

OBITUARIES

Martha Elizabeth Ruebush Lanham

Walla Walla
October 8, 1920 - October 30, 2017



Lanham

Martha Elizabeth Ruebush Lanham, the daughter of George Yates Ruebush and Halley Whaley Ruebush, was born October 8, 1920, in Macomb, Illinois. She was raised on a farm north of Good Hope, Illinois, and graduated from Good Hope High School in 1938. In 1942, she graduated from what is now Western Illinois University in Macomb, Illinois, with a bachelor's degree in business education. She taught in high schools in Augusta, Illinois; Walsenburg, Colorado; Hermiston, Oregon; and Barre, Vermont.

When teaching in Hermiston, she met her future husband, William "Bill" Lanham, who owned the local Western Auto store. They were married on September 4, 1948, in Macomb, Illinois. She did bookkeeping for their business while raising a family and later owned a gift shop, "Martha's Door."

Martha was an active community member and volunteered for numerous organizations over the years. She was a member of PEO for over 50 years. She was a founding and active member of Faith Presbyterian Church. She expressed her artistic nature in numerous ways, including painting, spinning and dyeing, felt making, quilting, and interior decorating. She faithfully arranged the church flowers. She was an active person over the years and appreciated nature, whether hiking, rafting, or sitting in her garden watching the birds. She looked forward to yoga classes through Blue Mountain Commu-

nity College. Always curious and independent, she enjoyed traveling both nationally and internationally.

After Bill died in 1993, Martha lived alone and proudly maintained her home and yard until moving to Wheatland Village in Walla Walla, Wash., in April 2015. She lived in her own apartment until her death on October 30, 2017, following a massive stroke.

She is survived by daughter, Rebecca Hendricks (Scott) of Mil-ton-Freewater, Ore.; son Ray Lanham (Lynn) of Salem, Ore., and daughter Sara Lanham of Piedmont, Calif. She is also survived by nine grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, brother Kenneth Ruebush (Martha) of Hendersonville, N.C., and nieces, nephews, and cousins. She is preceded in death by her husband, parents, and her brothers Max and Mervin Ruebush.

Memorials may be made to CV Chapter PEO Scholarship Fund, Faith Presbyterian Church, Walla Walla Community Hospice, or a charity of choice c/o Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, P.O. Box 289, Hermiston, OR 97838.

A funeral service was held on Friday, November 3, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. at the Faith Presbyterian Church, 1005 S.E. Ninth St., Hermiston, OR 97838. Burial followed at the Hermiston Cemetery, Hermiston, Oregon.

Please sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

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

DEATHS

Ernestine M. Withrow

Hermiston, March 26, 1939 - Nov. 5, 2017

Ernestine M. Withrow, 78, of Hermiston died Sunday, Nov. 5, 2017, at her home. She was born March 26, 1939, in Wheaton, Missouri. At her request, no services will be held. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Faye M. McDermott

Boardman, July 10, 1942 - Nov. 6, 2017

Faye M. McDermott, 75, of Boardman died Monday, Nov. 6, 2017, in Hermiston. She was born July 10, 1942, in Clark Fork, Idaho. At her request there will be no service. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

IN UNIFORM

U.S. Air Force Airman Josilyn M. Preston graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

Preston completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Preston is the daughter of Robert C. Preston of Carlton and Cheryl A. Vermillion of Pilot Rock, and the sister of Andrina L. Thornton and Cody C. Taylor. She is a 2017 graduate of Umatilla High School.

BIRTHS

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston

OCT. 25, 2017

MARTIN — Aimee Emery and Samuel Martin of Heppner: a girl, Aria Anne Martin.

OCT. 27, 2017

PEARCE — Ashley D. Pearce and Drew H. Pearce of Hermiston: a boy, Cobern Jesse Pearce.

MEIERS — Carmelita Morrison and Ryan Meiers of Boardman: a girl, Calleigh June (CJ) Meiers.

OCT. 28, 2017

VANNETT — Megan T.D. Gering and Shaun M. Vannett of Hermiston: a girl, Hadleigh Rayne Vannett.

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton

OCT. 28, 2017

DYNES — Lacy D. Dynes and Luke A. Dynes of Hermiston: a girl, Addison Rose Dynes.

Crews respond to multiple fires

HERMISTON HERALD

The Umatilla County Fire District responded to two chicken-related fires last Wednesday.

In the first, at Townhouse Villa Apartments, no one was injured and the damage to the unit was fairly minor. Around 2:30 p.m., residents of the apartments at 1100 S. Hwy. 395, smelled smoke coming from one of the apartments, and knocked on the door to see if anyone was there. They called the fire department, who responded and busted the door open. Smoke poured out of the door and out of the upstairs window. No one was in the apartment, but the cause of the fire was a whole chicken that had been left in a pot on the stove and was smoldering.

Apartment owner Mike Jewett said four people live in the two-story unit, and they were notified of the fire shortly after it happened.

"The damage was minimal," he said. "It was mostly from where the firemen broke down the door."



STAFF PHOTO BY JAYATI RAMAKRISHNAN

UCFD firefighters bust down a door to a Townhouse Villas apartment that was filled with smoke Wednesday in Hermiston.

Rachel Strickland, who lives next door to the unit that was smoking, said several of the neighbors smelled smoke and heard the fire alarm going off. Getting concerned when no one answered, Strickland

said she called the fire department.

"I panicked," she said.

About an hour earlier, a chicken coop on East Punkin Center Road caught fire, and was fully engulfed before Umatilla County

Fire District crews put it out. The fire was close to the house on the same property, but did not affect the home. Fire Marshal Tom Bohm said the fire was caused by a heat lamp, and that five Guinea hens died.

Suspected car prowler arrested

Hermiston Police arrested a suspected car prowler on Tuesday. Frank Walker, a Umatilla resident, was arrested around 2:30 a.m., for allegedly stealing purses out of several vehicles.

While night shift officers were patrolling a neighborhood near Southwest 17th Street and Southwest Riverhill Drive, they noticed a suspicious vehicle leaving the area. While catching up

to the car, an officer saw a purse in the street, which they thought was tossed from the suspicious vehicle. The officer stopped to collect the purse, and another officer stopped the car. The investigation led to the arrest of one of the vehicle's occupants, Walker. Officers said Walker had allegedly stolen the purse from another vehicle before being spotted by the officer.

Walker was lodged at the Umatilla County Jail on charges of unauthorized entry to a motor vehicle, first degree theft, unlawful possession of methamphetamine, and offensive littering, "because even if the purse is stolen, you can't just throw it in the street."

"The officer's report did not specify if the purse matched Walker's shoes," the department wrote on

Facebook.

Walker has been arrested 15 times and has been issued 27 citations.

Hermiston Police said the case is an example of the uptick in thefts from vehicles they've seen lately. They said many of the thefts could be prevented by people locking their cars, taking their keys and removing valuables from the vehicle.

COURT REPORTS

SUITS FILED

PENDLETON — The following suits have been filed in Umatilla County courts (interest, court costs and fees not listed):

- Credits Inc. vs. Daniel Quesada and Laura Soterio Hernandez of Hermiston: seeks \$449.67.
- Credits Inc. vs. Nadine and Ward Borden of Hermiston: seeks \$7,476.33.
- Cavalry SPV I LLC vs. Marcelino Rodriguez of Umatilla: seeks \$1,412.78.
- Credits Inc. vs. Cynthia Coons and Jason Snow of Hermiston: seeks \$1,161.38.
- Hermiston Irrigation District vs. Larry Brown of Camas, Wash., Umatilla County, James and Donna Casper of Vancouver, Wash., and Community Bank: seeks \$6,352.99.

JUDGMENTS

PENDLETON — The following judgments have been rendered in Umatilla County courts (interest, court costs and fees not listed):

- Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Rosa Aguilar of Umatilla: judgment for \$2,006.83.
- Credits Inc. vs. Tyler Jeffrey W.

Stiefel of Hermiston: amended judgment for \$606.89.

- Credits Inc. vs. Sandra Bethel of Hermiston: judgment for \$4,882.99.
- Credits Inc. vs. Yolanda and Nicolas Jose Rodriguez of Hermiston: judgment for \$620.84.
- Credits Inc. vs. Calvin Netherda of Hermiston: judgment for \$2,500.
- Credits Inc. vs. Isidora and Horacio Villarreal of Umatilla: judgment for \$918.17.
- Credits Inc. vs. Karan and John G. Piening of Hermiston: judgment for \$2,834.16.
- Credits Inc. vs. Jillian Margarite Moore of Hermiston: judgment for \$8,319.87.
- Credits Inc. vs. Ismeal and Lorena Villarreal of Hermiston: judgment for \$961.64.
- Credits Inc. vs. Vernon and Stephanie Edwards of Hermiston: judgment for \$3,540.10.
- Credits Inc. vs. Allysia Brissett of Hermiston: judgment for \$2,026.64.
- United Finance Co. vs. Juan Almonte of Hermiston: judgment for \$1,333.32.
- Credits Inc. vs. Amanda M. Grove

of Umatilla: judgment for \$768.14.

- Credits Inc. vs. Kenneth Kraus-Mathis of Stanfield: judgment for \$773.28.
- Credits Inc. vs. Cassandra (Williams) Evens and Jeffery Evens of Hermiston: judgment for \$626.60.
- Credits Inc. vs. Paola Sepulveda of Hermiston: judgment for \$1,873.86.
- Merchants Credit Corporation vs. Christopher A. and Alicia M. Anderson of Hermiston: judgment for \$4,507.82.
- Credits Inc. vs. Eric Carlson of Hermiston: judgment for \$1,870.03.
- Credits Inc. vs. Dawn and Abel Viesca of Umatilla: judgment for \$1,554.30.
- Credits Inc. vs. Mary Hegar of Boardman: judgment for \$9,088.84.
- Credits Inc. vs. Jordan and Jessica Esparza of Irrigon: judgment for \$2,230.53.
- Credits Inc. vs. Daniel Kenney of Hermiston: judgment for \$1,611.56.
- Credits Inc. vs. Taryn N. Olson of Stanfield: judgment for \$500.50.
- Credits Inc. vs. Mariaha Wilhelm and Nicholas Griffin of Hermiston: judgment for \$2,144.66.

- Credits Inc. vs. Vincent Harrison of Umatilla: judgment for \$638.96.
- Credits Inc. vs. John L. Trump of Hermiston: judgment for \$10,000.
- Credits Inc. vs. Tracy A. Powney of Irrigon: judgment for \$1,351.93.
- United Finance Co. vs. Barbara Garza of Hermiston: judgment for \$1,021.97.
- Credits Inc. vs. Jackie L. Whitesell of Irrigon: judgment for \$2,332.13.

DIVORCES

PENDLETON — Divorce decrees were signed in Umatilla County Courts for:

Jessica Lynn Jacobson and Jeffrey Scott Jacobson of Hermiston; Hugo F. Marroquin of Hermiston and Helidia Siqueiros of Hollywood, Calif.

MARRIAGES

PENDLETON — Marriage licenses have been registered in Umatilla County for:

Martin Armenta, 49, and Maria Laura Bautista Lucas, 60, both of Boardman.

Eloy De La Cruz, 25, and Heidi Nordeen Walchli, 22, both of Hermiston.

Paul Ray Villines Jr., 53, of Umatilla and Esmeralda Garza, 51, of Tigard.

POLICE LOG

TUESDAY, OCT. 31

7:12 p.m. — Callers reported a 6 year-old female lost while trick-or-treating in the 100 block of West Moore Avenue, Hermiston. She was dressed like the Joker, with two ponytails on the side.

8:05 p.m. — A prowler was reported in the 100 block of East Elm Avenue, Hermiston.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 1

9:51 a.m. — A caller at East Ridge-way Avenue reported her garage had been tagged with a "400" and a smiley face.

11:47 a.m. — An assault was reported at West Oak Avenue, Hermiston.

2:48 p.m. — A person on East Jennie Avenue, Hermiston, said someone took his VA therapy dog, a brown and white corgi. He said his family posted

pictures of the dog on Facebook, and someone responded saying they know who has the dog, but won't tell them who.

THURSDAY, NOV. 2

12:11 a.m. — A prowler hopped the fence at Northeast 6th Street, and is now in a yard three houses down.

12:42 a.m. — A car prowler was in the parking lot at South Highway 395.

3:22 p.m. — HPD assisted Stanfield Police Department at Willow Drive, Stanfield, for an arson investigation.

FRIDAY, NOV. 3

1:35 a.m. — A man was sitting in his truck in the driveway with two pistols, and reported to be suicidal. The call came from East Main Street, Hermiston.

1:55 a.m. — Armed subjects were reported at East Main Street, Hermiston.

11:25 a.m. — A caller on East Main Street said he had two guns stolen out of his truck on Oct. 22, an AR 15 and Mossberg 12g. He said he left his truck unlocked.

SATURDAY, NOV. 4

10:10 a.m. — Graffiti reported on the alley side of a building at Southeast 3rd Street.

11:30 a.m. — A burglary was reported at Southwest Joshua Drive. A garage was broken into and items were stolen.

SUNDAY, NOV. 5

7:31 p.m. — A woman came into the Iglesia Apostolica church service on East Main Street, threatening self-harm.

MONDAY, NOV. 6

8:20 p.m. — A caller reported her wallet had been stolen from her car, at Damsel Court, Hermiston. She said the car was unlocked and parked in her driveway, and had her social security card, credit card and two dollars.

10:32 a.m. — A caller at North First Street reported that part of the carpet and part of the bed in his room was cut out, and the room was completely trashed. A person was staying in the room, and the caller had his ID.

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