OBITUARIES

Barbara R. Ackerman

Hermiston
January 19, 1946 - November 24, 2018

Barbara R. Ackerman of Hermiston was born January 19, 1946, in La Grande, Oregon, the youngest of 16 children born to John and Treasa DeFries. She passed away in Hermiston on Saturday, November 24, 2018, at the age of 72.

Ackerman

Barbara moved with her family from La Grande to Hermiston in the early 1950s. She attended school in Hermiston and graduated from Hermiston High School in the class of 1964. After high school, she married Leonard Ackerman on September 9, 1964, in Lewiston, Idaho. The couple made their home in Hermiston where she has resided since.

Barbara's interests included her family, quilting and cooking.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Leonard; children Kathy Ackerman, Wade Ackerman and Angie Ackerman; two granddaughters, Britney and Lauren Ackerman; and numerous siblings and extended family members. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Brenda.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, November 30, 2018, at Living Faith Church, 1611 Diagonal Blvd., Hermiston, Ore. Burial will follow in Hermiston Cemetery.

Family suggest memorial donations be made to Living Faith Church.

Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston.

To leave an online condolence for the family please go to www.burnsmortuary-hermistom.com

Donald Gene 'Donn' Walls

Hermiston
April 1, 1939 - November 16, 2018

Donald Gene "Donn" Walls passed peacefully November 16, 2018. He was born April 1, 1939, in La Grande, Oregon. His parents were Elbert and Eleanor Walls.

Walls

Donn started his education in Hermiston when the family moved here during the war, his father working on the construction of the Umatilla Ordnance Depot. Gasoline was rationed and the commute back and forth to La Grande became a hardship. Donn's parents were forever exchanging sugar ration stamps for gasoline ration stamps in order to commute. His parents purchased 40 acres from Mr. Cooney around 1945 and built a home there that remains in the family.

Donn attended Umatilla schools and graduated from UHS in 1957. He went on to Oregon State University and graduated from there four years later with a bachelor's in animal science. Donn worked for Pfizer for many years after he graduated from OSU and lived in Arizona. While living in Arizona he indulged in his love for Arabian horses, raising them and showing them.

Donn remained active with the Umatilla High School Alumni Association and served as an officer and board member for many years. UHSAA is a 501(3) s corporation whose main purpose is awarding scholarships to students desiring higher education. Donn repeatedly mentioned that a $50 scholarship from Union Pacific Railroad was the incentive he needed to put himself through four years of college.

When Donn attended OSU, he rented living space where he worked at the college greenhouse. He loved working with the beautiful plants and flowers, and he created an aviary with many varieties of birds. He was an "artist in action" and created a paradise-like atmosphere. His experience while living in the college greenhouse led him to own and operate a florist shop and an additional tea house and gift shop in Danville, California.

He sold the two shops in California and moved back to Hermiston in 1988 to spend time with his mother during her remaining years.

Donn had a passion for real estate so he attended the classes, obtaining realtor status, and went to work for Universal ERA Realty. An opportunity arose for him to purchase his own real estate company, so he became a Century 21 office. Donn received many awards over the years, from Centurion Producer 2005, to president-elect of our local real estate board in 2002, then president of the board in 2003, and Realtor of the Year in 2008. Donn's genuine desire to assist clients with their real estate needs became so well known; Donn no longer needed national advertising, so he became an independent Hermiston Realty. His longtime friend Travis Rock manages Hermiston Property Management, and his staff and designated broker Sandy Allen will continue to fulfill Donn's client's needs within Hermiston Realty.

Donn was an exchange student to British Honduras while in college and he also served in the National Guard. Donn was an avid supporter of promotions and fund-raising events that benefited the community. He was president of Hermiston Kiwanis and looked forward to his projects planned for the year.

Donn is survived by sister Betty Nobles (Clyde) of Umatilla; brother Gary Walls (Kathy) of Ione; nieces Kimberly Nobles of Hermiston, Kristi Nobles-Fisher (Steve) of Bellevue, Wash., and Senie Harris (Bobby) of Irrigon; many grand-nieces and -nephews; and his longtime friend Travis Rock. Donn never married or had children of his own, but his compassion and love for his family and friends and their children regarded him as their "favorite uncle!"

Donn was preceded in death by his parents.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Donn's memory may be made to UHS Alumni Association scholarship fund, P.O. Box 1144, Umatilla, OR 97882 or Kiwanis, P.O. Box 375, Hermiston, OR 97838.

A celebration of life service was held Monday, November 26, 2018, at Burns Mortuary chapel, Hermiston, Oregon.

Please sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

William Harry 'Bill' Jeppe

Eugene
April 11, 1936 - November 18, 2018

Born April 11, 1936, in Dillon, Montana, as William Harry Jeppe, "Bill" has recently left us to join his late wife, Jane, in the hereafter.

Jeppe

Following a stint serving our country in the U.S. Navy, Bill returned to Hermiston, Oregon, where he met and married Sandra Jean Walpole in 1957. Together they had four children.

Bill spent the bulk of his career in the airline industry, retiring from Alaska Airlines. Married to his second wife, Jane, for nearly 40 years, they enjoyed yachting and their membership in a yacht club. At one point Bill rose to be commodore of the Tacoma Yacht Club.

Later, they settled in Polson, Montana, where they became very active in the community.

Whether it was at the Chamber of Commerce, with the Water Rescue, or the local Port Polson Players, he was always involved in something.

After Jane's passing Bill moved to Eugene, Oregon, to be closer to two of his daughters. Through sheer wit, will and, some would say, stubbornness he was able to enjoy an independent and active lifestyle.

Bill is survived by his first wife; daughters Kelly, Toni and Jill;, son Jeff; two grandchildren, Collin and Timothy; one great-granddaughter, Maddison; and two stepchildren, Del Rae and Mike.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made in Bill's name to Port Polson Players, P.O. Box 1152, Polson, MT 59860.

DEATH NOTICES

Bonny Kay Abel

Hermiston
Aug. 8, 1970 - Nov. 23, 2018

Bonny Kay Abel, 48, of Hermiston died unexpectedly Friday, Nov. 23, 2018, at her home. She was born August 8, 1970, in La Grande. A celebration of life service will be held Saturday, Dec. 15 at 1 p.m. at Burns Mortuary chapel in Hermiston. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Jerry D. Fritts

Irrigon
March 26, 1951 - Nov. 21, 2018

Jerry D. Fritts, 67, of Irrigon died Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2018, at his home. He was born March 26, 1951, in Nyssa. A private family gathering will be held. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Barbara L. 'Barb' Gilleese

Hermiston
May 21, 1940 - Nov. 22, 2018

Barbara L. "Barb" Gilleese, 78, of Hermiston died Thursday, Nov. 22, 2018, in Richland, Wash. She was born May 21, 1940, in Yakima, Washington. A family gathering will be held. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

George J. Hieter Jr.

Kennewick, Wash.
June 10, 1964 - Nov. 23, 2018

Former Hermiston resident George J. Hieter Jr., 54, of Kennewick, Wash., died Friday, Nov. 23, 2018, near Hermiston. He was born June 10, 1964, in Portland. Services will be announced at a later time. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston.

Francisco Lozano Renteria

Hermiston
Sept. 25, 1951 - Nov. 19, 2018

Francisco Lozano Renteria, 67, of Hermiston died Monday, Nov. 19, 2018, in Hermiston. He was born Sept. 25, 1951, in Mexico. A funeral service was held Friday, Nov. 23 at 6 p.m. at the Burns Mortuary chapel in Hermiston. Burial will be at a later time in Hermiston Cemetery. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Sign the condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

POLICE LOG

TUESDAY, NOV. 20

10:59 a.m. — An assault was reported on East Main Street.

5:45 p.m. — A possibly suicidal subject was reported at Southwest 11th Street.

6:09 p.m. — A suicidal subject was reported at West McKenzie Avenue.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 21

1:24 p.m. — A homeless woman was trespassed from a business on South First Street.

8:13 p.m. — A fight was reported on North First Place.

THURSDAY, NOV. 22

4:39 p.m. — A suicidal subject was reported on South Highway 395.

6:57 p.m. — A suicidal subject was reported at Southwest 11th Street.

FRIDAY, NOV. 23

6:15 p.m. — A runaway was reported at West Juniper Avenue.

SATURDAY, NOV. 24

1:18 p.m. — An unconscious woman was laying in a driveway on N. First Street.

SUNDAY, NOV. 25

12:06 p.m. — A suicidal subject was reported at Northwest 11th Street.

12:28 p.m. — A party at Northeast Skyview Court and Northeast Fourth Street was reported, with loud music, traffic and juveniles.

1:59 p.m. — Shots fired were reported on West Orchard Avenue.

3:20 p.m. — A drunk driver was reported at West Sunland Avenue.

MONDAY, NOV. 26

11:21 a.m. — A caller at Northwest 11th Street and Elm Avenue had questions about the new traffic lights and how to properly use them.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for the votes

I really care about Hermiston and the surrounding communities. I am truly fortunate to be part of the city government in Hermiston.

It is an honor to be re-elected to serve a third term as city councilor. I will continue to listen and serve all citizens in this great city.

Thank you to each and every one of you for your vote and support.

LORI DAVIS
HERMISTON

SUBMIT A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Letters Policy: Letters to the Editor is a forum for the Hermiston Herald readers to express themselves on local, state, national or world issues. Brevity is good, but longer letters should be kept to 250 words.

Letters must be original and signed by the writer or writers. Anonymous letters will not be printed. Writers should include a telephone number so they can be reached for questions. Only the letter writer's name and city of residence will be published.

COURTS

Sentences

PENDLETON — The following sentences have been imposed in Umatilla County courts:

FELONY

•Chisa Lea Leicht, 26, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Possession of Methamphetamine: sentenced to 18 months probation, 90 sanction units, 30 maximum jail units, 80 hours community service, $500 fine and $1,00 fine-suspended (conditional discharge).

•Jerardo Pedro Sital Jr., 20, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Assault III: sentenced to 3 years probation, 180 sanction units, 90 maximum jail units, 100 hours community service, $50 fine and $1,500 fine-suspended, plus restitution to be determined.

MISDEMEANOR

•Ciara Garyann Kowalski, 28, Stanfield, pleaded guilty to DUII: sentenced to 50 days jail, 130 days jail-suspended, 3 years probation, $1,755 fine, $4,750 fine-suspended and 3 years driver's license suspension, plus court costs and fees; pleaded guilty to Reckless Driving: sentenced to $100 fine and 90 days driver's license suspension.

Suits Filed

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

•Ray Klein Inc. dba Professional Credit Service vs. Brenda L. Walker: seeks $3,091.89.

•Ana Lidia Orozco vs. Lamb Weston Inc.: seeks $115,000.

•Quick Collect Inc. vs. Julieanne and Bernard Lind of Umatilla: seeks $404.70.

•Quick Collect Inc. vs. Cathine E. Brenaman and Gilbert A. Torres of Hermiston: seeks $323.

•LVNV Funding LLC vs. Drucilla R. Califf: seeks $1,049.21.

•Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Sarah Cook of Hermiston: seeks $978.41.

•Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Marlena M. White of Hermiston: seeks $1,165.96.

•Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Maria Torres of Umatilla: seeks $1,462.91.

•Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Karina Torres of Hermiston: seeks $844.98.

•Cach LLC vs. Daniel M. Nance of Umatilla: seeks $4,429.97.

•LVNV Funding LLC vs. Tawni Willis of Hermiston: seeks $916.31.

•Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Amanda Ortega of Hermiston: seeks $6,060.36.

•Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Nancy Flores of Hermiston: seeks $794.58.

•Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Kasandra L. Sandoval of Hermiston: seeks $876.99.

•Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Leah J. Carver of Hermiston: seeks $2,930.95.

•Credits Inc. vs. Misael Tena Bazan of Boardman: seeks $5,035.09.

•Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Richard J. Seewer of Hermiston: seeks $1,403.23.

•Midland Funding LLC vs. Dana Hartman: seeks $3,257.55.

•Midland Funding LLC vs. Angel Sanchez: seeks $3,251.95.

Judgments

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

•Cavalry SPV I LLC vs. Guadalupe P. Ramirez of Hermiston: judgment for $3,258.45.

•OneMain Financial Groups LLC vs. Alexis Almonte of Hermiston: judgment for $1,069.71.

•Credits Inc. vs. Tasha and Troy Bleyenberg of Hermiston: judgment for $578.11.

•Credits Inc. vs. Stacey Hinz of Hermiston: judgment for $953.44.

•Credits Inc. vs. Raymond and Jessica Aguilar of Hermiston: judgment for $531.95.

•Credits Inc. vs. Daisy Palomino of Umatilla: judgment for $741.61.

•Credits Inc. vs. Irving Macias of Umatilla: judgment for $4,746.59.

•Credits Inc. vs. Ashley and William McAdams of Umatilla: judgment for $1,369.18.

Divorces

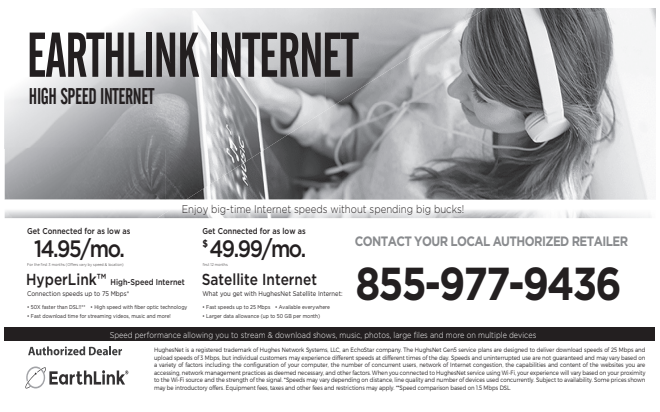
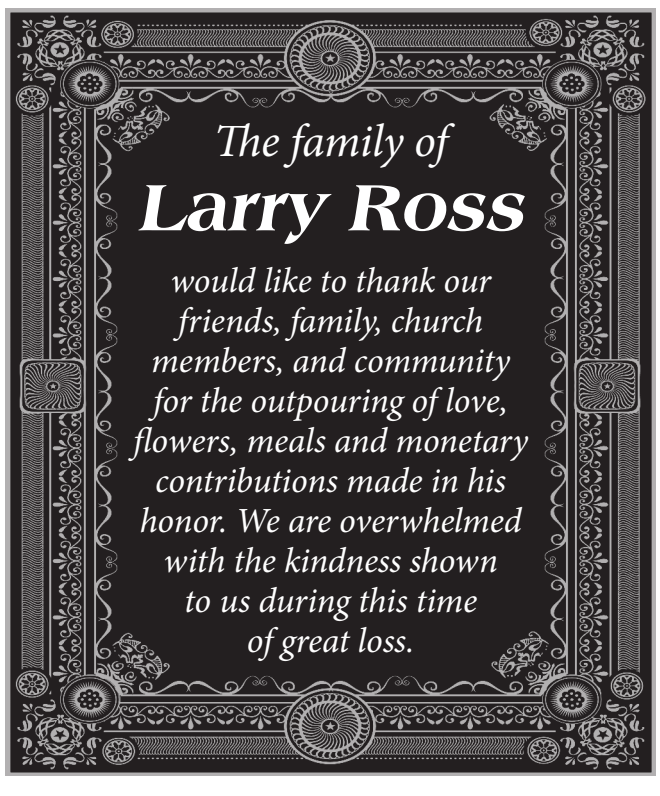
PENDLETON — Divorce decrees were signed in Umatilla County Courts for:

Shawn Eugene Elwood of Hermiston and Jessamen Myshel Elwood of Umatilla.

Marriages

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

Robert Ray Grindstaff, 45, and Christina Jean Maddox, 43, both of Hermiston.

Tyler Doyle Church, 28, and Kara Michelle Nichols, 27, both of Hermiston.

Jason Christopher Baron, 44, and Elizabeth Marie Fouts, 27, both of Hermiston.