

OBITUARY

Armando Garcia

Hermiston

October 28, 1964 — July 7, 2019

Armando Garcia of Hermiston was born October 28, 1964, in Mission, Texas, the son of Trinidad and Olga (Medelez) Garcia. He passed away on Sunday, July 7, 2019, in Spokane, Washington, at the age of 54.



Garcia



Armando lived in La Grulla, Texas, during his childhood. He later lived in Washington and graduated from Toppenish High School in the class of 1982. He then joined the U.S. Marine Corps where he served for four years and achieved the rank of corporal.

In 1989 he moved to Hermiston, Oregon, where he has resided for the past 30 years. He worked as a truck driver throughout his career, 20 years for Medelez Trucking and for the past 10 years as a self-employed truck driver.

Amando enjoyed going to the movies with his son, going to the casino and playing card games such as gin rummy and poker.

He was preceded in death by his father, Trinidad, and a half-brother, Freddy.

He is survived by his son, Armando Garcia Jr.; mother Olga M. Garcia; brothers and sisters Abundia G. Sanchez, Mario A Garcia, Trinidad Garcia III, Maribel Alaniz, Chyna Villalobos, Arnold Garcia and Cynthia G. Sanchez; half-brothers and -sisters Trinidad Garcia IV, Andy Garcia, Daisy Garcia and Danny Garcia; and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family members.

Recitation of the rosary will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 10, 2019, at Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, 685 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston, Ore. A Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 11, 2019, at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church, 565 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston, Ore. Burial will follow in Hermiston Cemetery, 1400 S. Highway 395, Hermiston, Ore.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

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

COURTS

Sentences

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

MISDEMEANOR

•Mark William Larson II, 46, Hermiston, was convicted of DUII: sentenced to 90 days jail, 90 days jail-suspended, 5 years probation, \$1,500 fine, \$4,500 fine-suspended and lifetime suspension of driver's license, plus court costs and fees; was convicted of Driving While Suspended/Revoked: sentenced to 180 days jail-suspended, 5 years probation, \$1,000 fine and \$5,000 fine-suspended; was convicted of Reckless Driving: sentenced to 180 days jail-suspended, 5 years probation, \$100 fine, \$5,900 fine-suspended and 3 years driver's license suspension; pleaded no contest to Refusal to Take a Test For Intoxicants: sentenced to \$650 fine.

Suits Filed

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

•Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Morgan Barner: seeks \$3,183.11.
 •Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Kyle J. Devore: seeks \$2,962.16.
 •LVNV Funding LLC vs. Cindy McCallister: seeks \$2,237.13.
 •Quick Collect Inc. vs. Bret D. and Yvonne P. Larsen of Boardman: seeks \$2,185.30.
 •Quick Collect Inc. vs. Brandon and Alana Wilson of Boardman: seeks \$834.10.
 •Credits Inc. vs. Summer J. Richmond of Hermiston: seeks \$1,073.55.
 •Evergreen Financial Services Inc. vs. Kyle Louis and Tessie Ann Shelley of Hermiston: seeks \$973.19.
 •Evergreen Financial Services Inc. vs. Gilberto Moreno Espinoza of Umatilla: seeks \$776.08.
 •Quick Collect Inc. vs. Eric Ramirez of Boardman: seeks \$1,348.54.
 •Credits Inc. vs. Stephanie Lynn Atilano of Umatilla: seeks \$538.36.
 •Credits Inc. vs. Trae M. Baker of Stanfield: seeks \$543.84.
 •Credits Inc. vs. Rebekah L. Comstock of Heppner: seeks \$1,811.44.
 •Credits Inc. vs. Francisco Diaz Jr. and Julissa Moncada of Umatilla: seeks \$1,119.72.
 •Credits Inc. vs. Ron and Kayla Farmer of Stanfield: seeks \$5,463.42.
 •OneMain Financial Group LLC vs. John W. Sargent: seeks \$6,323.98.

Judgments

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

•TD Bank USA vs. Velana O. Trejo (McMinn, Schuler) of Hermiston: judgment for \$1,272.44.
 •Credits Inc. vs. Alonzo Alatorre of Hermiston: judgment for \$3,226.65.
 •Credits Inc. vs. Carmen Oliveros Castaneda of Hermiston: judgment for \$690.45.
 •Credits Inc. vs. Karen Mendoza of Hermiston: judgment for \$8,428.69.
 •Credits Inc. vs. Candy Spain Garcia of Hermiston: judgment for \$2,134.66.
 •Credits Inc. vs. Jessica Christina of Umatilla: judgment for \$1,812.37.
 •Credits Inc. vs. Robert and Christina Wright of Hermiston: judgment for \$757.
 •Credits Inc. vs. Amanda S. Walker of Umatilla: judgment for \$2,270.47.
 •Credits Inc. vs. Brandon Mele of Hermiston: judgment for \$3,619.18.
 •Credits Inc. vs. Jessica Cruz of Hermiston: judgment for \$531.25.
 •Atlas Financial Services vs. Alyson L. Lopez of Hermiston: judgment for \$624.
 •Credits Inc. vs. Tracy E. Smith of Stanfield: judgment for \$2,059.32.
 •United Finance Co. vs. Lucio Picornio Castro of Boardman: judgment for \$2,142.74.
 •Credits Inc. vs. Elisa Reyes of Hermiston: judgment for \$2,522.45.
 •United Finance Co. vs. Armando Semora Barragan of Boardman: judgment for \$3,333.16.
 •Credits Inc. vs. Jacqueline R. Chavez of Stanfield: judgment for \$1,181.19.
Divorces
PENDLETON — Divorce decrees were signed in Umatilla County Courts for:
 Emily Debry Ernst and Darren Michael Ernst of Hermiston.
Marriages
PENDLETON — Marriage licenses have been registered in Umatilla County for:
 Kolton David Wortman, 26, of Echo, and Shelby Lynn Abney, 24, of Stanfield.
 Douglas Perry Allard, 38, and Veronica S. Sanchez, 41, both of Hermiston.
 Troy Thomas Messenger, 22, and Breanna Paige Van Fossen, 20, both of Hermiston.
 Martin Wayne Estill, 72, and Loretta Ann Armstrong, 67, both of Hermiston.

BIRTHS

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston
JUNE 26, 2019

TELLEZ ALEGRIA — Azuria M. Alegria and Juan Tellez of Boardman: a boy, Isaiah Luis Tellez Alegria.

JUNE 27, 2019
ORTIZ — Vanesia Casillas and Guillermo Ortiz of Hermiston: a boy, Malachi Ortiz.

JUNE 29, 2019
HAYDEN — Ashley N. Hayden and Cody W. Hayden of Hermiston: a boy, Ryker West Hayden.

POLICE LOG

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

11:08 a.m. A burglary occurred on North First Place.

12:04 p.m. A disturbance occurred on West Sunland Avenue when a man was screaming and banging on all the doors of an apartment complex building.

THURSDAY, JULY 4

9:45 p.m. A fight occurred on Northwest Stockton Street over a driving complaint.

10:41 p.m. Officers initiated activity when a fight occurred

at an unknown location.

11:32 p.m. Shots were fired on East Ridgeway Avenue.

FRIDAY, JULY 5

2:47 a.m. There was a domestic disturbance on East Montana Avenue.

10:07 a.m. An arrest was made on North First Street.

2:00 p.m. A mother was assaulted by her daughter on Southwest Thirteenth Place.

2:12 p.m. Unauthorized entry of a motorized vehicle

occurred on East Highland Avenue.

9:42 p.m. A drunk driver was reported on North First Street.

11:11 p.m. An arrest was made on North First Street.

SUNDAY, JULY 7

10:00 a.m. A domestic disturbance occurred on West Highland Avenue.

MONDAY, JULY 8

2:11 a.m. On Southeast Seventh Street, a burglary occurred.

2:18 a.m. A domestic disturbance was reported on North First Street.

2:18 a.m. An attempted robbery was reported on South Highway 395.

7:24 a.m. On South Highway 395, a burglary occurred.

2:30 p.m. An arrest was made on South First Street.

11:44 p.m. A domestic disturbance was reported between a mother and two daughters on Southwest Joshua Court.



File photo

People flock to downtown Hermiston during a past Funfest. The festival, which the Hermiston Downtown District is reviving as Spudfest, is Saturday on and around Hermiston's festival street.

Downtown district digs in with Spudfest

Festival includes free potatoes

By TAMMY MALGESINI
 COMMUNITY EDITOR

Hermiston's longtime mid-summer festival is returning to its original roots.

With the Hermiston Downtown District taking the reins of the mid-July event — in recent years it was called Funfest — they decided to revive the family-friendly festival known as Spudfest.

While "fun" is no longer a part of the festival's name, Spudfest returns with lots of familiar and popular activities. The event is Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in and around Hermiston's downtown festival street area. Get there early — free bags of potatoes will be handed out while supplies last.

"It was a great event to start with," said Brandi Howard, Hermiston Downtown District vice president. "Also, of all the downtown functions, it's the most family-driven one."

Spudfest features music, a variety of live entertainment, kids' games and vendor booths (as of Monday, 50 had confirmed). In addition, the Rotary Breakfast is at 7:30 a.m. (also downtown) and the 24th annual Cool Rides Car Show is being held at McKenzie Park.

Highlighting the festival street is part of a col-

laborative effort between the downtown business owners, the city of Hermiston and the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce. Judy Pederson, president of the Hermiston Downtown District, said the idea is to continue to encourage more visitors to the Main Street area.

The original SpudFest, which was organized by what was then known as the Downtown Hermiston Merchants Association, was held for about a decade, ending in 2000. Several years later, it was re-invented as Funfest.

Howard, who also owns Andee's Boutique, said with the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce stretched thin with staff changes and additional projects, it made sense for the Main Street businesses to take a more active role.

"It really is a downtown event, so we stepped up," Howard said. "We're still working together with the chamber and the city. They have been so helpful."

In addition to the monthly First Thursday, other upcoming Hermiston Downtown District events include Umatilla County Fair Parade Kick-off (Aug. 3), Annual Sidewalk Sale (Aug. 8), MelonFest (Aug. 17), Farm to Junk (Sept. 21) and Harvest Fest (Oct. 5).

Volunteers and vendors are needed for Hermiston Downtown District festivals. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/hermistondowntown or call 541-667-5026.

City council votes to pursue local improvement district

By JADE MCDOWELL
 NEWS EDITOR

HERMISTON — The Hermiston City Council voted Monday to begin the process of pursuing a local improvement district that would pay for improvements to the South Hermiston Industrial Park.

The LID would cover neighboring properties along Campbell and Penney drives, requiring them to pitch in to pay to pave the remainder of Campbell Drive, install water and sewer mains in the area and create what would essentially be a new road — called Southeast 10th Street — connecting East Penney Avenue to Highway 395 across from Bellingers. The road, which would create access to a piece of industrial land owned by the Port of Umatilla, only exists on paper right now.

The city plans to pursue a federal grant to pay for about half of the project and the city and Umatilla County will contrib-

uted a combined total of 10%, leaving property owners to contribute about 40% of the cost. Assistant city manager Mark Morgan said if the city fails to get the grant it does not plan to pursue the district after all.

If 60% of affected property owners formally reject the plan before or during an Aug. 12 hearing it would also be blocked from going forward. On Monday no property owners expressed opposition and Port of Umatilla manager Kim Puzey expressed support.

The city council also adopted a strategic plan Monday for the Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center. Some of the priorities in the plan include securing water rights for the site, updating the overall site plan, beautification, improving security, building storage and office space for the Umatilla County Fair, improving the RV park, adding a multi-sports facility and developing a marketing plan.

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