

**OBITUARIES**

**Joe Fernandez Jr.**

Irrigon

Jan. 18, 1967 — June 18, 2020

Joe Fernandez Jr., 53, of Irrigon, died June 18, 2020, in Hermiston. He was born Jan. 18, 1967, in Phoenix, Arizona. Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday, June 18, 2021, at noon at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church, Hermiston. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Share memories with the family at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

**Wayne H. Schnell**

Irrigon

Jan. 18, 1933 — March 8, 2020

Wayne H. Schnell, 87, of Irrigon, died March 8, 2020, in Richland, Washington. He was born Jan. 18, 1933, in Vancouver, Washington. A celebration of life gathering will be held Saturday, June 12, at 2 p.m. at the Skinny Bull AG Museum, 240 S. First St., Irrigon. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Share memories with the family at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

**Maria Francisca De La Cruz**

Boardman

Oct. 10, 1925 — June 3, 2021

Maria Francisca De La Cruz, 95, of Boardman, died Thursday, June 3, 2021, at her home. She was born Oct. 10, 1925, in El Jazmin, Jalisco, Mexico. Recitation of the rosary was held Tuesday, June 8, at 2 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church, Hermiston, with Mass of Christian Burial to follow at 2:30 p.m. Burial followed at the Riverview Cemetery, Boardman. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Share memories at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

**John Allen Hinz**

Hermiston

Sept. 25, 1970 — Jan. 5, 2021

John Allen Hinz, 50, of Hermiston, died Jan. 5, 2021. He was born Sept. 26, 1970. A memorial and celebration of life will be held Saturday, June 26, at 12 noon at the Echo Cemetery. Lunch will follow at the Campus Life building, 595 S. First St., Hermiston. Bring your Nerf guns; a Nerf war will follow.

**Donald Christian 'Donnie' Gillis**

Chandler, Arizona

March 8, 1948 — April 26, 2021

Donald Christian "Donnie" Gillis, 73, of Umatilla, died April 26, 2021, in Chandler, Arizona. He was born March 8, 1948, in Anacortes, Washington. A celebration of life was held Friday, June 4, at 6 p.m. via Zoom at <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71660502171?pwd=N2FUajMrZTFycDdiRXh5clg0RG54Zz09>. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Share memories with the family at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

**Lorin 'Ed' Norton**

Irrigon

Jan. 29, 1952 — April 20, 2021

Lorin "Ed" Norton, 69, of Irrigon, died April 20, 2021, in Portland. He was born Jan. 29, 1952, in Salt Lake City, Utah. A celebration of life gathering will be held Saturday, June 5, at 11 a.m. at Burns Mortuary chapel in Hermiston. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Share memories with the family at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

**Maureen M. Roxbury**

Pasco

June 11, 1966 — May 31, 2021

Longtime Umatilla resident Maureen M. Roxbury, 54, of Pasco, died Monday, May 31, 2021, at her home. She was born June 11, 1966, in Clarksville, Tennessee. Services are pending with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories with the family at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

**David James Paxton**

Portland

April 28, 1955 — May 25, 2021

Former Hermiston resident David James Paxton, 66, died Tuesday, May 25, 2021, in Portland. He was born April 28, 1955, in Detroit, Michigan. A Celebration of Life will be held later this summer. Arrangements are with Crown Memorial in Tigard.

**Jackie S. Hughs**

Hermiston

May 14, 2021

Jackie S. Hughs, 62, of Hermiston, died Friday, May 14, 2021, in La Grande. A graveside service following state guidelines will be held Saturday, June 12, at 10 a.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Share memories with the family at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

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**Helen Kathleen West Bauermeister**

Hermiston

February 15, 1935 — June 2, 2021

Helen Kathleen West Bauermeister of Hermiston was born February 15, 1935, in Walla Walla, Washington, the daughter of Fred and Imogene West. She passed away at her home in Hermiston on June 2, 2021, at the age of 86.

She married William West in Condon, Oregon. From this union three children were born: Randy, Holly and Mitchell. The couple later divorced.

She later married Donald Bauermeister, who preceded her in death in 2018.

She was also preceded

in death by her parents, and two siblings.

She is survived by a son, Randy (Carol) West; daughter Holly (Phil) Doza; son Mitch (Sally) West; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

No services are being planned.

Memorial donations in her memory can be made to the Blue Mountain Community College Rodeo Team.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

**Justin Lee Bartoschek**

Hermiston

May 18, 2021

Justin Lee Bartoschek, a resident of Hermiston, died unexpectedly on May 18, 2021, at the age of 49.

He was born in Orofino, Idaho, and immediately filled the lives of those around him with joy. Justin grew up in Hermiston raised by his mom, Cathy, and Burt with his five siblings.

He spent many years working in alcohol and drug treatment centers. He worked for CCC Sobering Station in Portland and Powerhouse Rehab in Hermiston. He also worked in the oil fields in North Dakota.

Justin was an avid fisherman who spent much of his time chasing salmon and steelhead from the Deschutes River to North Idaho.

Anyone who knew Justin knew he had a relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ and shared it with many. He spent time with people and made many friends. Cherished by his family and loved by many, Justin's caring heart and kindness spread far and wide as he helped others.



Bartoschek

Justin never hesitated to go out of his way for someone and would give the shirt off his back to anyone in need. His presence is sorely missed, and his loss felt deeply. He was a loving and fun uncle who was adored by his nieces and nephews.

He is survived by his mother, Cathy Minnick, and father, Henry Bruns; siblings

Melissa Paiz (Damien), Troy Minnick (Lana), Aaron Bartoschek (Pam), Matthew Bartoschek (Niki), and Trina Kline (Dale); grandmother Juanita Kiser; and several nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his stepfather, Burt Minnick.

A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. on June 26, 2021, at New Hope Church in Hermiston, Oregon. We hope you will come and share your memories with us. Reception will follow at church.

**Evening features free Yu-Gi-Oh! game play**

HERMISTON HERALD

All ages are welcome during an evening of playing Yu-Gi-Oh!, a Japanese trading card game.

The event will feature casual card play, a chance to try out new decks, trade cards with others and meet new friends.

The event is Saturday, June 12 from 7-10 p.m. at Infinity Watch Collectibles, 1300 Sixth St., Umatilla. There is no entry fee. The event also includes free snacks and drinks and a movie.

For more information, call/text 541-571-6693 or visit [www.facebook.com/InfinityWatchCollects](http://www.facebook.com/InfinityWatchCollects).

**Iona Katherine 'Kathy' Berg**

Irrigon

January 19, 1943 — May 29, 2021

Iona Katherine "Kathy" Berg, 78, of Irrigon, Oregon, passed away peacefully after a brief illness on Saturday morning, May 29, 2021, at Providence St. Vincent Hospital in Portland, Oregon. Kathy was born on January 19, 1943, to Harold and Betty Lou (Neff) Keeler in Port Huron, Michigan.



Berg

She married Per "Pete" Berg on December 17, 1983, in Elma, Washington.

She enjoyed playing bingo, watching science fiction movies and spending time with her girlfriend in her coffee club.

She is survived by her husband of 38 years, Per "Pete" Berg of Irrigon; sisters Doris (John) Huntoon of Port Huron, Michigan, Kay (Wilfred) Ruck of Port Huron, Michigan, and Sheila Mueller of Naples, Florida; brothers Patrick Keeler of Port Huron, Michigan, and Danny Keeler of Port Huron, Michigan; children Kimberley Green of Vandebilt, Michigan, Cheryl (Mike) Filariski of Irrigon, Oregon,

David J. (Sarah) Green of Glenwood, Minnesota, Patrick (Shannon) Green of Alpena, Michigan, Michele (Allen) House of Perkinston, Mississippi, and Margaret (Jeff) Lawler of Rochester, Minnesota; 18 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Kathy was preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Betty Lou Keeler; sisters Ruby (Keeler) McDonald and LouAnne (Keeler) Grimson; grandson Daniel J. Brookshire; and nephew Craig Ruck.

A Celebration of Life ceremony for Kathy will be held at a later time to be announced.

Flowers can be sent in memory of Kathy Berg c/o Kay Ruck, 1835 Allen Road, Kimball, MI 48074.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. To leave an online condolence for the family or to share memories with her family, please go to [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

**POLICE LOG**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 1**

8:24 a.m. — A domestic disturbance was reported on East Montana Avenue.

11:21 a.m. — A resident on East Highland Avenue reported that someone had been pounding on their door in the middle of the night and screaming about their son.

11:58 a.m. — A two-vehicle motor vehicle accident was

reported on North First Street and West Theater Lane.

1:33 p.m. — A domestic disturbance involving someone throwing belongings out into the yard was reported on West Cody Avenue.

1:50 p.m. — A domestic disturbance involving a male damaging his girlfriend's vehicle during a verbal altercation was reported on

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Oregon Department of Transportation

Update 6/2/2021

**Project Information**

**OR 207 Chip Seal (Umatilla Co)**

The Oregon Department of Transportation is chip-sealing sections of Oregon Highway 207 in Umatilla County in June. Crews will apply the chip seal resurface treatment, then repaint the highway lines and markings afterwards. The process includes spreading rock chips onto emulsified oil, then pressing the rocks in with rollers. The route will be restriped afterwards.

**SCHEDULE:** Work is scheduled to begin June 14 and will be completed by the end of June.

1. OR 207 (333 Hermiston Hwy.) between I-84 Exit 182 at milepost 12 and Madison Road/Butter Creek at milepost 17.
2. OR 207 (320 Lexington-Echo Hwy.) between Butter Creek at milepost 27 and Morrow County line at milepost 19.

This is a continuous 13-mile stretch of highway.

The milepost number change where two routes intersect at Butter Creek.

**NOTE:** Project schedule is subject to change.

Visit [TripCheck.com](http://TripCheck.com) for current traffic impacts.

**PARKING RESTRICTIONS:** Park vehicles outside work zones during chip seal activities in downtown areas.

**TRAVEL IMPACTS:** Expect up to 20-minute delays, reduced speeds, loose rock on the roadway, flaggers, and pilot cars directing single lane traffic through work zones. There will be two short-term closures of the Exit 182 east bound off ramp sometime during the project. Minor delays during nighttime/early morning hours for road sweeping. Plan extra travel time, reduce speed and watch for construction crews and equipment. Crews will sweep roadway, but expect some loose rock to be present for several days after chip seal.

Bicycle riders should be prepared for traveling on rock chip covered highway sections behind a pilot car with no usable shoulders. Pedestrians, including those with disabilities, will be provided access through or around the work zone. Use alternate routes or delay travel if possible to avoid work zones.

**RANCHERS, FARMERS, PROPERTY OWNERS:** Please keep farm equipment off the impacted highway sections during and up to two days after the chip seal application. Also, adjust irrigation pivots and lawn sprinklers to keep water off the roadway. If you have plans for moving livestock on these highway sections in June, please advise Randy Randolph at 541-969-8518 or Justin Reed at 541-612-2605.

We greatly appreciate your support and cooperation during these paving operations.

For more information on eastern Oregon highway construction projects contact: Tom Strandberg @ 541-963-1330, email: [thomas.m.strandberg@odot.state.or.us](mailto:thomas.m.strandberg@odot.state.or.us). For updated road conditions check [TripCheck.com](http://TripCheck.com) or call 511, or (800) 977-6368.



**Online**

For this week's court records, go to [hermistonherald.com](http://hermistonherald.com)

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Saturday, June 12, 2021 @ 2 pm  
Sunday, June 13, 2021 @ 1:30 pm

**Carnival**  
Thursday through Saturday

**Parade**  
Friday @ 2 pm

Kachira Phillips & Makenzie Polfer