

BIRTH

CHI St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton
Jan. 2, 2022

LEMUS — Marlene Barreto and Jovanni Lemus of Hermiston: a boy, Emilio Lemus.

DEATH NOTICES

Wilma Marie (McKern) Bauer

March 13, 1927 — Jan. 5, 2022

Mt. Vernon

Former Umatilla County resident Wilma Marie (McKern) Bauer, 94, of Mt. Vernon, died Jan. 5, 2022, at the Blue Mountain Care Center in Prairie City. She was born March 13, 1927, at the old McKern place outside of Mt. Vernon, the daughter of Jay and Jessie McKern. A memorial service will be Thursday, Jan. 13, 11 a.m. at the Grant County Fairgrounds Pavilion, John Day. A potluck reception will follow. Arrangements are with Driskill Memorial Chapel, John Day. To leave an online condolence, visit www.driskillmemorialchapel.com.

Juan 'John' Irusta

March 27, 1933 — Jan. 8, 2022

Hermiston

Juan "John" Irusta, 88, of Hermiston, died Jan. 8, 2022. He was born March 27, 1933, in Berriatua, Spain, the son of Jose and Jacinto (Aristondo) Irusta. A graveside service will be Friday Jan. 14, 1 p.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston.

Charlotte Marie Johnson

Oct. 11, 1952 — Dec. 13, 2021

Hermiston

Charlotte Marie Johnson, 69, of Hermiston, died Dec. 13, 2021, in Portland. She was born Oct. 11, 1952, in Newport, Washington, the daughter of Frank Carl Johnson and Alma Lee Harroun (Bramblee). A memorial service will be Friday, Jan. 14, 2 p.m. at Burns Mortuary Chapel, 685 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Nancy Jane Lingle

Aug. 1, 1933 — Jan. 4, 2022

Hermiston

Nancy Jane Lingle, 88, of Hermiston, died Jan. 4, 2022, in Hermiston. She was born Aug. 1, 1933, in Weldona, Colorado, the daughter of John and Margaret (Johnson) Pickett. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

COURTS

SENTENCES

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

Clifton Cody Newbold, 25, of Weston, pleaded guilty to driving under the influence of intoxicants and second-degree criminal mischief; sentenced to suspension of driver's license for one year, 10 days incarceration in the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton, and a \$2,000 fine.

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

LAWSUITS

The following lawsuits have been filed in Umatilla County Circuit Court (interest, court costs and fees not listed):

Dora Doorman, of Keizer, vs. Regency Hermiston Nursing & Rehabilitation Center LLC, Ashley Ayres, Heather Metcalfe and Kelly Sullivan, seeks \$400,000.

Patricia Ward, of Morrow County, vs. Maria Wyckoff, of Umatilla County, seeks \$45,000.

Fidel Lopez Torres, of Hermiston, vs. Jose De Jesus Torres, of Stanfield, seeks \$39,869.82.

Jennifer Robin Merritt, of Pendleton, vs. TZ Contractors LLC, of Pendleton, seeks \$2,480.50.

There were no lawsuits of note during the past week in Morrow County Circuit Court.

MARRIAGES

Marriage licenses have been registered in Umatilla County for:

Nathan William Lee Bighill, 24, and Charlene Rochelle Banghart, 23, both of Umatilla.

Annalese Elizabeth-Jean Barnes, 21, and Mason Scott Smith, 19, both of Hermiston.

Edgar Ramirez Hernandez, 31, and Aliyah Laren Dowdy, 24, both of Hermiston.

Raelynn Louise Moon, 64, and James Reese Boylan, 62, both of Hermiston.

Kenneth Van Harrell

April 23, 1977 - November 13, 2021

Kenneth Van Harrell (also known as Kenny, or Junior) was born at Community Hospital in Pendleton, OR on April 23rd, 1977, to parents Ken & Karen Harrell. He passed away peacefully at Kadlec Hospital on Saturday, November 13th, 2021, with his mom, wife and son by his side at the age of 44.

When Kenny was two years old, the family, which now included younger sister, Kilee, moved to Hermiston. Kenny attended elementary school at West Park and Sunset, and went to Armand Larive Junior High. He attended Hermiston High School for his freshman year, then transferred to Echo High School, where he completed his high school years. In grade school he was on the swim team for several years, and absolutely loved it. He also played Little League baseball, and high school football.

Kenny's biggest passion was being outdoors, in the mountains hunting every season he was able to. He also loved to fish. If you didn't find him with a gun or fishing pole, there was a pretty good chance you would find him with a chain saw somewhere, looking for that one tree that would be the biggest challenge to cut down to prevent it from falling on any nearby structures. He got great satisfaction when the tree would fall exactly where he had planned for it to. He loved sharing his love of the mountains, hunting, fishing, and cutting wood with his wife and boys. Kenny was also an avid gun collector, and strongly believed in the 2nd Amendment, and our right to keep and bear arms.

At the age of 16, Kenny went to work at the Umatilla, OR branch of Wilbur Ellis Company. His dad Ken, also worked there at the time, and that is where Kenny got the nickname "Junior." At the time of his death, Kenny worked for Western Ag Improvements.

Kenny met his wife Tiffany, and her two boys Justin and Beau, in August 2001. On July 19, 2003 the four of them became a family when Kenny and Tiffany married



with the boys by their side. From the start of their relationship, Kenny considered the boys his own. He took them everywhere. They would paintball or go to the mountains hunting or fishing. You could also find Kenny and the boys eating breakfast at Jack in the Box nearly every Sunday morning.

The newest addition to the family was a granddaughter, Kinslee Ann Jones. She was Papa's girl, and absolutely had him wrapped around her little finger. Kenny bought Kinslee her very first rifle, a .22 Cricket for her 1st birthday, and he was so looking forward to teaching her to shoot & taking her to Hunters Safety class, and sharing his love of the mountains, and time at the cabin with her.

Kenny is survived by his loving wife of 18 years, Tiffany, his son Justin Jones, granddaughter Kinslee Ann, his parents Ken & Karen, sister Kilee (Kevin) Mc-Neeley, nephew Jordan, nieces Jenna & Hannah. He is also survived by his in-laws Don & Sandy Obrist, Kim (Jim) Sexton, nephew Tyler (Alanna) Sexton, Emily (Kyler) Barton, a great niece & nephew, and Grandma Thelma, as well as many other aunts, uncles and cousins. Kenny undoubtedly left a mark on the lives of those who knew and loved him, and he will be missed beyond measure.

He was preceded in death by his Grandparents Elizabeth & William O'Dell, his best friend - his Great Grandpa Van, Grandpa Bud, Uncle Jim, Tiffany's Grandpa Bill, and several aunts and uncles.

A Celebration of Life service following state guidelines will be held on Saturday, January 15th, 2022 at 1:00 P.M. at the Hermiston Conference Center, Hermiston, Oregon.

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

POLICE LOG

TUESDAY, JAN. 4

9:07 a.m. — A caller in Boardman asked for contact with a mental health service provider. She said her "brain is all scattered" and she injured her hand. Community Counseling Solutions contacted her and found she just needed someone to talk to.

10:59 a.m. — A resident on West Tamarack Avenue, Hermiston, asked to speak to an officer because someone texted her that they have her dog, which she posted a reward for on Dec. 27.

5 p.m. — A resident in Irrigon on Highway 730 reported his neighbor was playing loud music again.

6:49 p.m. — A resident on the 1100 block of Southwest Desert Oak Drive, Hermiston, reported a relative is there and mad and yelling and throwing things.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 5

Note: Weather-related driving problems, from slide-offs to rollovers were the most common call for law enforcement help Jan. 5 and 6.

11:07 a.m. — A caller reported the theft of a tan and gold 2009 Chevrolet Malibu from Southeast Tomas Avenue, Irrigon.

11:35 a.m. — A Hermiston resident reported receiving a scam regarding her Amazon account.

12:31 p.m. — Hermiston police responded to the 1100 block of North First Place on a report of a burglary.

3:52 p.m. — A caller reported tracking stolen headphones to a location on East Sunset Drive, Hermiston.

8:51 p.m. — A caller reported a male is living in his pickup at St. Patrick Senior Center, 190 N. Main St., Heppner, and one of his dogs was wandering loose.

9:09 p.m. — A caller asked the Morrow County Sheriff's Office to send someone to check on a German shepherd that may need help behind the Sub Zero Motel, 205 W. First St., Irrigon.

THURSDAY, JAN. 6

11:18 a.m. — A caller at the Irrigon Shell station, 300 S.E. Highway 730, reported the theft of a paycheck for \$1,000.

12:04 p.m. — A caller reported no one for the past week has tended to several animals, including horses and cows, at a property on Southwest Nevada Avenue, Irrigon.

6:49 p.m. — A caller asked the Morrow County Sheriff's Office to check on the welfare of a woman who seemed "out of her mind" on the corner of Northeast Washington Avenue and Northeast 10th Street, Irrigon.

6:57 p.m. — A 911 caller reported a domestic disturbance on West Hermiston Avenue, Hermiston, and it was "getting physical."

FRIDAY, JAN. 7

7:40 a.m. — The city of Irrigon reported someone cut the chain-link fence to the city shop compound off 15th Road near the cemetery and broke into work trucks.

2:04 p.m. — The Morrow County Sheriff's Office responded to Love's Travel Stop and County Store, 78665 Tower Road, Boardman, on a report of a man who was upset and refused to leave.

10:16 p.m. — A call on Little Butter Creek Road, Echo, reported the theft of her Honda 110 dirt bike.

SATURDAY, JAN. 8

9:18 a.m. — A caller reported the theft of metal from Olam Spices, 71449 Rail Loop Drive, Boardman.

3:09 p.m. — A caller on Highway 14, Irrigon, reported the theft of a camp trailer.

3:11 p.m. — Hermiston police responded to the 700 block of West Ridgeway Avenue on a report of a burglary.

SUNDAY, JAN. 9

1:41 a.m. — Hermiston police received a report of a burglary on the 1000 block of West Orchard Avenue.

12:18 p.m. — Hermiston police received a report of an assault on the 300 block of East Dogwood Avenue.

5:49 p.m. — A resident on Usage Lane, Irrigon, reported the neighbor has "a couple of vicious dogs" that are on his property that has chased and killed cats. The Morrow County Sheriff's Office responded and is investigating.

MONDAY, JAN. 10

7:17 a.m. — A woman called 911 to report she rolled her vehicle at Umatilla River and Bensel roads, Umatilla.

4:17 p.m. — A caller reported the theft of a vehicle from Northeast Stone Lane, Hermiston.

9:39 p.m. — A 911 caller reported a domestic disturbance on Hemlock Court, Umatilla.

ARRESTS, CITATIONS

Jan. 4

• Morrow County Sheriff's Office arrested Anthony Howard Rietmann, 22, for harassment, felony strangulation, third-degree escape and violating a restraining order.

Jan. 8

• Hermiston police arrested Gustavo Tabullo Aguirre, 52, for driving under the influence of intoxicants and on a warrant for failure to appear.

Jan. 10

• Hermiston police arrested Adrian Torres Nava, 22, for felon in possession of a weapon, second-degree theft, aggravated harassment and on a warrant for failure to appear.

Mildred Lucille Miller Baker

September 30, 1930-December 30, 2021

Mildred Lucille Miller Baker was born on September 20, 1930 in Ione, Oregon to Russell Kenneth and Hazel Akers Miller. She was the first of their 5 children. At the age of 5 they moved from Ione to Boardman where she met Harold Baker. When Harold was asked when he met Mildred, he would always say, he couldn't remember, she was always just there. They dated through high school and were married after she graduated from Eastern State College, now known as Eastern Oregon University in La Grande, Oregon. Jokingly his story was that he wouldn't marry her until she graduated so she could support him. They were married in Boardman on December 21, 1952.

She taught school in the Morrow County School district her entire career. She started out in Irrigon at A.C. Houghton but stopped teaching when she had her fourth child. She always planned to go back when all her kids were school age. When her youngest was 4, her principal called her and said that there were too many kids for a single kindergarten and would she consider coming back to teach a 2nd class of that age. Her response was that only if she could teach it from her home and her 4-year-old come attend. He agreed so the living room was turned into a classroom, and she went back to teaching. The next year her youngest was old enough to go to kindergarten so Mildred went back into the classroom at A.C. Houghton. She retired from A.C. Houghton but a few years later was asked to come back and teach at the new Sam Boardman Elementary School in Boardman so she did. She was very proud of the fact that she got both her education and career from the same school district.

Mildred was an accomplished seamstress, making most of her own clothes and those of her children. Halloween costumes, wedding dresses, curtains, it really didn't matter. She developed a passion (some could call it an obsession) with bears. She would make them, buy them, buy fabric with them on it, nothing was out of bounds. In her later years, she found quilting and that opened a whole new world for her. She was one of the founding members of the Boardman Quilt Group, where they could discuss anything except their aches and pains. Whatever she was involved in, she went into completely. Making sure she had all the rights tools and supplies to create the finished product.

She loved her home and would spend

many hours in the yard and garden. Over the years she and Harold built 3 different homes, all in Boardman. At the time of Harold's death, they had plans for number 4 already drawn up. She loved to cook and there were always leftovers in the fridge and room for another at the table. She would can everything, nothing could go to waste. She would wake up many mornings to find a box of in-season produce at the back door that someone dropped off, knowing that she would put it up.

By the time that she retired, so had Harold and they spent many years traveling in their RV. Starting with a trailer, then a fifth wheel and then finally a motor home. They would travel with their RV Club, The Apple Blossoms, out of Walla Walla, Washington or by themselves. If Harold had something to read and Mildred had something to sew on, they would go anywhere. With their RV, they attended many of the grandchildren's sporting events when they were in college. She died on December 30, 2021 at her home in Hermiston, Oregon at the age of 91.

Mildred was preceded in death by Harold (2018), her husband of over 65 years, her parents, and one sister, Lola Jane Miller. She leaves behind her children, Ron (Glava) Baker, Randy (Kathy) Baker, Karen Purcell, and Kris (R.B.) Dorrn. To carry on and continue the family she leaves behind her grandchildren, Brandi (Manolo) Zavala, Jared (Norma Ayala) Purcell, Kevin (Bridgette) Baker, Keith (Tess) Baker, Kenna (Trevor) Colby, and Charles (Mariah) Baker. At the time of her passing she had 16 great grandchildren: Breanna, Moises, Luciano, Yazeli, Jordan, Zander, Breston, Emery, Luke, Dezi, Blakely, Brayden, Jake, Aleah, Israel, and Elliott, but there will be more to come. She also leaves behind a brother, Jim (Margret) Miller, and 2 sisters, Grace Carpenter and Pat (Charles) Osgood.

A graveside service was held on Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 1:00 P.M. at the Riverview Cemetery, Boardman, Oregon.

A celebration of life gathering will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made in Mildred's memory to Sam Boardman Elementary for use in the library.

Please share memories of Mildred with her family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon is in care of arrangements.

