

## OBITUARIES

## James Lawson Thomason

Oct. 15, 1932 — Dec. 19, 2021  
Stanfield

James Lawson Thomason of Stanfield was born Oct. 15, 1932, in Cedar County, Missouri, the son of Herbert and Harriet (Met-calf) Thomason. He passed away on Dec. 19, 2021, spending his last days in his home surrounded by loved ones with Christmas lights and special music. He was 89 years of age.



Thomason

James spent his childhood years living in Missouri. He left school after the second grade when he found his love of working in orchards with his father. He later moved with his family to Washington state where he worked in fruit harvest. He worked in orchards in the Chelan area for several years. In 1960, he began working at Beebe Orchard as an irrigator. He worked for Beebe Orchard until retiring in the early 1990s. While living in Chelan, he practiced his faith and was a devoted member of the New Home Baptist Church in Manson, Washington.

James met the love of his life Patricia "Doll" Murray in the mid-1980s. The couple were united in marriage in Chelan, Washington, on June 21, 1985. In 1993, the couple moved to Stanfield, Oregon, where

he has resided since. He enjoyed spending time with his new family and watching his grandkids and great-grandkids play sports.

His faith in God never wavered, he never missed a day of reading his Bible and was always eager to pray to his Heavenly Father.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia "Doll" Thomason, in 2001; by his parents and all of his siblings and step-daughter, Kathy; and grandson, Jason.

He is survived by his stepchildren, Becky Mckenrick, Molly (Gordon) Blankenship, Charles Austin, Albert Austin and Brenda Crabb; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2021, at Burns Mortuary Chapel, 685 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston, Oregon. A private burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery in Stanfield. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

This year he got to spend Christmas with his all wise, most gracious Heavenly Father and his family members who went before him!

## Donald 'Don' Drayton

April 15, 1949 — Dec. 17, 2021  
Boardman

Donald "Don" Drayton of Boardman was born April 15, 1949, in Longview, Washington, the son of Donald Drayton and Beverly Parks-Palm. He passed away in Richland, Washington, on Friday, Dec. 17, 2021, at the age of 72.



Drayton

Don grew up, attended schools and graduated from high school in Clatskanie, Oregon. He moved to Eastern Oregon in 1979 and resided in Umatilla for several years. He moved to Boardman in 2003 where he resided for the past 18 years. Don worked throughout his career as a millwright in sawmills and paper mills.

Don's passion was in serving the communities where he lived. He served as a volunteer firefighter/EMT in Umatilla for many years. He served as fire chief of the Umatilla Fire Department in 1993-94. In Boardman, he served on the Morrow County Fire District and also the Boardman Chamber of Commerce. He was a member of the Hermiston Amateur Radio Services Club (Emergency Commu-

nication Services). He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and going to car races.

Don married Mary Burbank in Westport, Oregon, in 1972.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Mary; son, Donald "Pat" Drayton; daughter, Lisa Boulester; mother, Beverly Palm; sisters, Vicki Remick, Cheryl Palm and Lori Brown; brothers, Gary Palm, Rick Palm and Bruce Palm; four grandchildren, Aden, Aaron, Alex and Evelyn Boulester; one great-granddaughter, Hailey Boulester.

He was preceded in death by his father, Donald; and a sister, Karen Nolan.

A private family celebration of life will be held at a later time. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

Family suggests memorial donations in Don's memory be made to Boardman Senior Citizens Inc., 100 Tatone St., Boardman, OR 97818.

To leave an online condolence for the family, please go to [www.burnsmortuary-hermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuary-hermiston.com).

## Delores Elva Dummert

Dec. 13, 1933 — Dec. 26, 2021  
Hermiston

Delores Elva Dummert of Hermiston was born Dec. 13, 1933, in Lebanon, Oregon, the daughter of Steven and Florence (Evans) Carroll. She passed away in Hermiston on Sunday, Dec. 26, 2021, at the age of 88.



Dummert

Delores grew up in Lebanon, where she attended school and graduated from Lebanon High School. In 1952 she met Eugene Dummert and the couple were united in marriage on June 27, 1952 in Lebanon. They lived in Springfield, Oregon, from the early 1960s through the early 1970s. They moved to Hermiston in the late-1970s for a time. They later lived in California and Arizona before moving back to Hermiston in 2008.

Delores was a lifelong Lutheran and attended

Trinity Lutheran Church in Hermiston. She always remembered family and friends birthdays and special events by sending them a card.

She is survived by a daughter, Peggy Dummert; sister, Norma Brady; brother, Richard Carroll; seven grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Eugene, in 2009; son, Theodore Robert Dummert, in 1988; and a daughter, Margie Louise Phillips.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 3, 2022, in the Hermiston Cemetery. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. To leave an online condolence for the family, please go to [www.burnsmortuary-hermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuary-hermiston.com).

## DEATH NOTICES

## Kenneth A. 'Ken' Elliott

March 10, 1931 — Dec. 18, 2021  
Forest Grove

Former longtime Hermiston resident Kenneth A. "Ken" Elliott, 90, of Forest Grove, died Dec. 18, 2021, in Forest Grove. He was born March 10, 1931, in Colton, California. A private family burial will be held at the Hermiston Cemetery. A celebration of life will be announced for later in the next year. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories at [burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

## David Paul Henry

June 1, 1948 — Dec. 24, 2021  
Irrigon

David Paul Henry, 73, of Irrigon, died Dec. 24, 2021, in Hermiston. He was born June 1, 1948, in Batavia, Ohio, the son of Don and Thelma (Popp) Henry. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

## Bonnie J. Jones

June 29, 1940 — Dec. 22, 2021  
Pendleton

Bonnie J. Jones, 81, of Pendleton, died Dec. 22, 2021,

## BIRTHS

## GOOD SHEPHERD MEDICAL CENTER, HERMISTON

Dec. 15, 2021

**WELLS** — Breanna E. Wolf and Jeremy E. Wells of Hermiston: a girl, Megan MacKenzie Wells.

Dec. 21, 2021

**ROBINSON** — Cecile Lynn Robinson and James Hayes Robinson III of Hermiston: a boy, James Hayes Robinson IV.

Dec. 22, 2021

**MENDOZA** — Lesly Aguilar and Marcos Mendoza of Hermiston: a boy, Marcos Cain Mendoza.

**FOX** — Mahaila Ellen Fox and Jordon Edward Fox of Hermiston, a girl, Camryn Ryder Fox.

## ST. ANTHONY HOSPITAL, PENDLETON

Dec. 16, 2021

**MACIAS-BILLMAN** — Cynthia Ilin Macias and Jason Chad Billman of Hermiston: a girl, Diana Irain Macias-Billman.

## POLICE LOG

## MONDAY, DEC. 20

3:51 a.m. — A caller reported the theft of a vehicle on West Tamarack Avenue, Hermiston.

11:13 a.m. — Hermiston police took a report for graffiti at East Highland Avenue and South Highway 395.

4:26 p.m. — A woman asked to speak to a Hermiston officer about the vehicle collision she had at about 6 a.m. at the four-way stop at East Jennie Avenue and Northeast Fourth Street. She said she wanted to make a report because she hit the car in front of her, but the driver drove off without pulling over. Police took a report.

## TUESDAY, DEC. 21

12:24 p.m. — A Heppner resident reported two pit bull dogs were loose on Southeast Court Street. A Morrow County sheriff's deputy responded and cited the owner of the dogs for having dogs at large.

12:44 p.m. — A caller at the Northwestern Motel & RV Park, 389 N. Main St., Heppner, reported a large pit bull dog was injured but friendly and workers were trying to contain it. A Morrow County sheriff's deputy responded and found this was regarding the same dogs as the previous report.

3:39 p.m. — A FedEx truck rolled at Carty Generating Station, 73396 Tower Road, Boardman. The driver was able to get out of the vehicle.

5:40 p.m. — A resident on Division Road, Irrigon, reported she needed to make a missing person report.

5:51 p.m. — The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office advised other law enforcement agencies of a person threatening to crash a vehicle with a 50-gallon tank of propane in the back driving in the area of Highway 730 and Interstate 84 near Boardman. A Morrow County sheriff's deputy found the driver and returned the person to their home.

## WEDNESDAY, DEC. 22

12:28 a.m. — The Morrow County Sheriff's Office responded to a home on East Highway 730, Irrigon, for residents fighting. The sheriff's office took a report.

12:38 a.m. — Hermiston police received a report of a male jumping on silver station wagon in the parking lot at Burger King, 1730 N. First St.

9:46 a.m. — Hermiston police received a complaint about child abuse or neglect.

10:45 a.m. — Emergency services responded to the Interstate 84 westbound off ramp at Boardman for a vehicle that rolled.

11:30 a.m. — A resident on Southwest 13th Place, Hermiston, reported someone has been breaking into her car, and last night someone broke in and took \$200

2:32 p.m. — A caller asked Hermiston police to respond to East Elm Avenue and North First Street where a male was with a little girl at the four-way stop and asking for money. Police checked, but they were gone.

3:04 p.m. — A caller told police his father lives on Northwest 11th Street, Hermiston, but his father is away and there may be

## BRIEF

## Coats for Kids takes the plunge

For some frigid fun while helping keep children out of the cold, make plans to participate in the Coats for Kids Polar Bear Plunge. Entry into the event is by purchasing or donating a new winter coat for a needy youth. Buy one via [\[forkids2022\]\(http://forkids2022\) or on your own and drop it off at Umatilla Head Start, 1371 Third St., Umatilla.](http://www.yougivegoods.com/coats-</a></p>
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The Polar Bear Plunge is Saturday, Jan. 8, noon to 2 p.m. at the Umatilla

at a care facility in Hermiston. She was born June 29, 1940, in Altoona, Wisconsin. A graveside service will be Tuesday, Jan. 4, 10 a.m. at Olney Cemetery, Pendleton. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Pendleton. Sign the online guestbook at [www.burnsmortuary.com](http://www.burnsmortuary.com).

## Cynthia M. 'Cyndi' Martuscelli

Oct. 26, 1951 — Dec. 18, 2021  
Stanfield

Cynthia M. "Cyndi" Martuscelli, 70, of Stanfield, died Dec. 18, 2021, at her home. She was born Oct. 26, 1951, in Walla Walla, to Albert and Virginia Young Kralman. A graveside service will be Jan. 7, 11 a.m. at Mountain View Cemetery, Walla Walla. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

## Robert James Powell

Dec. 14, 1934 — Dec. 18, 2021  
Umatilla

Robert James Powell, 87, of Umatilla, died Dec. 18, 2021, in Richland, Washington. He was born Dec. 14, 1934, in Drain. A graveside service will be held at a later date at Wilder Cemetery, Wilder, Idaho. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

## COURTS

## SENTENCES

## The following criminal sentences have been imposed in Umatilla County Circuit Court:

Jose Elias Joaquin Gaspar, 18, of Hermiston, pleaded guilty to charges from 2019 of driving under the influence of intoxicants and reckless driving; sentenced to two years probation, including an alcohol treatment program, 90 days suspension of driver's license and \$590 in fines and fees.

**There were no criminal sentences during the last week in Morrow County Circuit Court.**

## LAWSUITS

**There were no lawsuits of note during the past week in circuit courts in Umatilla County or Morrow County.**

## MARRIAGES

**Marriage licenses have been registered in Umatilla County for:** Saraya Katherine Wise, 28, and Darrell Anthony Montez, 29, both of Umatilla.

Elizet Paola Sanchez, 24, of Boardman, and Rodrigo Tejada, 29, of Hermiston.

Tarrie Grace Lincoln, 22, and Lane Mathew Clack, 26, both of Hermiston.

several people at the home that should not be there.

5:30 p.m. — A 911 caller reported his sister on Anderson Road, Boardman, called to tell him that her boyfriend pointed a gun at her face.

## THURSDAY, DEC. 23

8:32 a.m. — Hermiston police responded to the 200 block of Southeast Third Street on a report of a burglary. Police took a report.

8:38 p.m. — The Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a request for help from a Boardman resident who may have been suffering a mental or emotional crisis.

## FRIDAY, DEC. 24

5:08 p.m. — A caller reported hearing approximately six gunshots in the area of loud music at Southwest Nevada Avenue and Second Street, Irrigon.

6:43 p.m. — Hermiston police responded to the 1100 block of Southeast Fourth Street on a report of an assault.

## SATURDAY, DEC. 25

5:45 a.m. — A Boardman resident in the area of Kunze Lane and Miller Road reported something suspicious may be causing a dog to bark. The caller also reported setting off their car alarm to scare anyone away.

12:55 p.m. — Hermiston police responded to Northwest Eucalyptus Drive on a report of a vehicle crash.

## SUNDAY, DEC. 26

12:35 a.m. — A caller reported a male was standing outside a residence Southeast Fifth Street, Hermiston, and her roommate has a restraining order against him.

12:50 p.m. — A 911 caller in on Southeast Sixth Street, Hermiston, reported needing help and then hanging up.

10:08 p.m. — Hermiston police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance on Southwest 11th Street.

## ARRESTS, CITATIONS

Dec. 20

Morrow County Sheriff's Office arrested Jose Don Garza, 43, for first-degree burglary, first-degree criminal mischief (vandalism), and first- and second-degree trespass.

Dec. 22

Hermiston police arrested Daniel Valdovino Mendoza, 48, for first-degree theft and first-degree trespass.

Dec. 24

Umatilla police arrested Cristian Chavez Flores, 24, for first-degree burglary, third-degree criminal mischief, menacing, interfering with making a report, violating a restraining order and resisting arrest.

Morrow County Sheriff's Office arrested Eden Orozco Jimenez, 27, for DUII, reckless endangering and reckless driving.

Dec. 25

Hermiston police arrested Robert Joshua Alegria, 39, for second-degree assault and second-degree disorderly conduct.

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3338 or [rcamos@umchs.org](mailto:rcamos@umchs.org). For questions about the event, call Hannah Keister, the city of Umatilla's community development coordinator, at 541-922-3226.

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