

PUBLIC SAFETY

FRIDAY, MAY 20

7:45 a.m. — A resident on Kincaid Lane, lone, reported the theft of a 1966 bluish/green Dodge Charger from a barn.

9:01 a.m. — A 911 caller on North Main and East Locust streets, Stanfield, reported a female has collapsed on the sidewalk near this location. Stanfield police responded.

9:42 a.m. — A 911 caller reported a male and female were shoving each other in the parking lot just south of O'Reilly Auto Parts, 102 S.W. 20th St., Pendleton.

1:50 p.m. — Milton-Freewater police received reports of stop signs missing from Northeast Seventh Avenue and North Russell Street.

7:02 p.m. — A resident on Northwest Oregon Avenue, Irrigon, said she keeps getting phone calls from a restricted number and believes they are connected to the person she has a no-contact order against.

7:07 p.m. — Umatilla County sheriff's deputies responded to Hartle Road, Pendleton, on a report of a domestic disturbance.

SATURDAY, MAY 21

12:05 a.m. — A Milton-Freewater police officer found graffiti on the 10 block of Northeast Eighth Avenue.

1:18 a.m. — A caller reported a domestic disturbance at Southgate and Tutuilla Creek Road, Pendleton.

2:03 a.m. — A Pendleton police officer at Cadillac Jack's Saloon & Grill, 1703 S.W. Emigrant Ave., checked on a possible intoxicated driver and made an arrest.

2:43 a.m. — Pendleton police responded to Best Western Pendleton Inn, 400 S.E. Nye Ave., and issued a warning to a possible prowler.

3:12 a.m. — Pendleton police received a complaint about a burglary on the 500 block of Southwest Seventh Street. Police took a report.

3:27 a.m. — A resident on Southeast Utah Avenue, Irrigon, reported the theft of a package from their home. The caller said a neighbor stopped by to pick up something and may have taken the package.

6:18 a.m. — Pendleton police gave a warning on the northwest end of the Pendleton River Parkway for a resting ordinance violation.

11:49 a.m. — Umatilla police responded

to Columbia Boulevard on a report of harassment.

11:56 a.m. — A caller reported a vehicle in the early morning hours drove through the fence on the 200 block of East Broadway Avenue, Milton-Freewater, and a camera captured the incident on video.

4:02 p.m. — Umatilla police responded to Pomono Drive for a domestic disturbance.

4:04 p.m. — A caller reported seeing people with firearms on top of roofs at Green Acres RV Park, 80542 Paterson Ferry Road, Irrigon. A Morrow County sheriff's deputy checked but did not see anyone on the roof.

6:08 p.m. — Campers at the Morrow County OHV Park off U.S. Forest Service Road 21, Heppner, reported their dog bit someone and they wanted to surrender the dog. A Morrow County sheriff's deputy made contact.

10:04 p.m. — A resident on Southeast Fourth Street, Irrigon, reported loud music that is an ongoing problem. A Morrow County sheriff's deputy responded and talked to both parties.

10:21 p.m. — A Pendleton officer gave a warning for a resting ordinance violation at Episcopal Church Of The Redeemer, 241 S.E. Second St., Pendleton

11:52 p.m. — A resident at Willow Creek Apartments, 220 W. Willow St., Heppner, reported a juvenile threatened to destroy property inside an apartment and hit his sister. A Morrow County sheriff's deputy responded.

SUNDAY, MAY 22

1:11 a.m. — A resident in Northwest Gale Street, Heppner, reported someone was trying to get into the residence. Morrow County Sheriff's Office responded, and the male then got the last of his belongings and left.

4:22 a.m. — Pilot Rock police responded to Southwest Birch Place for a disturbance.

5:14 a.m. — The Morrow County Sheriff's Office responded to a residence at Green Acres RV Park, 80542 Paterson Ferry Road, Irrigon, on a report of a male scaring a woman and children. A deputy gave the male a ride to Umatilla to meet his father.

5:41 a.m. — A 911 caller near Mill Road and Northwest Cedar Street, Pilot Rock, reported a domestic disturbance. Umatilla

County sheriff's deputies responded but did not find any disturbance.

6:49 a.m. — Umatilla police initiated activity on Sixth Street for a robbery. Police are investigating.

9:53 a.m. — The Morrow County Sheriff's Office responded to an all-terrain vehicle crash off U.S. Forest Service Road 21, Heppner, at the Morrow County OHV Park. The sheriff's office took a report.

10:08 a.m. — A caller reported the theft of a generator at the Pendleton Little League Park, 1927 S.E. Byers Ave.

3:17 p.m. — Love's Travel Stop and Country Store, 78665 Tower Road, Boardman, reported a male in his 50s in a silver Chevrolet Silverado pickup was intoxicated in the drive-thru. Morrow County sheriff's deputies were out of position to respond and passed the information to Oregon State Police.

4:04 p.m. — Pendleton police received a report of child abuse or neglect and referred the matter to another agency,

7:38 p.m. — Umatilla police responded to John Day Street for an assault.

7:43 p.m. — Pendleton police responded to Southwest Second Street and Frazer Avenue on a report of a vehicle crash. Police made an arrest.

10:27 p.m. — A caller reported a family member may have died in a shed on Northwest Esther Court, Irrigon. Local emergency services responded.

ARRESTS, CITATIONS

May 20

• Pendleton police arrested Jessica Renee Brown, 35, for aggravated harassment.

May 21

• Boardman police arrested Manuel Rios Rivero, 58, for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

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• Hermiston police arrested Eduardo Godinez Garcia, 30, for DUII and two counts each of third-degree assault and reckless endangering.

• Umatilla Tribal Police arrested Chelsea Arriola-Morris, 26, for reckless driving and felony fleeing.

• Milton-Freewater police arrested Dahlyla Gonzalez, 19, for felony fleeing.

DEATH NOTICES

Mary Ellen Baker

Milton-Freewater
Aug. 28, 1923 — May 21, 2022

Mary Ellen Baker, 98, of Milton-Freewater, died May 21, 2022, at her home. She was born Aug. 28, 1923. Arrangements are with Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home of Milton-Freewater.

Cason Jack Cahill

Pendleton
May 23, 1931 — May 19, 2022

Cason Jack Cahill, 90, of Pendleton, died May 19, 2022, in Umatilla. He was born May 23, 1931, in Pendleton. A graveside service with Navy honors will be June 4, 11 a.m. at Olney Cemetery, Pendleton. A gathering will be afterward in the Bamboo Room at Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton.

Cecilia Jennie (Bergin) Correa

Echo
Jan. 9, 1920 — May 19, 2022

Cecilia Jane (Jennie) Correa, 102, of Echo, died May 19, 2022, at CHI St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton. She was born Jan. 9, 1920, in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada. A graveside burial service will be May 26, 11 a.m. at Echo Memorial Cemetery, Echo. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston.

Jerry Lloyd Franke

Nampa, Idaho
April 16, 1941 — May 18, 2022

Jerry Lloyd Franke, 81, of Nampa, Idaho, formerly of Irrigon, died May 18, 2022, in Nampa, Idaho. He was born April 16, 1941, in Bemidji, Minnesota. A funeral service will be May 27, 1 p.m. at Burns Mortuary Chapel, 685 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston. Burial with military honors will follow in Desert Lawn Memorial Cemetery, Irrigon. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Leave an online condolence at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Mitzi A. Hess

Heppner
Oct. 18, 1944 — May 18, 2022

Mitzi A. Hess, 77, of Heppner, died May 18, 2022, at her home. She was born Oct. 18, 1944, in Walla Walla. Arrangements are pending with Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner.

Cathy Lee Ward Sherlock

Chandler, Arizona
Aug. 21, 1952 — May 5, 2022

Cathy Lee Ward Sherlock, 69, of Chandler, Arizona, died May 5, 2022, in Gilbert, Arizona. She was born Aug. 21, 1952, in Pendleton.

UPCOMING SERVICES

TUESDAY, MAY 24

Myers, Jerry — Memorial service, 2 p.m. at Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, 685 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston.

THURSDAY, MAY 26

Correa, Cecilia — Graveside burial service, 11 a.m. at Echo Memorial Cemetery.

FRIDAY, MAY 27

Franke, Jerry — Funeral service, 1 p.m. at Burns Mortuary Chapel, 685 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston. Burial with military honors will follow at Desert Lawn Memorial Cemetery, Irrigon.

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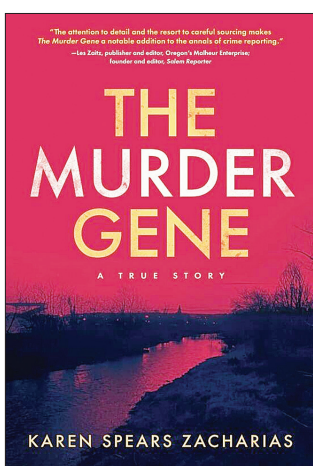
Zacharias' latest book delves into DNA of murder

By **TAMMY MALGESINI**
East Oregonian

PENDLETON — A former crime beat reporter — including for the East Oregonian — and award-winning author, Karen Spears Zacharias recently released her latest book, “The Murder Gene.”

The former Hermiston woman spent nearly 10 years writing and researching the publication that delves into the August 2012 murder in Pendleton of Amyjane Brandhagen by Lukah Pobzeb Chang. A son of missionaries, Chang deserted the U.S. Marine Corps from his base in California in July 2012, and soon thereafter ended up in Eastern Oregon.

The 19-year-old Pendleton woman's death went unsolved until a year later when Karen Lange was found nearly beaten to death along the Pendleton River Parkway. Police connected



Zacharias

and look at that question of is there a relationship between what grandfather did and what grandson did,” Zacharias said in a podcast about the book.

While Chang declined Zacharias' request for an interview, she poured over investigative reports, case files and Chang's recorded post-arrest interview with police. In addition, she looked into Lincoln's violent history.

The similarities between the violent actions of grandfather and grandson left Zacharias pondering the question: Is there such a thing as a murder gene?

Zacharias said she doesn't necessarily like writing true crime stories — she also penned “A Silence of Mockingbirds: True Crime Behind Karly's Law” — because there are victims involved.

However, a motivating factor in writing these two books, she said in the podcast, was her personal connection with the victims.

She first met Brandhagen as a toddler when writing a newspaper story about her grandmother. She also attended the same church and Bible study group as the teen's parents.

“I kind of watched her grow up ... the way that community people watch the children of acquaintances grow up,” she said in the podcast.

Zacharias, who is out of the country, anticipates book signing events in August or September in Umatilla County. Published by Koehler Books, the 252-page publication is available via both paperback and hardcover. For more information, visit www.karenzach.com.

COMMUNITY BRIEFING

American Legion Auxiliary hosts Poppy Campaign

HERMISTON — American Legion Auxiliary Unit 37 will host poppy booths at more than 30 businesses throughout Hermiston and surrounding areas until June 1, the day after Memorial Day. The auxiliary uses 100% of poppy donations to help veterans directly.

According to the American Legion, the poppy flourished in Europe after World War I, namely in France and Belgium, where soils became enriched with lime from the rubble left by the war, and the red poppy grew from the dirt and mud. The poppy came to symbolize the blood shed during battle following the publication in December 1915 of the wartime poem, “In Flanders Fields.” Canadian doctor Lt. Col. John McCrae wrote the poem.

The American Legion Auxiliary's annual Poppy Campaign is the nonprofit organization's largest fundraiser each year. It's always held just prior to Memorial Day.

Stolz encourages the public to honor the fallen and support the living by wearing a poppy. For names of businesses where poppies may be obtained, call 541-571-5816.

—EO Media Group

Jerry Lloyd Franke
April 16, 1941 - May 18, 2022

Jerry Lloyd Franke of Nampa, Idaho, (formerly of Irrigon) was born April 16, 1941, in Bemidji, Minnesota, the son of Lloyd and Helen (Reinarz) Franke. He entered into his final rest on May 18, 2022, at the age of 81 in Nampa, Idaho, where he has resided in 2017.

Jerry attended several elementary schools in Minnesota, Michigan, Oklahoma, Washington and Oregon. He attended high school in Irrigon, Oregon, graduating in 1959. He then enlisted in the U.S. Air Force.

Jerry's Air Force career lasted 20 years and he retired in 1980. He was stationed in several locations around the world, including Japan, the Philippines, England, Turkey and several bases in the United States.

Jerry married Patricia Fyvie in San Antonio, Texas, on July 2, 1964, where they were both stationed with the U.S. Air Force.

They were blessed with two children, Curtis Lloyd and Ramona Lynn, both currently reside in Nampa, Idaho.

After retirement Jerry worked for several years for the West Extension Irrigation District in Irrigon. He later worked for the Burnt River Irrigation District in Unity, Oregon.

Jerry was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia, in 2013; parents, Lloyd and Helen; and his siblings, Joanne, David and Judy.

He is survived by his children, Curtis and Ramona; brother, Richard (Karen) of Hartville, Missouri; sister, Sharon (Jim) of Nampa, Idaho; and granddaughter, Trisha of Nampa, and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, May 27, 2022, at the Burns Mortuary Chapel, 685 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston, Oregon, 97838. Burial with military honors will follow in Desert Lawn Memorial Cemetery in Irrigon. Burns Mortuary, of Hermiston, is in care of arrangements.

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



Gordon Ellsworth Cook
April 2, 1931 - April 17, 2022



Gordon Cook passed away at his home in Pendleton, Oregon, on April 17, 2022, at the age of 91. He was born April 2, 1931, in Twisp, Washington, to Harvey and Nellie Cook, the third of four children. He was 3 years old when his father drowned and the youngest brother was 3 weeks old. His mother married Arthur Gillette in 1938 and added a sister to the family. The family was extremely close, celebrating most holidays and vacations together. One summer the family repurposed an old bus into a motorhome. It was beautifully crafted and named the “Family Special.” Twenty-one family members took it on vacation to Disneyland.

Gordon graduated from Long Creek High School in 1951. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1951 and was discharged in 1955. His ships were stationed mostly in the Japan and Korea areas during the Korean War. He married Shirley Dinsmore in John Day. Children born to that marriage were Andy, Cindy and a stillborn son, Ricky Joe. Shirley and Gordon were later divorced. In 1962, Gordon married the love of his life, Mary Rookstool, in Boise, Idaho. Mary brought two daughters, Teri and Tawny, to the family. The four children were ages 1, 2, 2 and 3. The marriage was a great success. The family lived in Idaho, until moving to Pilot Rock, Oregon, in 1974. He joined his brother, Jack, in a logging operation. For the next 32 years, Gordon drove many different types of trucks, retiring at age 75. He was considered an excellent driver by his employers and co-workers. He came from a long line of family truck drivers who passed on the skills.

Gordon was a beacon of light to his family and everyone who knew him. He always had a smile and something positive

to say, most of the time. He had a great sense of humor, sometimes with colorful language and his own personal sayings. He had a wonderful attitude right up until the day he passed. He was able to celebrate his 91st birthday with his “little bride” of 59 years, along with friends and family at the Eagles Lodge in Pendleton. Gordon was a long-time member of the Eagles, where he made many lifelong friends and was thought of as an icon. He was well known for preparing garbage can turkeys, cooking up to 17 at a time, for some Lodge occasions. He passed this tradition onto many others. He and Mary enjoyed camping, fishing and all outdoor activities, especially when they involved family.

Gordon was preceded in death by his father, Harvey; mother and stepfather, Nellie and Arthur Gillette; sister, Zada VanVoorhis; brothers, Jack Cook (Betty) and Pete Cook (Donna); one grandson, Michael; nephews, Jerry and Kenny Cook; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Cook; sister, Janet Morris (Dallas); children, Andy (Becky) Cook, Cindy Cook (Paul), Teri Brock and Tawny McLaren; grandchildren, Jennifer Warner, Joslyn Harp, Randy Fender, Jamie Wright, Stephanie Cook, Andrew Cook, Kristin Zacharias, Tandy Schwegart, Ryan McLaren and Megan Fender; 20 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews. Gordon was loved dearly and will be missed by all who knew him. His favorite goodbye was always, “Love You Bunches.”

A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 11, 2022, and the Eagles Lodge, 428 Main Street, Pendleton, Oregon, 97801. Online condolences may be sent to www.pioneerchapel.com.

