

PUBLIC SAFETY

MONDAY

8:22 a.m. — The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office received a complaint about theft at Mj's Labor Services, 81822 Highway 395, in Hermiston.

9:32 a.m. — A resident on Walla Walla Street, Umatilla, complained about the neighbor dogs barking for about an hour.

9:56 a.m. — A Pendleton resident told police someone racked up a \$250 charge on their bank card at a Best Buy.

1:21 p.m. — A Hermiston resident asked to speak to an officer about someone following him. He said the person followed him about a year ago and started following him again on Friday.

1:57 p.m. — A woman told Pendleton police she bought an item off eBay, but the seller sent the item to an out-of-state address, and she can get no response from the seller.

10:58 p.m. — Pendleton police found graffiti at Stillman Park, 413 S.E. Byers Ave.,

ARRESTS, CITATIONS

SUNDAY

Umatilla Tribal Police arrested Silas Daniel Lamberson, 60, of Pendleton, for reckless driving and driving under the influence of intoxicants (alcohol).



AP Photo/Douglas L. Benc Jr.

This May 15, 2000, file photo, shows Pulitzer Prize-winning author Herman Wouk in Palm Springs, Calif. Wouk died in his sleep early May 17, 2019, according to his literary agent Amy Rennert. He was 103.

Author Herman Wouk dies at 103

Despite success, Wouk was often on the outside in literary world

By HILLEL ITALIE
AP National Writer

NEW YORK — Herman Wouk was a prize-winning, million-selling author never quite in fashion.

He was a religious Jew among secular peers, a respecter of authority in a field of rebels. He didn't brag like Norman Mailer and was spared the demons driving the madness of Philip Roth's "Portnoy's Complaint." After a Pulitzer early in his career for "The Caine Mutiny," he was mostly ignored by awards committees and was often excluded from anthologies of Jewish literature. Gore Vidal praised him, faintly, by observing that Wouk's "competence is most impressive and his professionalism awe-inspiring in a world of lazy writers and TV-stunned readers."

But Wouk, who died Friday 10 days shy of his 104th birthday, was a success in ways that resonated with critics and readers, and with himself. He created at least one immortal fictional character, the unstable Captain Queeg of "The Caine Mutiny." He was praised for the uncanniness of his historical detail in "The Winds of War" and other books. He was among the first modern Jewish writers who appealed to the general public and had an enviable large readership that stayed with him through several long novels, many of which dramatized the conflicts between faith and assimilation.

He was working on a book until the end, said his agent, Amy Rennert.

Wouk's long career included gag writing, fiction and a musical co-written with Jimmy Buffett.

His two-part World War II epic, "The Winds of War" and "War and Remembrance," was adapted by Wouk himself for a 1983, Emmy Award-winning TV miniseries starring Robert Mitchum. "The Winds of War" received some of the highest ratings in history and Wouk's involvement covered everything from the script to commercial sponsors.

Heads of state read him and quoted from him, but Wouk shied from talk of greatness, telling one reporter he was not a "high stylist." In "War and Remembrance," a writer notes in his journal, "I could contribute nothing new; but writing as I do with a light hand, I might charm a few readers into pausing, in their heedless hurry after pleasure and money, for a look at the things that matter."

From Ernest Hemingway to James Joyce, major authors of the 20th century were assumed either anti-religious or at least highly skeptical. But Wouk was part of a smaller group that included C.S. Lewis, Chaim Potok and Flannery O'Connor, those who openly maintained traditional beliefs. He contended that among writers, anti-conformity was a kind of conformity.

"It seems curious," he wrote in "Aurora Dawn," his first novel, "that life 'as it really is,' according to modern inspiration, contains a surprising amount of fornication, violence, vulgarity, unpleasant individuals, blasphemy, hatred, and ladies' underclothes."

"Marjorie Morningstar," published in 1955, was one of the first million-selling novels about Jewish life, and two novels, "The Hope" and "The Glory," were set in Israel. One of his most influential works was "This Is My God," a careful, but firm defense of faith that could be found in countless Jewish households.

OBITUARIES

Stella M. Johnston

Hermiston
April 5, 1940 — May 18, 2019

Stella M. Johnston of Hermiston was born April 5, 1940, in Newfoundland, Canada, the daughter of George and Claire (Davis) Tulk. She passed away in Hermiston on Saturday, May 18, 2019, at the age of 79.

Stella grew up and attended her schooling in Newfoundland. She moved to the United States in 1958 and had resided in Hermiston since 1976. She attended beauty college and worked as a beautician and a beauty instructor for several years. In Hermiston, she worked in production for Lamb Weston until retiring in 2002.

Stella enjoyed going to the casino and working with ceramics and pottery.

She married William "Bill" Johnston in Lewiston, Idaho, in January of 1961. He preceded her in death in

1999. She was also preceded in death by a sister, Lorraine Parsons; and a grandson, Shawn Dyer.

She is survived by her son, Mark (Velma) Johnston; grandchildren Lindsey (Sam) Johnston, Angela Miller and Jason (Carla) Dyer; five great-grandchildren: Darrin, Dalton, Tyler, Leanne and Paige Dyer; five brothers, Leo, Gordon, Gilbert, Lloyd and Terry Tulk; and many nieces and nephews and extended family members.

No services will be held. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

Family suggest memorial donations be made to Alzheimer's Research.

To leave an online condolence for the family please go to www.burnsmortuary-hermiston.com

MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

BUTTER CREEK IRRIGATION DISTRICT, 8 a.m., via telephone conference, 28790 Westport Lane, Hermiston. (Bonnie Kyger 509-820-3202)

ECHO IRRIGATION DISTRICT, 8:30 a.m., via telephone conference, 28790 Westport Lane, Hermiston. (Bonnie Kyger 509-820-3202)

MORROW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, 9 a.m., Bartholomew Government Building upper conference room, 110 N. Court St., Heppner. (Roberta Lutcher 541-676-9061)

HERMISTON LIBRARY BOARD, 4 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-2882)

EASTERN OREGON REGIONAL AIRPORT COMMISSION, 6 p.m., airport terminal administrative office conference room, 2016 Airport Road, Pendleton. (Erica Stewart 541-276-7754)

THURSDAY, MAY 23

WEST EXTENSION IRRIGATION DISTRICT, 9 a.m., Irrigon Fire Department, 705 N.E. Main St., Irrigon. (Lisa Baum 541-922-3814)

SALVATION ARMY ADVISORY BOARD, 12 p.m., Salvation Army, 150 S.E. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton. (541-276-3369)

MILTON-FREEWATER LIBRARY BOARD, 4 p.m., Milton-Freewater Public Library, 8 S.W. Eighth Ave., Milton-Freewater. (541-938-5531)

UMATILLA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION, 6:30 p.m., Umatilla County Justice Center, 4700 N.W. Pioneer Place, Pendleton. (541-278-6252)

FRIDAY, MAY 24

No meetings scheduled

MONDAY, MAY 27

CASON'S PLACE CHILDREN AND FAMILY GRIEF RECOVERY CENTER BOARD, 6 p.m., Cason's Place, 1416 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton. All those interested in volunteering are encouraged to attend. (Matt Terjeson 503-720-1620)

MILTON-FREEWATER CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Milton-Freewater Public Library Albee Room, 8 S.W. Eighth Ave., Milton-Freewater. (541-938-5531)

HERMISTON CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Hermiston City Hall council chambers, 180 N.E. Second St., Hermiston. (541-567-5521)

IRRIGON COMMUNITY PARKS & RECREATION DISTRICT, 7 p.m., Irrigon Fire Station, 705 N. Main St., Irrigon. (541-922-3047)

TUESDAY, MAY 28

UMATILLA-MORROW COUNTY HEAD START, 11:30 a.m., Head Start boardroom, 110 N.E. Fourth St., Hermiston. (Monina Ward 541-564-6878)

IONE SCHOOL DISTRICT, 3:30 p.m., Ione Community School, 445 Spring St., Ione. (Kim Thul 541-422-7131)

MORROW COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT, 6 p.m., Pioneer Memorial Hospital conference room, 564 E. Pioneer Drive, Heppner. 6 p.m. provider dinner, 6:30 p.m. board meeting. (Tonia Adams 541-676-2942)

UMATILLA PLANNING COMMISSION, 6:30 p.m., Umatilla City Hall, 700 Sixth St., Umatilla. (Brandon Seitz 541-922-3226 ext. 103)

MORROW COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Bartholomew Government Building upper conference room, 110 N. Court St., Heppner. (541-922-4624)

Washington to allow composting of human bodies

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Ashes to ashes, guts to dirt.

Gov. Jay Inslee signed legislation on Tuesday making Washington the first state to approve composting as an alternative to burying or cremating human remains.

It allows licensed facilities to offer "natural organic reduction," which turns a body, mixed with substances such as wood chips and straw, into about two wheelbarrows' worth of soil in a span of several weeks.

Loved ones are allowed to keep the soil to spread, just as they might spread the ashes of someone who has been cremated — or even use it to plant vegetables or a tree.

"It gives meaning and use to what happens to our bodies after death," said Nora Menkin, executive director of the Seattle-based People's Memorial Association.

Supporters say the method is an environmentally friendly alternative to cremation, which releases

carbon dioxide and particulates into the air, and conventional burial, in which people are drained of their blood, pumped full of formaldehyde and other chemicals that can pollute groundwater, and placed in a coffin, taking up land.

"That's a serious weight on the earth and the environment as your final farewell," said Sen. Jamie Pedersen, the Seattle Democrat who sponsored the measure.

He said the legislation was inspired by his neighbor: Katrina Spade, who was a student at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, when she began researching the funeral industry. She came up with the idea for human composting, modeling it on a practice farmers have long used to dispose of livestock.

She tweaked the process and found that wood chips, alfalfa and straw created a mixture of nitrogen and carbon that accelerates natural decomposition when a body is placed in a temperature- and moisture-controlled vessel and rotated.

DEATH NOTICES

Charles H. Wohlcke

Pendleton
Feb. 2, 1932 — May 20, 2019

Charles H. Wohlcke, 87, of Pendleton, died Monday, May 20, 2019, at his home. He was born Feb. 2, 1932. Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements. Sign the online guestbook at www.burnsmortuary.com.

Marilyn G. Lieuallen

Adams
Jan. 25, 1926 — May 19, 2019

Marilyn G. Lieuallen, 93, of Adams, died Sunday, May 19, 2019, at a Walla Walla care facility. She was born Jan. 25, 1926. Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements. Sign the online guestbook at www.burnsmortuary.com

Alice Barkhurst

Hermiston
Sept. 16, 1945 — May 19, 2019

Alice Barkhurst, 73, of Hermiston, died Sunday, May 19, 2019, in Hermiston. She was born Sept. 16, 1945, in New York, New York. At her request, no service will be held. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuary-hermiston.com.

Kris Kelley

Boquete, Panama
Nov. 4, 1955 — Nov. 2, 2018

Longtime Pendleton resident Kris Kelley, 62, of Boquete, Panama, died Nov. 2, 2018, in Boquete. He was born Nov. 4, 1955, in Pendleton. A celebration of life with hors d'oeuvres and no-host bar will be held Friday, May 31, 2019, from 4-7 p.m. at the Pendleton Country Club.

UPCOMING SERVICES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

DEMOS, NICHOLAS — Recitation of the rosary at 12:30 p.m. followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 1 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church, 565 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston. Burial with military honors will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery.

THURSDAY, MAY 23

No services scheduled

OBITUARY POLICY

The East Oregonian publishes paid obituaries. The obituary can include small photos and, for veterans, a flag symbol at no charge. Obituaries may be edited for spelling, proper punctuation and style. Expanded death notices will be published at no charge. These include information about services.

Obituaries and notices can be submitted online at EastOregonian.com/obituaryform, by email to obits@eastoregonian.com, by fax to 541-276-8314, placed via the funeral home or in person at the East Oregonian office. For more information, call 541-966-0818 or 1-800-522-0255, ext. 221.

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LOTTERY

Monday, May 20, 2019 Megabucks 13-36-40-54
06-07-08-09-11-35 **Pick 4**
Estimated jackpot: \$2 million 1 p.m.: 1-1-4-2
4 p.m.: 9-0-9-7
7 p.m.: 2-2-6-9
Lucky Lines 10 p.m.: 0-5-1-8
02-07-11-14-FREE-17-21-25-32 **Tuesday, May 21, 2019**
Estimated jackpot: \$24,000 **Pick 4**
Win for Life 1 p.m.: 8-0-2-6