

Muriel: Community leader leaves legacy of giving

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support of young people and for her pies. Muriel was famous for her pies, which she generously donated to people and nonprofit groups for fundraising events. They often garnered hundreds of dollars in charity auctions.

Mayor Henry Balensifer described her as a pillar of the community during Tuesday night's City Commission meeting.

"To the end, she was an up-

lifting person," he said. "The commission and the city at large grieves with the Dunn family."

Muriel was born to Bern and Cleo Shultz, founding members of Warrenton Church of Christ (now Warrenton Christian Church), and Muriel remained active in the church until her death.

She graduated from Warrenton High School in 1956 and married her high school sweetheart, LeRoy Dunn,

when he returned from serving in the Korean War. They were married for 63 years and raised three children.

Their daughter, Debbie, was killed in a car accident when she was a teenager and the Duns established a scholarship for Warrenton High School students in her name, with Muriel serving on the Warrenton High School Scholarship Foundation Board.

Muriel worked much of her life in restaurants as waitress, cook and business partner. In 1973, LeRoy and Muriel

purchased and ran Pop's, a burger joint, in downtown Warrenton, where Fultano's Pizza is today. Pop's closed in the early 1980s.

Muriel Dunn was inducted into the WHS Hall of Fame last summer for her generosity and support of youth and community projects. She received a standing ovation at the banquet.

In 2016, Muriel and LeRoy Dunn were grand marshals of the Old-Fashioned Fourth of July Parade.

In 2014, the couple received the Richard Ford Distinguished Service award from

the Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce.

She is survived by her husband, LeRoy; sons Dennis of Salem and Dan of Warrenton; daughter Jane of Bend; a brother, Leonard Shultz of Salem; a sister, Frances Rodgers of Dufur; and two grandsons.

A celebration of life is planned for 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 4, at Warrenton High School. A reception will follow. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Debbie Dunn Memorial Fund at Warrenton High School.

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Lynn Alsbury, served as fire chief of the Tongue Point Fire Department.

In 2018, Brian Alsbury was named Warrenton's Firefighter of the Year.

"We are excited to welcome Chief Alsbury to our leadership team," City Manager Linda Engbretson said in making the announcement. "His enthusiasm and dedication to the department and this community wowed the panels. He brings fresh ideas and already has an excellent working relationship with department staff and volunteer firefighters."

The announcement follows a search that included 15 applicants. The field was narrowed

to seven, who underwent further interviews and analysis, including three separate interview panels -- technical, administrative and one with the Warrenton Fire Department volunteers.

Alsbury replaces former Fire Chief Tim Demers, who resigned in October amid a state investigation into unsafe fire-

Driver damages EV station

An Oregon City man was arrested after police found him at the Seaside Outlet Mall "burning cookies" late Sunday.

Police received a complaint about 11:50 p.m. and, by the time they arrived at the mall on Roosevelt Drive, the vehicle's engine was on fire near

fighting practices. Engbretson said Wednesday that the city has not received results of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's investigation.

Demers had been chief since 2013.

Alsbury will leave Public Works and begin as fire chief on Dec. 23.

the electric vehicle charging station in the mall's parking lot. The charging station also was damaged.

The man refused to leave the car, saying he wanted to remove his belongings, according to a press release from the Seaside Police Department.

He was physically removed from the vehicle and detained.

Seaside Fire and Rescue arrived and put out the fire.

Ricky Criss, 33, was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of intoxicants and reckless driving. He was booked at Seaside Jail, where his blood-alcohol content was recorded at 0.18 percent.

Anyone who may have information is urged to call Cpl. Jeff Oja at 503-738-6311.



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