mountains, rivers and streams of Eastern Oregon.

Dan, you will be missed by all who knew and loved you!

Dan is survived by his mother Melinda and stepfather Mike Newman of Umatilla; sister Laura Brannan and husband Hovering Laplante of Portland, Oregon; brother Dave Newman of Portland, Oregon; many aunts, uncles, cousins and close friends; and of course his beloved bull mastiffs George and Luna.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents Les and Flo Brannan, Joseph and Wilma Mann and Kenneth and Charlotte (Newman) Dack, and several great-grandparents.

A private family gathering will be held a later time due to COVID-19.

Anyone who wants to can make a contribution in his name to their favorite pet rescue.



Brannan

## James Robert 'Jim' Hill

Hermiston

November 18, 1927 — July 26, 2020

James Robert "Jim" Hill was born November 18, 1927, in Payette, Idaho, to Joseph Walter Hill of Midvale, Idaho, and Mary Ellen Smoyer of Lebanon, Pennsylvania, at age 24 and 26 respectively when they married January 9, 1920. He passed away at age 92 on July 26, 2020, as a result of a heart attack.

Walter and Ellen had two sons, George "Rollin" Hill and Jim. Rollin was born on October 25, 1925, and predeceased Jim on October 14, 1996, leaving one son, Walter.

Jim married the true love of his life, Doloris Virginia "Dee" "Doggett," on May 8, 1949, in Weiser, Idaho, at age 21 and 23 respectively. Dee predeceased Jim on December 15, 2016. Jim and Dee had one son, Daniel J. Hill, and surviving him is Dan, his wife Mollie Croisan, and granddaughter Mackenzie Hill.

Also surviving him are nephew Walter Hill, sister and brother-in-law Vivian and Junior Keithley, and numerous nieces and nephews from Ruell and Hilda Doggett and the Keithleys.

Jim attended and graduated high school in Midvale, Idaho, joined the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and saw service in Korea. After returning home, his uncle Jim Dunham of Pendleton, Oregon, introduced him to another Jim Hill, manager of Pendleton Grain Growers, and there-

after Jim became a PGG employee for decades, moving from the Pendleton shop to Feedville at Hermiston, and retiring as the elevator manager shipping grain on the Columbia River after being the longest-term employee of the company.

Jim enjoyed water skiing, hunting, fishing and camping, though mostly just time with Dee. He was an exceptional millwright, electrician, mechanic and builder, and was able to fix just about anything. He was a respected supervisor among the people he worked with, and enjoyed the team effort. He was an exceptionally good person.

A note from Dan: "The greatest man I ever knew passed away on July 26, 2020. Everyone should have a greatest dad, but I know I did. I learned everything about being who I am from him and my mother, but distinctly him. He made me the person I am, and without him I would not be remotely who and where I am. I was fortunate to tell him that and other things before he passed."

A private burial will take place in Midvale, Idaho.

Any donations in Jim's name should be made to the Good Shepherd Community Health Foundation, 610 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston, OR 97838.

Please share memories of Jim with his family at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).



Hill



## POLICE LOG

## TUESDAY, JULY 28

11:41 a.m. — A disturbance was reported on South Highway 395.

2 p.m. — A disturbance was reported on South Highway 395.

2:07 p.m. — A hit-and-run was reported on Southeast 11th Street.

4:12 p.m. — Someone reported a hit-and-run that happened the evening before on South Highway 395.

5:31 p.m. — A disturbance was reported on Northwest 11th Street involving a taxi passenger who was refusing to leave the taxi.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

7:59 a.m. — A hit-and-run was reported on Southwest 11th Street.

12:04 p.m. — A caller on Northwest Spruce Street reported people were doing drugs in the area and putting used needles under their neighbor's door mat.

2:34 p.m. — A vehicle theft was reported on West Highland Avenue.

7:17 p.m. — A domestic disturbance was reported on Butte Park.

9:23 p.m. — A disturbance was reported on East Feedville Road, involving a suspect trying to get into someone's vehicle and fight the person.

## THURSDAY, JULY 30

6:25 p.m. — A hit-and-run was reported on North First Street.

8:32 p.m. — A fight between two men was reported on South Highway 395.

## FRIDAY, JULY 31

12:51 a.m. — A motor vehicle accident was reported at Southeast Port Drive and Highway 395.

11 a.m. — A disturbance was reported on South First Street.

12:27 p.m. — A hit-and-run was reported on East Highland Avenue.

5:39 p.m. — A motor vehicle accident was reported on South First Street.

7:43 p.m. — A domestic disturbance was reported on West Madrona Avenue.

8:10 p.m. — A hit-and-run was reported on East Catherine Avenue.

8:48 p.m. — A disturbance was reported on North First Street.

8:54 p.m. — A fight between two men was reported on South Highway 395.

## SATURDAY, AUG. 1

2:37 p.m. — A drunken driver was reported on West Hermiston Avenue.

12:51 p.m. — A fight was reported on North First Street.

3:08 p.m. — A hit-and-run was reported on West Highland Avenue.

7:17 p.m. — A child was found without an adult present on West Madrona Avenue.

8:34 p.m. — A woman on East Pine Avenue reported a white sport utility vehicle ran over her dog and didn't stop.

## SUNDAY, AUG. 2

8:54 a.m. — A fight and assault was reported on South Highway 395, resulting in an arrest.

12:49 p.m. — A fight was reported on West Hermiston Avenue.

3:53 p.m. — A verbal domestic disturbance was reported on Southwest 11th Street.

## MONDAY, AUG. 3

7:31 a.m. — A domestic disturbance was reported on East Pine Avenue.

9:09 a.m. — A motor vehicle accident was reported on North First Street.

1:44 p.m. — A motor vehicle accident was reported on North First Street.

7:33 p.m. — A domestic disturbance was reported on Northwest Spruce Street.

## BIRTHS

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton  
JULY 21, 2020

**TORRES** — Mayra Torres and Jose A. Torres of Hermiston: a boy, Chris Angel Torres.

**WRIGHT** — Christina Wright and Robert Wright Jr. of Hermiston: a boy, Caleb Dean Wright.

## DEATH NOTICES

## Dale B. Carr

Pendleton

Sept. 1, 1956 — July 28, 2020

Dale B. Carr, 63, of Pendleton, died Tuesday, July 28, 2020, in Pendleton. He was born Sept. 1, 1956, in The Dalles. Arrangements are pending with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories with the family at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

## Jose Humberto Fernandez

Irrigon

March 12, 1934 — Aug. 2, 2020

Jose Humberto Fernandez, 86, of Irrigon, died Sunday, Aug. 2, 2020, in Irrigon. He was born March 12, 1934, in Mexico. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston.

## Vona Elaine Ford

Stanfield

Sept. 11, 1932 — July 27, 2020

Vona Elaine Ford, 87, of Stanfield, died Monday, July 27, 2020, in Hermiston. She was born Sept. 11, 1932, in Mabton, Washington. A private family celebration will be held. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories with the family at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

## Barbara June Gilbert

Echo

Dec. 26, 1932 — July 22, 2020

Barbara June Gilbert, 87, of Echo, died Wednesday, July 22, 2020, in Hermiston. She was born Dec. 26, 1932, in Bucyrus, Kansas. A private burial was held at the Echo Cemetery. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories with the family at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

## Richard Powell Jones

Hermiston

Nov. 13, 1945 — July 26, 2020

Richard Powell Jones, 74, of Hermiston, died Sunday, July 26, 2020, in Hermiston. He was born Nov. 13, 1945, in Duval County, Florida. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston.

## Denney H. Kelley

Boardman

June 21, 1932 — Aug. 2, 2020

Denney H. Kelley, 88, of Boardman, died Sunday, Aug. 2, 2020, in Hermiston. He was born June 21, 1932, in Toppenish, Washington. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston.

## Hector Mosqueda Arreguin Jr.

Boardman

July 16, 2003 — July 29, 2020

Hector Mosqueda Arreguin Jr., 17, of Boardman, died Wednesday, July 29, 2020, in Portland. He was born July 16, 2003, in Portland. Due to COVID restrictions, a private family service and burial will be held. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories with the family at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

## Ronald Edward Smith

Hermiston

Dec. 27, 1946 — July 28, 2020

Ronald Edward Smith, 73, of Hermiston, died Tuesday, July 28, 2020, in Umatilla. He was born Dec. 27, 1946, in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. View the full obituary or to leave an online condolence for the family at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

## COURTS

## Sentences

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

## FELONY

•Diane Rochelle Berecz, 47, Irrigon, pleaded guilty to Delivery of Methamphetamine: sentenced to 3 years probation, 180 sanction units, 90 maximum jail units, 80 hours community service, \$200 fine and \$1,800 fine-suspended.

•Tyler James Sanders, 28, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to two counts of Failure to Report as Sex Offender: sentenced to 3 years probation, 180 sanction units, 90 maximum jail units, 80 hours community service, \$200 fine and \$1,800 fine-suspended (one count discharged).

•Larry Gean Buckingham, 59, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to DUII: sentenced to 2 days jail, 178 days jail-suspended, 2 years probation, 160 hours community service, \$1,000 fine, \$1,500 fine-suspended and 1 year driver's license suspension, plus court costs and fees (revocation of Diversion Program).

## Suits Filed

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

•Jefferson Capital Systems LLC vs. BJS J. Harvey of Hermiston: seeks \$4,299.54.  
•Jefferson Capital Systems LLC vs. Angela Turner of Umatilla: seeks \$1,757.18.  
•Jefferson Capital Systems LLC vs. Carl E. Garrett of Hermiston: seeks \$1,424.69.  
•Kenneth West vs. State of Oregon acting by/through Oregon Dept. of Corrections and Oregon Corrections Enterprise: seeks \$1,177,500.  
•Portfolio Recovery Associ-

ates LLC vs. Isaac Aguilar of Hermiston: seeks \$4,493.58.

•Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Belinda Barahona of Hermiston: seeks \$969.48.

•Wells Fargo Bank N.A. vs. Paiton M. Oliver of Hermiston: seeks \$5,430.97.

•Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Karol Westfall of Hermiston: seeks \$1,348.71.

•Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Allen Frost of Umatilla: seeks \$2,928.32.

•Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Casey A. Seeger of Echo: seeks \$3,389.08.

•Andres Sosa of Hermiston vs. Omar Barragan Corcuera of Hermiston: seeks \$1,334.62.

•Credits Inc. vs. Amelia Walker (Withdraw) of Hermiston: seeks \$1,443.36.

•Credits Inc. vs. Brian A. and April Davis of Hermiston: seeks \$1,126.90.

## Divorces

## PENDLETON — Divorce decrees were signed in Umatilla County Courts for: Jeanette Elinor Laurance of Hermiston and Gary Robert Laurance, Punta Arenas, Chile.

## Marriages

## PENDLETON — Marriage licenses have been registered in Umatilla County for: Craig Allen Michaels, 30, and Devinne Janneth Carlson, 26, both of Umatilla.

Nathan Allen Sanders, 25, of Hermiston, and Anna Maria Lemmon II, 21, of Stanfield.

Mark Steele Hartley, 21, of Ontario, and Chelsy Elizabeth Lemmon, 19, of Stanfield.

Shariah Marie Porter, 26, and Logan Alexander Gillespie, 23, both of Umatilla.

Matthew Ellis Coe, 28, and Katie Noelle Dumolt, 26, both of Hermiston.

Cesar Torres, 32, of Hermiston, and Every Uriarte, 21, of Vancouver, Wash.

## GEODC offers small business grants

HERMISTON HERALD

The Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation has \$370,000 in state grant funds available for small businesses and 501(c)(3) nonprofits in Eastern Oregon.

Allocation of the money is divided by population, with Umatilla County businesses getting the largest share at \$200,000.

Businesses and nonprofits must have less than 25 employees as of Feb. 29, be headquartered in Oregon; have not received any

money from the Paycheck Protection Program or Economic Injury Disaster Loan regarding COVID-19; have been affected by shutdown orders related to the pandemic with a decrease in revenue of more than 50%; be current on their taxes and be planning to reopen in the future if they are now closed.

Organizations meeting those standards can contact Susan Christensen at [susan.christensen@geodc.net](mailto:susan.christensen@geodc.net) or 541-612-7142 for more information or an application. GEODC must distribute the funds by Aug. 21.

## Good Shepherd welcomes family medicine doctor

HERMISTON HERALD

Good Shepherd Health Care System has welcomed Dr. David Shanley, a family medicine physician, to the Good Shepherd Primary Care Clinic at 620 N.W. 11th St., Suite 103, in Hermiston.

Shanley joins Angie Hayes, FNP, and JoDee Williams, DNP, according to a news release.

"The addition of Dr. Shanley helps to fulfill the need for reduced waiting times for access to primary care. He is an excellent complement to the Family Medicine providers at GSHCS

and those throughout our community," vice president of the Good Shepherd Medical Group Troy LeGore said.

In the news release, Shanley said he was looking forward to practicing in a vibrant rural community. He has more than 20 years of primary care experience, including military, urban, suburban and rural areas.

Family medicine physicians provide comprehensive care for patients of all ages, and Shanley said he was looking forward to the potential for caring for multiple generations of families in the area.