

MEETINGS

MONDAY, DEC. 30

No meetings scheduled

TUESDAY, DEC. 31

MORROW COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Port of Morrow Riverfront Center, 2 Marine Drive, Boardman. (Stephanie Loving 541-922-4624)

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 1

No meetings scheduled

THURSDAY, JAN. 2

PENDLETON DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE, 4-5:30 p.m., Pendleton City Hall John Brenne Room, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. (Charles Denight 541-966-0233)
ADAMS PLANNING COMMISSION, 6:30 p.m., Adams City Hall, 190 N. Main St., Adams. (541-566-9380)

OBITUARIES

Elise Marie Cook

Pendleton
January 7, 1960 — December 26, 2019

Elise Marie Cook, 59, of Pendleton, Ore., was born on January 7, 1960, in La Grande, Ore., to John and Mary (Brueske) Hicks. Elise passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by family and friends, on December 26, 2019, after a nearly five-year courageous battle with cancer.

In early childhood, Elise lived in Missouri on a family farm with her Granny, mother, father and three siblings. A few years later, the family moved to Pendleton where she lived throughout the high school years. In high school, she met Donnie Cook, who was friends with her older brother. After high school, she and Donnie moved to Portland. They married on June 28, 1980, on Donnie's family property in Pendleton. They had two kids, Ryan and Rachelle.

During her time in Portland, she graduated from the Portland Culinary Institute and went on to work at several high-end restaurants and establishments in the Portland area. In 1985, shortly after Rachelle was born, Donnie and Elise moved back to Pendleton where they bought a house and lived out their years together.

Elise had many enjoyments in life, including golf, traveling, and most impor-

tantly spending time with family and friends. She also had a knack for word searches and enjoyed anywhere warm! She loved de-

corating, shopping, and truly enjoyed her work as well. She worked for Safeway for 23 years and Graybeal Distributing for the last 10 years.

She is preceded in death by her son (Ryan Cook), her father

(John Hicks), mother (Mary Brueske), older brother (John Hicks Jr.), brother-in-law (Randy Cook), and mother-in-law (Velda Cook). She is survived by her husband Donnie, daughter (Rachelle Knight), son-in-law (Ross Knight), three grandchildren (Laynie, Chandler, and Bentley), faithful dog (Rylee), sister and brother-in-law (Kathy and Gerry Cruz), father-in-law (Wiley Cook), nieces and nephews, and countless friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 2 p.m. on January 4, 2020, in the Roy Raley Room at the Pendleton Round-Up Grounds.

Donations may be made to Walla Walla Community Hospice, c/o Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop, 131 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton, OR 97801.

Online condolences may be sent to www.pioneer-chapel.com.



Cook

Gaylord 'Lee' Grannell Jr. (Minthorn)

Pilot Rock
December 27, 1964 — December 22, 2019

Our Lee departed on his next journey in the usual way: fast! He was born to Gaylord Lee Grannell Sr. and Roberta Franklin Grannell in Portland, where Lee grew up and attended schools.

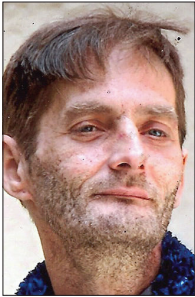
Before becoming disabled he was shipping and receiving manager at VTech in Beaverton.

Lee met his partner Micheal Minthorn on Father's Day 1996 in Portland. In 1998 he relocated to McKay Creek, joining up with the Minthorn family for the remainder of his life. Lee and Micheal owned Howtome Vending Company until Lee became ill in late 1999, never recovering. Completely disabled, Lee has resided in Portland assisted living facilities since 2003 and had just returned to the reservation only a few weeks before he died, spending most of it on McKay Creek.

In younger days Lee was a sketch and paint artist residing in a loft in Northwest Portland.

Lee was preceded in death by his father and his

most favorite Aunt Karen Grannell Berry. Survivors include his partner Micheal Minthorn of McKay Creek, his mother in Oklahoma



Grannell

City, and brothers and sisters in Portland and Oklahoma. Lee has a multitude of nieces, nephews and grandchildren among the Minthorn family. He gives his special thanks and love to Pat and Kite Minthorn for taking him in.

The family gives thanks to the excellent owners and staff at Desire For Healing, and the kind family and friends he had among the staff at Wildhorse Casino.

Lee will spend one final night at home this Friday on McKay Creek before services and burial at Tutuilla Presbyterian Church and Cemetery. Funeral service will be at 9 a.m. on Saturday, December 28, 2019, at the Tutuilla Presbyterian Church.

Arrangements are being handled by Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop. Online condolences may be shared at www.pioneer-chapel.com.

UPCOMING SERVICES

SATURDAY, DEC. 28

GRANNELL, GAYLORD JR. — Funeral services at 9 a.m. at Tutuilla Presbyterian Church, 45682 Tutuilla Church Road, Pendleton. Burial will follow at the Tutuilla Presbyterian Church cemetery.

POWELL, LEON — Funeral service at 1 p.m. in the chapel at Burns Mortuary, 685 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston. Burial will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery.

SUNDAY-TUESDAY, DEC. 29-31

No services scheduled

By PHILIP MARCELO

Associated Press

Scandinavian writer Ari Behn — the ex-husband of Norwegian Princess Martha Louise and among the people who had accused actor Kevin Spacey of sexual misconduct — died this week, his manager said. He was 47.

Behn died by suicide Wednesday, his manager told the Norwegian news service NTB. Authorities said he was found at his home in Norway.

The Norwegian royal family said in a written statement that Behn was “an important part of our family for many years and we carry warm and good memories of him with us.”

Behn, who was Danish-born, and Martha Louise, the oldest daughter of Norway's King Harald and Queen Sonja, were married for 14 years. The couple divorced in 2017 and have three children.

The match had critics before it even became official. Negative coverage dogged Behn after a Las Vegas travelogue he hosted on Norwegian TV in the early 2000s briefly showed him around prostitutes, some of them using cocaine.

Behn said at the time that it was mere reporting, not endorsement, and Martha Louise defended him.

Behn also wrote books and plays, including 1999's “Trist som faen,” or “Sad as Hell,” a short story collection that was translated into several languages.

In 2017, Behn accused Spacey of groping him



AP Photo/Jon Olav Nesvold, File

In this Nov. 6, 2016, file photo, Ari Behn is interviewed during the Celebrity Gala 2016 and Wenche Foss' honorary award at Chat Noir in Oslo. The Scandinavian author — the ex-husband of Norwegian Princess Martha Louise and among the people who had accused actor Kevin Spacey of sexual misconduct — died this week, his manager said. He was 47. Behn died by suicide Wednesday at his home in Norway, his manager told the Norwegian news service NTB.

under the table at a Nobel Peace Prize concert in Oslo a decade earlier. It didn't appear that Behn ever pursued criminal charges or a lawsuit against Spacey.

Spacey didn't comment on the allegations at the time, which came amid a string of similar accusations. A lawyer for Spacey didn't respond to an email seeking comment Thursday.

Behn's death came a day after Spacey, 60, released a YouTube video in which he pretends to be Frank Underwood, the scheming politician he played in the Netflix series “House of Cards.” He did not address the cascade of allegations against him.

Spacey was dropped

from “Cards” after several people stepped forward with allegations of sexual misconduct. The final season aired last year.

Massachusetts prosecutors this year dropped a criminal case alleging the Oscar winner groped an 18-year-old man at a bar on the resort island of Nantucket in 2016. The unnamed accuser in that case invoked his Fifth Amendment right not to testify about text messages from the night of the alleged encounter.

Police in London have also said they are investigating allegations of sexual misconduct by Spacey, but there has been no public update on that inquiry

for months.

Los Angeles prosecutors this year tossed a sexual battery charge against Spacey after the unnamed accuser in that case died.

Another player in the Spacey saga, Linda Culkin, was fatally struck crossing the street in Quincy, Massachusetts, in May.

The former nursing assistant had pleaded guilty to sending death threats and bomb threats to Spacey and his associates. She was sentenced to over four years in federal prison in 2014.

Prosecutors said at the time that Culkin became obsessed with Spacey after a patient told her of being attacked by him.

COMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, DEC. 28

FREE FOR ALL, 9:30-10:15 a.m., Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Free art classes for children up to age 12. Children under 8 should be accompanied by an adult. (Roberta Lavadour 541-278-9201)
FAMILY HISTORY WORKSHOPS, 10 a.m., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 850 S.W. 11th St., Hermiston. Workshops, photo scanning and more. (Stephanie Blackburn 541-567-6251)
YARN CLUB, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-2882)
HIP & HANDMADE, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Free drop-in project class for adults. (Roberta Lavadour 541-278-9201)
SATURDAY CRAFTS, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. Drop-in craft activities for kids of all ages. Free. (Janet Torres 541-567-2882)

SUNDAY, DEC. 29

SPECIAL NEEDS OPEN GYM, 12:30-1 p.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Free for special needs children and families. (Casey Brown 541-276-8100)
CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL SERVICE, 3-4 p.m., Hermiston Christian Center, 1825 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston. Event provides a time to remember loved ones and honor someone special. A time of fellowship will follow the service. Free. (Carolyn 541-667-3543)

MONDAY, DEC. 30

HERMISTON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 p.m., Harkenrider Center, 255 N.E. Second St., Hermiston. Cost is \$4 for adults, free for children 10 and under, \$4 for Meals on Wheels. Extra 50 cents for utensils/dishes. Bus service available by donation. (541-567-3582)
PENDLETON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12-1 p.m., Pendleton Senior Center, 510 S.W. 10th St., Pendleton. Costs \$3.50 or \$6 for those under 60. Pool, puzzles, crafts, snacks, Second Time Around thrift store 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For Meals On Wheels, call 541-276-1926. (Tori Bowman 541-276-5073)

TUESDAY, DEC. 31

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME, 10:30-11 a.m., Stanfield Public Library, 180 W. Coe Ave., Stanfield. (541-449-1254)
PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR, 10:30 a.m., Helix Public Library, 119 Columbia St., Helix. Features stories, crafts, music and snacks. Free. (Annette Kubishta 541-457-6130)
BOARDMAN SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 p.m., Boardman Senior Center, 100 Tatone St., Boardman. Cost is \$4 for seniors 55 and over or \$5 for adults. (541-481-3257)
HERMISTON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 p.m., Harkenrider Center, 255 N.E. Second St., Hermiston. Cost is \$4 for adults, free for children 10 and under, \$4 for Meals on Wheels. Extra 50 cents for utensils/dishes. Bus service available by donation. (541-567-3582)
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SKILLS FOR LIFE, 3 p.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Gym activities at 3 p.m., life skills at 4 p.m. for middle and high school students. Registration requested. (Suzanne Moore 541-276-3987)

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CRAFTERNOONS, 4:15 p.m., Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Drop in for a group or individual craft project. All ages. (541-966-0380)
BOOTLEGGER'S BALL, 5 p.m., Oregon Grain Growers Brand Distillery, 511 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton. Enjoy Prohibition-style cocktails, a special New Year's Eve menu, live music with Equinox Quartet, photo booths, bootlegger cars on display and more. No cover. (541-276-0070)
PENDLETON EAGLES TACOS AND BINGO, 6 p.m., Pendleton Eagles Lodge, 428 S. Main St., Pendleton. Regular packet \$10, special packet \$5. Proceeds donated to local charities. Public welcome. (541-278-2828)
INSIDE OUTSIDE THE LINES ADULT COLORING, 6-7:30 p.m., Irrigon Public Library, 490 N.E. Main St., Irrigon. Materials provided. Bring snacks to share. (541-922-0138)
PENDLETON KNITTING GROUP, 6 p.m., Prodigal Son Brewery & Pub, 230 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton. (541-966-0380)
ROARING '20S NEW YEAR'S EVE MURDER MYSTERY DINNER, 6 p.m., Schoolhouse Village, 241 S.W. Fourth St., Pilot Rock. Figure out a whodunit murder mystery and enjoy a catered prime rib dinner and dessert. Cost is \$40 per person or \$70 per couple. Space is limited, reservations recommended. (Reilly Miller 541-975-4845 or 541-970-4622)
STORY AND CRAFT TIME, 6:30 p.m., Milton-Freewater Public Library, 8 S.W. Eighth Ave., Milton-Freewater. For elementary school-age children. (541-938-8247)

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 1

FIRST DAY HIKE, 11 a.m., Emigrant Springs State Heritage Area kiosk, 65068 Old Oregon Trail Highway, Meacham. Meet at the interpretive kiosk and enjoy a guided hike led by a park ranger or volunteer who will share stories about the park's history, geology, wildlife and plants. Free, but participants must bring their own snowshoes. Dress for the weather and carry water and snacks. Registration requested at bit.ly/ParkStoreEvents. (Jason Resch 503-986-0592)

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