

Author with Hermiston ties publishes first book

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HERMISTON — Former Hermiston resident Anna Lee Landin published her first book, "The Little House Saw." For her, it is a personal story of rebuilding after one's world has crumbled.

The book has received local attention lately, as it was read to a large gathering of children at The Next Chapter Bookstore in Hermiston. Also, 300 of the books were recently donated to Eastern Oregon Mission to be given to people at Martha's House and Agape House. Many of the books also were

given to children through last month's Christmas Express giveaway.

Landin expressed happiness about the book circulating in town, especially among people in need.

"The Little House Saw" tells the story of a house that starts off like all the other houses in its neighborhood. This house, however, collapses. When it begins to rebuild itself, the little house decides to be different from its previous appearance and from neighboring houses.

Onlookers to the little house are divided. Some people do not like the house's

new appearance. For those people who like it, though, the new little house is an inspiration, which encourages other houses to make their own changes.

Landin had long wanted to write a book, she said. She called it a "bucket list item." When the idea for this story came to her in 2019, though, she had an "Ah-ha" moment; she would write this story, and she would do it right away.

That year, as the world was going into a pandemic, she decided to write her story

and have it illustrated by Italian artist Daniela Volpari. For the two years that followed, she said she worked with Volpari, forming a "human connection" with someone on the other side of the world. In addition to putting the book together, she arranged to publish it herself.



Landin

According to Landin, a typical self-published book will sell 250 copies in its entire life. In contrast, she said, her book already has sold 2,000 copies of the 5,000 that she printed.

Many of her book sales

have been in Hermiston, and she said she is grateful for the support. Life has taken her to live in California, Maryland, Hawaii and more, she said, but she described Hermiston as her hometown, where she lived the longest, and it remains the home of many friends and family members.

Landin explained the book is her attempt to tell a universal story. She said that every person, at some point in life, will undergo a cataclysmic event. During this event, a person might start rethinking life and then begin anew.

Landin had this experience herself, years ago, following

the end of her first marriage. She said at that time she thought about how she wanted to live her life. Like the little house of her story, she decided to be different.

She said that an adult who has a similar experience as hers will be able to relate to and enjoy "The Little House Saw," though her main audience is children. Young people, when dealing with hard times or isolation, need to have hope in the future, she said. So when children read the book, and they see the positive outcome for the little house, they may realize the happy ending that is possible for them, too.

COMMUNITY BRIEFING

Home builders association offers scholarships

HERMISTON — The Northeast Oregon Home Builders Association is offering a pair of \$1,500 scholarships to help educate and train individuals in a profession related to the building industry. The scholarship recipients will be selected on the basis of his/her potential to succeed.

Applicants must be a senior enrolled in high school, enrolled as a college student or in a qualified apprenticeship program. The students must be a resident of Umatilla, Morrow, Union, Baker or Wallowa county.

In addition, eligible applicants must have an interest in or intend to pursue a career in the construction profession. This may include welding, heating and ventilation,

heavy equipment operator, carpentry, electrical, plumbing, concrete, construction management, architecture/engineering, such as civil, landscaping or structural.

The scholarship application forms are available at www.neohba.com, www.columbiabasinstudenthomes.org, local high school counseling offices or by submitting a request via NEOHBA, P.O. Box 436, Hermiston, OR 97838. The deadline to apply is April 15. For questions, email admin@neohba.

EOTEC hosts Rec It Arena

HERMISTON — Friday nights filled with family fun returns to Hermiston. Rec It Arena at EOTEC! features bounce houses, basketball, ping pong, pickleball, Mario Kart on the big screen and more. Also, concessions will

be available for purchase.

The special event returns Friday, Jan. 21, 4-7 p.m. at the Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center, 1705 E. Airport Road, Hermiston. Coordinated by Hermiston Parks and Recreation, the cost is \$5 at the door (one parent/guardian free per paying child). Must be 10 or older to attend without a parent. Also, another Rec It Arena night is planned for Feb. 11.

For more information, contact 541-667-5018, park-sandrec@hermiston.or.us or visit www.hermiston.or.us/parksrec.

Scholarships open to music students

PORTLAND — The Oregon Music Hall of Fame is accepting applications for its college scholarship program. Oregon high school seniors who plan to attend college in

the fall of 2022 with a major or minor in music are eligible to apply.

The nonprofit organization strives to inspire the continuing higher education in music by offering assistance with college expenses to support students in their success. Four \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded.

The The Oregon Music Hall of Fame was created to help preserve Oregon's unique musical heritage. Its focus is to recognize and promote the legacy of exceptional Oregon musicians of the past, promote promising new Oregon musicians of today and to enrich Oregon music education programs in order to train the musicians of tomorrow.

The deadline to apply is Feb. 14. The application is available at www.omhof.org. For questions, email info@omhof.org.

—EO Media Group

LETTER

AAUW expresses thanks for support

American Association of University Women, Pendleton Branch, would like to acknowledge and thank those who supported the annual AAUW Grapefruit Sale. Thank you to Hodgen Distributing for providing use of their building for sorting and distribution of the grapefruit. Additionally, thanks for assistance from VFW Post 922, Pendleton on Wheels, Sign Men, delivery day volunteers, and

especially our loyal customers, both longterm and new.

The grapefruit sale takes place each fall, with delivery day in early December. Proceeds from the sale support Blue Mountain Community College scholarships and STEM projects in the local school district.

Founded in 1881, AAUW advances gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy.

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Communications

Duane L. Roberts

April 5, 1936 - December 28, 2021

Duane Roberts was born April 5, 1936 in Allen, Nebraska and passed away at 85 years old on December 28, 2021 in Boise, Idaho.

He married his childhood sweetheart, Carol Ann Koester, on June 9, 1957 in Allen, and soon after they moved to Idaho where he attended Northwest Nazarene College in Nampa, graduating in 1959. They moved to Boise where he began teaching 6th grade, eventually becoming an elementary principal in various schools in the Boise School District until his retirement.

They became parents to three daughters, Debbie, Nancy, and Barbara and created many family memories in the mountains of Idaho and while traveling to state and national parks of the western United States.

After retirement, Duane and Carol moved to Joseph, Oregon, where they lived for ten years. They then joined a mission organization, traveling in their R.V. doing work on service projects around the country.

They were very involved in the lives of their grandchildren and ended up spending many months in Hermiston, watching their Royer grands play basketball at all levels. They were familiar faces at center court of most Hermiston Bulldog games for 10 years, 1998-2008.

While living in Hermiston, they got involved

in the community and the churches they attended. They enjoyed many mornings at Hermiston Drug, having coffee with friends. Duane served at the Agape House and with his friend, Jerry Sobotta, built many storage sheds for Agape

House to sell for fundraising. They moved back to Idaho in 2010, returning to Hermiston a few years later to live at Sun Terrace Assisted Living while Duane struggled with dementia. Eventually, Duane needed memory care and they returned back to Idaho, to live with their daughter, Nancy.

He will be remembered as a man who loved God, family and serving others. He never knew a stranger and made others feel like they were accepted and valued. He made friends wherever he went.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Carol, daughters Debbie (Mike) Royer, Nancy Roberts, and Barbara Sherman, grandchildren, Whitney (Gary) Galstad, Kelley (Mitch) Kochis, Abbey Royer, Mikey (Melina) Royer, Ethan Dahlberg, Corbin Campbell, Adam Sherman, Chris Sherman, Emily Hindalong and Erin Hindalong and nine great-grandchildren. A celebration of life service will be held on April 9, 2022 in Meridian, Idaho. Memorial donations in Duane's name can be made to Agape House, Hermiston, Oregon.



Sandra Joyce 'Sandy' (Derrick) Serrano

February 15, 1951 - December 1, 2021

On Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2021, Sandy Serrano, a talented teacher, loving wife, mother and grandmother passed away in Bend, Oregon, at the age of 70.

Sandy is survived by her husband, Robert Serrano; her children, Angela (Jason) Zappe, formerly of Sherwood, and Garrett (Sarah) Serrano of Bend; and brother, Donald (Gayle) Derrick of Pendleton.

Sandy is preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Doris Derrick.

Sandy was born in 1951 in Portland. She graduated from Pendleton High School in 1969, and attended Eastern Oregon University, graduating with a degree in elementary education.

Sandy married Robert in 1974; united in marriage by the Rev. D.L. Penhollow in Redmond. They welcomed Angela in 1979 and Garrett in 1981.

Sandy was an incredible wife, mother, grandmother, teacher and friend. She had an easy-going, loving personality and was enthusiastic about life. Everyone she met, she made them feel loved and accepted.

She adored her family, her garden and her friends.

One of her favorite quotes, inspired by her son, was, "I love you to the moon and back." Her students at Crooked River Elementary became equally important to her, as she instructed several generations during her tenure. She remained in contact with many of her students and took pride in their accomplishments.

One of Sandy's endearing gifts was taking time to draft and hand write heartfelt, thoughtful note cards and messages to champion, advocate, empathize and demonstrate her love and affection to family and friends.

The family is planning an outdoor service early next year, when the weather permits. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to Sandy Serrano Memorial at the Crook County Foundation. Arrangements were handled by Prineville Funeral Home, 199 N.E. 10th St., Prineville, OR 97754.

Sandy, we will love you for the rest of our lives ... to the moon and back, to infinity and beyond, forever and ever!



Alyce Mason Rea

February 7, 1940 - December 23, 2021

Alyce Mason Rea, 81, died Thursday, December 23, 2021, at Kennewick, Washington. A funeral service will be held 1 p.m. Friday, January 7, 2022, at the Ione Community Church with burial at High View Cemetery in Ione.

She was born February 7, 1940, at Heppner, the daughter of Dorr and Alva McDuffee Mason. She was the fourth of five children. Alyce was raised in Portland and Ione. She attended school in Ione where she graduated in 1957. While living in Ione, she resided with the Lewis and Dot Halvorsen family.

In August of 1956, she married Richard L. Rea, and the couple had two children, Donna and Darcy. The couple later divorced.

She resided in California since 1969 and worked for Charles Schwab, Wells Fargo Bank, and the Federal Reserve, retiring in 2001.

On October 14, 2016, she married Daniel Eubanks. She recently moved to Kennewick, Washington.

Alyce enjoyed cooking, attending theatre and travel, which including trips to Europe, China

and around the United States. She also very much enjoyed her time with family.

Survivors include her husband, Daniel Eubanks, daughters, Donna Kaseberg, and Darcy Gabriel, grandchildren; Wade Kaseberg, Hannah (Travis) Feigner, Evan (Cass) Kaseberg, Walker Kaseberg (fiancé Hailey Keller), Tyler (Aileen) Gabriel, Travis (Annie) Gabriel and Emma Gabriel, great grandchildren: Jase, Kinsley and Maren Feigner, Royce and Ripp Gabriel, a sister Judy Mason and brothers John Mason and Jerry Mason.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sister Janet Lindstrom and son in law Greg Gabriel. Memorial contributions may be made to Ione Education Foundation, PO Box 61, Ione, OR 97843 or to Alzheimer's Association, 1650 NW Naito Parkway Suite 190, Portland, OR 97209 or to American Cancer Society, Oregon Division Inc., 0330 SW Curry St., Portland, OR 97239.

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