

**OBITUARIES**

**Roger L. Von Arx**

**Umatilla**  
October 24, 1953-February 9, 2017

Roger L. Von Arx, of Umatilla, Oregon, former longtime Pendleton, Oregon, resident, was born on October 24, 1953, in Portland, Oregon, to parents Leo and Dorothy Law Von Arx. He died on Feb. 9, 2017, in Hermiston, Oregon, at the age of 63 years.



Oregon, where he has lived since. Roger loved to go fishing and hunting, especially with his longtime friend Paul Koski.

Roger leaves behind extended family and good friends with countless fishing and hunting adventures and the endless stories that will be forever cherished.

Roger graduated from Pendleton High School in 1972 and then served in the United States Army until his honorable discharge. He lived in Pendleton, Oregon, for most of his life where he made and sold homemade fishing tackle for many years. After his mother passed away in 2007 he moved to Umatilla,

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Linda Giesler.

Please sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Roger's burial will be at Olney Cemetery, Pendleton, Oregon on Friday, April 14, at 11 a.m. Friends are welcome.

**Bernice Y. Cleaver**

**Hermiston**  
February 21, 1929-April 1, 2017

Bernice Y. Cleaver of Hermiston, Oregon, was born on Feb. 21, 1929, in Riverton, Wyoming, to parents John and Alberta Mills Bowen. She died on April 1, 2017, in Hermiston, Oregon, at the age of 88 years.



**Cleaver**

She was raised and attended schools in Nyssa, Oregon, graduating in the class of 1948. Bernice was united in marriage to LaVern Cleaver on June 20, 1948. They lived in Nyssa, Oregon, and she was a full-time mom, staying home to raise their children until they were out of school. They moved to Burns, Oregon, for a few years and then to Weiser, Idaho.

Bernice worked in the office of Feltham Growers Onion Shed until she retired. They moved to Hermiston, Oregon, in 1995 to be close to their family. Bernice was a member of the Elks Lodge in Ontario and the Eagles Lodge in Nyssa and later both the Elks Lodge and Eagles Lodge in Hermiston, Oregon. She was also a member of the Camper Club where they

enjoyed traveling in the motor home. Bernice enjoyed fishing, sewing, quilting, needlework, playing cards and dancing.

She is survived by her sons Alan Cleaver and wife Bonnie of Hermiston, Wesley Cleaver and wife Debbie of Hermiston, Kevin Cleaver and wife Georgia of Umatilla, and Kim Cleaver and wife Diana of Fruitland, Idaho; daughter Karry Fallin and husband Doug of Prineville, Oregon; brothers Jack Bowen of Pendleton, and Bill Bowen of St. Maries, Idaho; 12 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Bernice was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and a brother, Robert Bowen.

A graveside funeral service was held on Monday, April 10, 2017, at 11 a.m. MST at Hilltop Memorial Cemetery, Nyssa, Oregon.

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Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon, is in care of arrangements.

**John J. Doherty**

**Hermiston**  
November 16, 1924-April 6, 2017

John J. Doherty of Hermiston, Oregon, a longtime Pendleton resident, was born on Nov. 16, 1924, in Heppner, Oregon, to parents Neil and Margery Doherty. He died on April 6, 2017, in Hermiston, Oregon, at the age of 92 years.



**Doherty**

John was raised and attended schools in Ione, Oregon, graduating in the class of 1942. He served in the United States Army during World War II in Germany before his honorable discharge when he returned to Ione, Oregon. John enrolled in Eastern Oregon State College in La Grande, Oregon, where he earned his bachelor's degree in education. He married Jena Haight in Portland, Oregon.

John taught elementary school in Island City, Oregon, for two years and then one year in Grants Pass, Oregon, before settling in Pendleton in the mid 1950s. He was the principal at McKay Creek Elementary School for a time before transferring as principal to Hawthorne Elementary School where he remained until his retirement in 1986.

He enjoyed fishing, camping, going to the cabin in the mountains and fixing things around the house. John was a devoted and loving caregiver to his wife Jena for several years before she passed

in 2015. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Ione American Legion, Friends of the Pendleton Library and the Pendleton Elks Lodge.

He is survived by his son, Robert L. Doherty of Hermiston; brothers Matthew Doherty and his wife Doris of Hermiston, and Bill Doherty of Puyallup, Washington; sister Rosemary Peterson of Portland; and several nieces and nephews.

John was preceded in death by his wife, Jena Doherty, his parents, and six siblings: Charlie, Neil, Mary, Anne, Helen and James. Recitation of the Holy Rosary was held on Monday, April 10, 2017, at 7 p.m. at Burns Mortuary chapel, Hermiston, Oregon. Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, April 11, 2017, at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 800 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton, Oregon. Burial with military honors followed at Olney Cemetery, Pendleton, Oregon.

Those who wish may make contributions in John's memory to Diabetes Research.

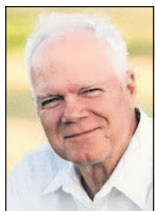
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**Brent L. Bieren**

**Kennewick, Wash.**  
September 30, 1952-March 31, 2017

Brent L. Bieren of Kennewick, Washington, and formerly of Hermiston, was born on Sept. 30, 1952, in Ellensburg, Washington, to parents John Austin Bieren and Dena Louise Phare Bieren. He died on March 31, 2017, near Troy, Oregon, as the result of an ATV accident at the age of 64.



**Bieren**

Brent was raised and attended schools in Ellensburg, Washington, graduating in the class of 1970. He lived in Elgin, Oregon, until moving to Umatilla in 1974 where Brent and his father John started Desert Drywall. Brent and his family resided throughout the western United States until returning to Hermiston and the Tri-Cities. Brent continued Desert Drywall and for the last several years has also worked as a general contractor, building many homes throughout the area.

Brent was united in marriage to Pam Wilson on Feb. 7, 1980, in Hermiston. They had three children, Dena, Nick and Andrea. They also have six grandchildren: Brooke, Mitchel, Brentin, Keegan, Alena and Kason.

He was a mentor and role model to many, donating his time and heart to people in need, always looking for the bright side and bringing out the best in others. Brent was a believer in building people up and spreading the optimism he always had. He was respected and loved by everyone who knew him and in the communities in which he lived and worked. Brent was a compassionate business man who truly felt his employees were a part of his family, and

he will be missed by all. He enjoyed camping, fishing, flying, working in the yard, playing poker, was an avid reader and spent his time helping others. Brent was a devoted husband, Dad, Grandpa, brother, and uncle who cherished time he had with his family. In typical Brent fashion, when he left a room he would pass the remote and say, "You have the con."

He is survived by his wife, Pam Bieren; mom, Barbara Bieren; daughter, Dena Delee Bird and husband Jace; son, Nicholas Brent Bieren; daughter, Andrea Lorraine Creed and husband Miles; sisters Brenda Schleppe and her husband Michael of Idaho, Jill Holt and her husband Rick, Washington, and Patty Estes and her husband Rich, Oregon; brother John Bieren and his wife Amber, Oregon; grandchildren Brooke, Mitchell, Brentin, Keegan, Alena and Kason; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Brent was preceded in death by his parents, John and Dena, and nephews Thomas and Austin Bieren.

A celebration of life service will be held on Friday, April 14, 2017, at 3 p.m. at New Hope Community Church, 1350 S. Highway 395, Hermiston, Oregon.

Those who wish may make donations can, in Brent's memory to a charity of their choice.

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Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon, is in care of arrangements.

**Ruby Halvorson**

**Hermiston**  
September 21, 1927-April 8, 2017

Ruby Halvorson of Hermiston, Oregon, was born on September 21, 1927, in Holdman, Oregon, to parents Walter and Eva Thorne. She died on April 8, 2017, in Hermiston, Oregon, at the age of 89 years.



**Halvorson**

She was raised and attended schools in Stanfield and Haines, Oregon, graduating in the class of 1945. Ruby was united in marriage to Kenneth Halvorson on July 1, 1950, in Walla Walla, Washington. They lived in La Grande, Oregon, and she was a full-time mom, staying home to raise their children until they were out of school. They moved to Hermiston, Oregon, after Ken retired to be closer to their family.

She is survived by her daughter, Kenda Irby and husband Steven, Spokane, Washington; two grandchildren, Cody and Trevin Irby of Spokane; two great-grandchildren, Corbin and Kadibrie, children of Cody and Tiera Irby; and several nieces and nephews.

Ruby was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, brother, sisters and a

daughter, Jeanne Halvorson. Her family would like to thank the staff at Brookdale Assisted Living, including Audrey of Audrey's Hair Salon within Brookdale and an extra special thanks to fellow resident, Neva, who have been there for mom and loved her as an extended family member. We know that she was in your hearts. We will be forever grateful for your love and support.

The family would also like to thank Vange John Hospice for the support that they have given to mom in her time of need. Thank you so much!

The family gives a special thanks to mom's good friend, Linis (Lee to mom), we will be forever grateful for your love and support.

A graveside funeral service will be held on Friday, April 14, 2017, at 1 p.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery, Hermiston, Oregon, for family and close friends.

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**DEATH**

**Javier Gutierrez Estrada**

**Hermiston**  
Nov. 13, 1961-April 3, 2017

Javier Gutierrez Estrada, 55, of Hermiston died Monday, April 3, 2017, in Hermiston as the result of a traffic accident. He was born Nov. 13, 1961, in Michoacan, Mexico. A funeral service was held Saturday, April 8, at noon at Burns Mortuary chapel in Hermiston. Burial followed at the Hermiston Cemetery. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

**BIRTHS**

**Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston**

**MARCH 30, 2017**

**MCINTYRE** — Katherine McIntyre and Braylin McIntyre of Hermiston: a boy, Emery R. McIntyre.

**APRIL 1, 2017**

**SULLIVAN** — Shay L. Smith and Brodey J.P. Sullivan of Hermiston: a boy, Jameson Patrick Sullivan.

**COURT REPORT**

**SENTENCES**

The following sentences have been imposed in Umatilla County courts:

**FELONY**

•Diane Rochelle Berez, 44, Umatilla, pleaded guilty to Possession of Methamphetamine: sentenced to 18 months probation, 90 sanction units, 30 maximum jail units and \$500 fine.

•Debbie Lynn Jarrett, 33, Boardman, pleaded guilty to Possession of Methamphetamine: sentenced to 2 years probation, 90 sanction units, 30 maximum jail units, \$500 fine and \$2,000 fine-suspended, and 6 months driver's license suspension; pleaded guilty to Attempt to Elude Police: sentenced to 19 months probation, 90 sanction units, 30 maximum jail units and \$200 fine, plus 90 days driver's license suspension; pleaded guilty to Failure to Appear I: sentenced to 2 years probation, 120 sanction units, 60 maximum jail units, 80 hours community service, \$500 fine and \$2,000 fine-suspended.

•Josie Lee Pritchard, 28, Stanfield, pleaded guilty to Possession of Methamphetamine: sentenced to 18 months probation, 90 sanction units, 30 maximum jail units, \$100 fine, \$1,650 fine-suspended and 6 months driver's license suspension; pleaded guilty to Failure to Appear I: sentenced to \$100 fine (discharged).

•Richard Keith Fisler, 37, Irrigon, pleaded guilty to Possession of Methamphetamine: sentenced to 3 months Oregon Dept. of Corrections, 1 year post-prison supervision and 6 months driver's license suspension.

**MISDEMEANOR**

•Shannon Dale Taylor, 47, Irrigon, pleaded guilty to two counts of Failure to Appear II: sentenced to 180 days jail for each count.

•Jerome Martel Price, 32, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to two counts of Failure to Appear II (merged): sentenced to 180 days jail.

•Dominic Robert Meeks, 26, Irrigon, pleaded guilty to Assault IV: sentenced to 180 days jail-suspended, 2 years probation, 100 hours community service, \$100 fine and \$1,900 fine-suspended, plus court costs and fees; pleaded guilty to Harassment: sentenced to 5 days jail and \$100 fine; pleaded guilty to Failure to Report as Sex Offender: sentenced to 180 days jail-suspended, 2 years probation, \$500 fine and \$1,500 fine-suspended.

•David Ryan Fear, 28, Hermiston, was convicted of Interference With Making Report: sentenced to 180 days jail-suspended, 2 years probation, 40 hours community service and \$100 fine, plus court costs and fees; was convicted of Disorderly Conduct II and Harassment: sentenced to 90 days jail-suspended, 2 years probation, 20

hours community service, \$100 fine and \$650 fine-suspended for each count.

**DIVORCES**

Divorce decrees were signed in Umatilla County Courts for:

Patricia Melinda Dohman of Pendleton and Glenn Michael Dohman of Umatilla.

**MARRIAGES**

Marriage licenses have been registered in Umatilla County for:

Luis Antonio Adan Godinez, 31, and Julia Salas, 32, both of Irrigon. Oscar Barreto Pineda, 37, and Reyna Vanessa Ortega, 33, both of Umatilla.

Emilio C. Trujillo, 26, and Marissa Rose Gutierrez, 25, both of Hermiston.

**SUITS FILED**

The following suits have been filed in Umatilla County courts:

•OneMain Financial Services Inc. vs. Jose Martinez: seeks \$4,099.99 plus interest, costs and fees.

•Credits Inc. vs. Sarah Knowles of Hermiston: seeks \$3,349.66 plus interest, costs and fees.

•Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Debra Mosher: seeks \$3,479.20 plus interest, costs and fees.

•Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Patricia Boyle: seeks \$1,138.29 plus interest, costs and fees.

•Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Edward Sayre: seeks \$2,690.75 plus interest, costs and fees.

•Midland Funding LLC vs. Kimberly Landis: seeks \$2,315.39 plus interest, costs and fees.

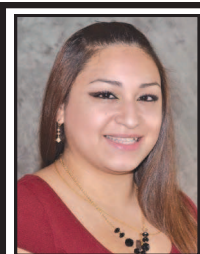
•Midland Funding LLC vs. Alberto Ortega: seeks \$2,015.78 plus interest, costs and fees.

•Midland Funding LLC vs. Dawnelle Smith: seeks \$954.92 plus interest, costs and fees.

•Credits Inc. vs. Daniel S. and Adrienne Lincoln of Hermiston: seeks \$1,745.94 plus interest, costs and fees.

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**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

**Bryan Fowler**  
SENIOR  
HEPPNER HIGH SCHOOL



Bryan Fowler is an exceptional young man. Bryan is the Chapter President for the Technology Student Association and participates in many community service projects with this program. He is very gifted in several subject areas but he also works tremendously hard. His favorite sport is tennis, is active in the Outdoor Club and also participates in FBLA. He is currently serving as a peer tutor in the math department. He is not only knowledgeable, but able to explain concepts in a way that both his classmates and younger students are able to understand. His personality is magnetic and he makes Heppner High School a better place. Bryan will be attending Calvin College in Grand Rapids, MI, next year.

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