

## POLICE LOG

## TUESDAY, JAN. 25

12 p.m. — A man came into the Hermiston Police Department lobby to speak with an officer about a nice dog he found at Field of Dreams at the corner of Diagonal Boulevard and East Hooker Road.

12:12 p.m. — A person asked to speak to a Hermiston police officer about any consequences for someone taking a dead person's phone, accessing it and changing the pin and using the social media accounts on the phone to make posts.

12:33 p.m. — A mother reported her son at Sandstone Middle School, Hermiston, took the bus home and a girl on the bus spat in this face and smeared lipstick on his jacket. She said she reported this to the bus company, which is doing nothing about it, and told the school principal, who told her to speak to police.

1:29 p.m. — A 911 caller on Northeast 10th Street, Hermiston, reported her landlord was there, causing a disturbance. She said that he was pounding on her door and threatening her. Police responded.

## WEDNESDAY, JAN. 26

4:28 a.m. — A Hermiston officer responded to a possible assault at West Dogwood Avenue and Northwest Spruce Street.

7:06 a.m. — Local law enforcement responded to South First Street, Irrigon, on a report of a vehicle theft and recovered two stolen vehicles.

9:49 a.m. — Police took a report of a burglary that occurred on South Highway 395, Hermiston.

10:22 p.m. — Police responded to a 911 call reporting someone was in violation of their restraining order on Reservoir Road in Stanfield. Police took a report.

## THURSDAY, JAN. 27

8:12 a.m. — Hermiston police responded to a report of a burglary on the 500 block of West Division Avenue.

9:27 a.m. — Umatilla County Sheriff's Office received a report of a dog bite which occurred on East Diagonal Boulevard, Hermiston.

12:19 p.m. — Stanfield police received a complaint from a man stating there were goats and chickens in his backyard on West Roosevelt Avenue, Stanfield.

9:18 p.m. — A resident at Wilson Road Mobile Home Park, 600 Wilson Road S.W., Boardman, reported a car crashed into her house, and there was a male passed out in the vehicle. Local emergencies services responded. An ambulance took the person to Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston.

## FRIDAY, JAN. 28

9:54 a.m. — A resident on Linden Way, Heppner, asked about getting a restraining order for telephonic harassment. A Morrow County sheriff's deputy contacted her and explained options.

10:28 a.m. — A caller asked for a welfare check on a Boardman resident on Anthony Drive who has not been in contact with anyone since Jan. 23, was in poor health, at high risk for COVID-19 and did not answer their door.

1:59 p.m. — Stanfield police responded to the Pilot Travel Center, 2115 S. Highway 395, Stanfield, on a report of a disturbance.

3:47 p.m. — A caller reported the theft of a vehicle on Cunningham Road in Echo.

5:59 p.m. — Hermiston police responded to West Highland Avenue and West Cedar Drive on a report of an assault.

7:12 p.m. — A 911 caller reported gunshots from a home on Cherry Street, Umatilla.

7:41 p.m. — Umatilla police responded to a report of approximately 12 gunshots on Sixth Street in downtown but did not find any shooter.

9:41 p.m. — A 911 caller reported a vehicle crashed at Stanfield Meadows Road and Highway 207, Stanfield, and someone was injured. Emergency services responded.

## SATURDAY, JAN. 29

7:29 a.m. — A resident on West Fourth Road, Irrigon, reported a deer was stuck in the fence in her backyard and was injuring its back legs. The Morrow County Sheriff's Office referred the call to Oregon State Police, which handles calls about game.

4:08 p.m. — A caller reported a burglary at G & G Rentals, 2644 Bluejay St., Umatilla.

## SUNDAY, JAN. 30

12:33 a.m. — A caller reported his grandson on Northeast Seventh Street, Irrigon, was involved in a domestic disturbance in which his girlfriend assaulted him and locked herself in a trailer next to the house.

1:18 p.m. — A caller reported a doe that was injured and suffering in the area of Northeast Second Street and Washington Avenue, Irrigon, and may need to be dispatched. A Morrow County sheriff's deputy checked the area but did not find the deer.

4:25 p.m. — An lone resident reported her neighbor had a fire in a field and was concerned it could burn her barn and house.

8:52 p.m. — Umatilla police responded to the Crossroads Truck Stop, 2020 Highway 730, on a call about gunshots. Police did not find anyone shooting.

10:24 p.m. — A 911 caller reported a domestic disturbance at West Sunland Avenue, Hermiston.

## MONDAY, JAN. 31

8:08 a.m. — A caller reported a burglary on East Feedville Road, Hermiston. Law enforcement responded and took a report.

12:10 p.m. — A Umatilla police officer initiated activity at Umatilla High School on a complaint about a fight and took a report.

## ARRESTS, CITATIONS

## Jan. 27

• Hermiston police arrested Johnny Lee Peterson Jr., 35, for hit-and-run involving property, driving while suspended, reckless driving and resisting arrest.

## Jan. 28

• Boardman police arrested Justin D. Connell, 29, for four counts of first-degree criminal trespass, one count each of second- and third-degree criminal trespass and on a probation violation.

## Jan. 29

• Morrow County Sheriff's Office at 5:57 a.m. responded to a caller on Northwest Center Street, Heppner, who said her boyfriend assaulted her and she had to wait until he fell asleep to leave. Deputies responded and arrested Antonio Rafael Ortiz for fourth-degree domestic violence assault.

## DEATH NOTICES

## John Thomas Conforth

Hermiston

Aug. 1, 1950 — Jan. 26, 2022

John Thomas Conforth, 71, of Hermiston, died Jan. 26, 2022, at his home. He was born Aug. 1, 1950, in Weiser, Idaho. A family gathering will be held. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

## Jerry Lee Dyer

Hermiston

May 30, 1935 — Jan. 28, 2022

Jerry Lee Dyer, 86, of Hermiston, died Jan. 28, 2022, in Richland, Washington. He was born May 30, 1935, in Hermiston. A graveside service will be Thursday, Feb. 3, 1 p.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

## Ryan D. Neal

Boardman

Sept. 30, 1981 — Jan. 18, 2022

Ryan D. Neal, 40, of Boardman, died Jan. 18, 2022, at a Portland medical center. He was born Sept. 30, 1981, in Clarkston, Washington, the son of Gary and Kathy Neal. A celebration of life will be announced at a later date. Arrangements are with Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner.

## Robert Salazar

Hermiston

Aug. 27, 1965 — Jan. 27, 2022

Robert Salazar, 56, of Hermiston, died Jan. 27, 2022, in Springfield. He was born Aug. 27, 1965, in Portland. Viewing and visitation will be Thursday, Feb. 3, 4-8 p.m. with recitation of the holy rosary at 6 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home, Grandview, Washington. Mass of Christian burial will be Friday, Feb. 4, 11 a.m. at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Grandview, Washington. Arrangements are with Smith Funeral Home, Sunnyside, Washington. Sign the online memorial book at www.funeralhomesmith.com.

## Carole Jean Pellant

Umatilla

May 22, 1942 — Jan. 29, 2022

Carole Jean Pellant, 79, of Umatilla, died Jan. 29, 2022, in Hermiston. She was born May 22, 1942, in Fayetteville, Arkansas. At her request, no service will be held. A private burial will be at the Hermiston Cemetery. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

## Edward J. 'Ed' Sander

Boardman

Nov. 28, 1960 — Jan. 28, 2022

Edward J. "Ed" Sander, 61, of Boardman, died Jan. 28, 2022, at his home. He was born Nov. 28, 1960, in Tillamook. Services are pending. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

## William "Bill" Fordyce Myers

August 21, 1934 - January 16, 2022

William was born on Aug. 21, 1934, to Carl R. Myers and Epha M. (Southward) Myers in Hermiston, Oregon, and passed away on Jan. 16, 2022, at home, surrounded by his family on the homesteaded property where he grew up.

On Aug. 21, 1952, at the young age of 18 he married Sylvia S. Tramel (16). In August of this year they would have celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. They welcomed their first child, Teresa, in December of 1953 and their son, Mitch, in 1957.

He traveled Oregon and California extensively working on many jobs in the construction industry. He followed his employer, moving about every two years and while in Los Angeles in 1967 he decided the family would return to Hermiston. Upon his return home in 1967 he worked for a short time with Ray Kalal Construction until his love for jeeps and cars led him to open his own repair shop on Diagonal Road. In 1972 a chance Jeep Club trip to Meacham, Oregon, hunting for Christmas trees led him and his wife, Sylvia, to buy the Blue Mountain Lodge, which they ran successfully for six years. He bought a tow truck and worked many long hours in the winter months pulling cars out of the snowbanks.

While there his father, Carl, passed away in 1974 and he decided to return home to take care of his mother, Epha. Upon returning from Meacham he started his own construction company with his son, Mitch. He did many jobs in Umatilla County with his Caterpillar, dump truck and water truck. Always thinking for a better way and during his years of owning and repairing his own equipment he, his wife and son developed a product that is now manufactured on the family property, sold and distributed worldwide.

He was the sweetest and kindest man who knew no strangers. He would visit with anyone and make a new friend, often dropping off little mementos whether it be a flower, leaf, pinecone or rock. In later years after retiring, he cherished his twice-a-day visits to town for coffee at the local restaurants to visit his buddies and waitresses who all loved him. He had two Harleys and rode until he was in his 80s when failing health made it so he could no longer ride. He made many trips to Sturgis, and

loving the challenge of the ride more than the destination, he would turn right around and head home the next day.

He was a patriot who loved his country and although unable to serve due to a heart murmur, he rode thousands of miles on his Harley as a member of the Patriot Guard, escorting fallen soldiers to their hometowns. He will be honored with a Patriot Guard service. He was a very proud 32nd Degree Master Mason and also a member of the Desert Shrine. He could be seen for many years at fundraisers, parades, football games and food drives, always giving.

A master mechanic and innovator, he taught his love for cars and racing to his son, Mitch. While competing as a family race team and crew member, they together won two National Sand Drag Championships. In 2004 at the highest level of motorsports they won the NHRA drag racing World Championship, also setting the World Record. He drove the transporter truck all over the U.S. until winning the National Championship. They then retired from racing for many years. The racing bug started again in 2019 and even though he was unable to drive the transporter again, he was able to travel to a few races. He tried to figure out a way to go to the last race of the 2021 season but just wasn't strong enough to make the trip.

He was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. He would always listen and be present to help with whatever life issues might need discussed. He will be missed by so many relatives and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Sylvia; his daughter, Teresa Clark and son-in-law Gary; his son, Mitch Myers and daughter-in-law Tina; and his many grandchildren, Leigh Ann, Jaimi, Heather, William and Nicole. He has six great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Epha Myers; brother, Carl "Dick" Myers; and sister, Donna Jean Ragsdale. He was also preceded in death by many pioneer relatives who settled the area in the 1800s and early 1900s.

There will be a celebration of his life later in the spring, to be announced. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his name to the Patriot Guard or the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

## Orpha M. 'Senie' Reed

Hermiston

May 11, 1942 — Jan. 19, 2022

Orpha M. "Senie" Reed, 79, of Hermiston, died Jan. 19, 2022, at her home. She was born May 11, 1942, in Robinette. A celebration of life will be at a later date. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

## George Robert Wedding

Irrigon

July 10, 1953 — Jan. 23, 2022

George Robert Wedding, 68, of Irrigon, died Jan. 23, 2022, in Richland, Washington. He was born July 10, 1953, in Hot Springs, Montana, the son of Charles and Marimargaret (Marshall) Wedding. A celebration of life will be Feb. 12, 1 p.m. at Stokes Landing Senior Center, Irrigon. A graveside service and burial will be planned for the spring in Pierce, Idaho. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

## BIRTHS

## Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston

Jan. 13, 2022

**BALDWIN** — Lacie Baldwin of Hermiston: a girl, Taelynn Baldwin.

**LEADER-BOWLES** — Kateri Leader-Bowles of Hermiston: a girl, Zaylia Skye Leader-Bowles.

Jan. 14, 2022

**GRANT** — Sheyanne Rose Hollevoet of Hermiston: a boy, Julius Oliver Grant.

Jan. 16, 2022

**KNIGHT** — Amber Dawn Weems and Joseph Anthony Knight of Hermiston: a girl, Everlee Dawn Knight.

## Marvin Dean Way

November 30, 1929 - January 20, 2022



Marvin Dean Way passed away peacefully at his home in Stanfield, Oregon, on Jan. 20, 2022, at the age of 92. He was born Nov. 30, 1929, in Heppner, Oregon. He was the ninth of 10 children born to Daniel and Iva Vinson Way of Lexington.

Marvin enlisted in the Army after high school and was an MP in the Korean Conflict. He took over the Way family farm in Lexington after returning from active duty, where he grew hay and raised cattle. He married Norma Ann Robinson on Sept. 1, 1961, and their family grew. They raised their three children on the farm in Lexington: a daughter, Lou Ann, and two sons, Bruce and Mark. Marvin worked at the Kinzua Corporation lumber mill in Heppner and for ODOT until his retirement. He was a member of the Oddfellows IOOF Lodge and the VFW.

Marvin enjoyed the outdoors throughout his life and many a family member has a wooden clock that he skillfully crafted just for them. He was an avid fan of youth sports and could, more often than not, be found attending a local high school sporting event. He excitedly looked forward to the yearly Vinson/Way family reunion, where one could hear his boisterous laugh and many a reminiscent tale about some member of the family's exploits. He never met a stranger he didn't already know.

Marvin was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and his brothers and sisters: June, Stanley, Maxine, Zelma, Joseph, Claude, Bertin, Kenneth and Asa.

He is survived by his daughter, Lou Ann Way of Vancouver, Washington, and her son, James; son, Bruce and his wife Charlene of Boise, Idaho, and their daughters, McKenzie and Morgan; and son, Mark and his wife Robin of Stanfield, Oregon.ttt

As per Marvin's wishes no funeral services will be held and any gathering in his memory will be withheld until COVID restrictions are relaxed. Because of his love of the outdoors his family suggests that you plant a tree in his memory.

## George Robert Wedding

July 10, 1953 - January 23, 2022

George Robert Wedding, of Irrigon, was born July 10, 1953, in Hot Springs, Montana, the son of Charles and Marimargaret (Marshall) Wedding. He passed away in Richland, Washington, on Sunday, Jan. 23, 2022, at the age of 68 years.

George lived in many areas and attended several schools during his childhood but spent most of his school-age years in Craigmont, Idaho. As a young adult he resided in the Lewiston, Idaho, and Clarkston, Washington, area where he worked for Twin City Foods as a mechanic for many years. In the late 1980s, he moved to Enterprise, Oregon, where he worked in steel fabrication. He lived in Monument, Oregon, from 1991 until 1996 where he worked in road construction. He has been a resident of Irrigon since 1996. While living in Irrigon, he owned and operated Comfort Time Heating and Cooling for many years.

George enjoyed fishing, camping, playing pool, singing and playing his guitar, and playing cards. He was a member of the Irrigon Moose Lodge. He enjoyed going to family gatherings and loved his time with his grandchildren.

George married Jennie Poulson on Feb. 17, 1989, in Enterprise, Oregon.

He is survived by his wife, Jennie; five children, Crystal Wedding, Brandon Wedding, Andrew Wedding, Joseph Wedding and Lacie Wedding; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; siblings, Dale Marshall, Jeannie Alford, Donneva Kiele, Henry Wedding and Leanne Wedding; and many nieces and nephews and extended family members.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Frank "LeRoy" Wedding.

There will be a celebration of George's life at the Stokes Landing Senior Center in Irrigon, Oregon, at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 12, 2022. A graveside service and burial will be planned for the spring in Pierce, Idaho. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

The family suggests donations in George's memory be made to Vange John Memorial Hospice, 645 W. Orchard Ave. #300, Hermiston, OR 97838.

To leave an online condolence for the family please go to www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.