

OBITUARIES

Mary Laura VanKirk
 Kennewick, Washington
 December 3, 2019

Mary Laura VanKirk was the second-born child of Maria and Joseph Jardin in Hartford, Connecticut. Mary is survived by one younger sister, Emilinda McCarthy of Watch Hill, R.I.; daughter and son-in-law Linda and Gary Porter of Pasco, Wash., daughter Georgia Earley of Bonners Ferry, Idaho, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Maria and Joseph Jardin, sister Eva Johns and brother Joseph Jardin.



VanKirk

She married Charles Edward VanKirk in 1948, and moved to San Jose, California, in 1959. After divorce and obtaining an AA degree in 1969, Mary began working as a preschool teacher. She also began oil painting and, following her

move to Hermiston, Oregon, she joined Arts & Crafts from the Dry Side, the local art club. She also worked with several charities, including the establishing of Agape House, Christian Women's Club and Friendship Bible Coffees. She lived at Terrace II apartments in Richland, Wash., for 14 years, then Parkview Estates.

Mary had a strong faith; her passion was sharing the Lord and praying for everyone she met who might miss out on knowing Him. She passed into her Lord's presence on December 3, 2019, at the age of 91.

Celebration of Life service was held Monday, December 16, 2019, at at Reliance Fellowship Church, 4201 Kennedy Road, West Richland, Wash.

Myrna M. Pugsley
 Pendleton

January 24, 1942 — December 7, 2019

Myrna Pugsley, 77, of Pendleton, Ore., passed away Saturday night, December 7, 2019.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Alice Caldwell, her father, Myrnie Caldwell, and her brother, Steven Caldwell.

Myrna is survived by her husband Rich of Pendleton, her two sons, Michael and Jeffrey of Gresham, Ore., and her three grandsons, Branden, Evan and Logan of Gresham.

Per Myrna's request, there will be no funeral service.

DEATH NOTICES

Eric William Peterson
 Hermiston

June 9, 1970 — Dec. 14, 2019

Eric William Peterson, 49, of Hermiston, died Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019, in Hermiston. He was born June 9, 1970, in Seattle. A celebration of life service with military honors will be held Saturday, Dec. 21 at noon at the Maxwell Event Pavilion, 255 S. First Place, Hermiston. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Ruth Marie Robbins
 Irrigon

Dec. 24, 1925 — Dec. 11, 2019

Ruth Marie Robbins, 93, of Irrigon, died Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2019, in Heppner. She was born Dec. 24, 1925, in North Platte, Nebraska. A celebration of life gathering will be held Sunday, Dec. 15 from 3-6 p.m. at Maxwell Siding Event Center, 145 N. First Place, Hermiston. A private family burial was held at the Hermiston Cemetery. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Martha Jane 'Marty' Rock
 Irrigon

Oct. 10, 1934 — Dec. 10, 2019

Martha Jane "Marty" Rock, 85, of Irrigon, died Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2019, in Richland, Washington. She was born Oct. 10, 1934. Services are pending with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Dixie L. Banker
 Hermiston

March 17, 1944 — Dec. 14, 2019

Dixie L. Banker, 75, of Hermiston, died Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019, in Hermiston. She was born March 17, 1944. A funeral service will be held Friday, Dec. 20 at 1 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1035 S.E. Ninth St., Hermiston. Burial will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Danny J. "Dan" Headding
 Boardman

Jan. 15, 1948 — Dec. 13, 2019

Danny J. "Dan" Headding, 71, of Boardman died Friday, Dec. 13, 2019, in Kennewick, Washington. He was born Jan. 15, 1948, in Yakima, Washington. At his request there will be no service. Those who wish may make contributions in Dan's memory to Pet Rescue Humane Society of Eastern Oregon, 1844 Geer Road, Hermiston, OR 97838. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

BIRTHS

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston
 DEC. 3, 2019

PIEL — Brooklyn M. Norton and Kyler J. Piel of Stanfield: a girl, Klarisse Joann Piel.

DEC. 7, 2019

ADAMS — Iva J. Adams and Braxton Adams of Hepner: a boy, Bram Ranger Adams.

DUARTE GARCIA — Andrea Rivera Preciado and Fernando Duarte Garcia of Hermiston: a girl, Neraeda Duarte Garcia.

RAMIREZ BAUTISTA — Felipa Bautista Cardona and Andres Ramirez Calmo of Hermiston: a girl, Elidia Ramirez Bautista.

DEC. 9, 2019

IVERSON — Shelby L. Moody and Stetson D. Iverson of Hermiston: a girl, Evelyn Jane Iverson.

SHUBIN — Taylor D. Peck and Dylan M. Shubin of Hermiston: a boy, Parker Coleman Shubin.

POLICE LOGS

Tuesday, December 10

11:53 a.m.— A burglary occurred on Southeast Fourth Street.
 4:23 p.m.— The Hermiston Police Department responded to another burglary on Northwest Third Street.

Wednesday, December 11

2:08 a.m.— A domestic disturbance was reported on Northeast Eighth Street, when a caller told police that a woman was "tearing" their house apart and they had to run to the neighbors.
 8:23 p.m.— On South First Street, a man with a black and white hat, red sweater and black backpack was following someone and yelling.

Thursday, December 12

9:38 a.m.— A father reported that his daughter never returned home on Wednesday evening, after leaving her mom's house that afternoon.
 4:48 p.m.— A woman is concerned after her ex-husband showed up in the parking lot at her work on Northwest 11th Street.

Friday, December 13

10:16 a.m.— On West Locust Avenue, a burglary occurred.
 11:20 a.m.— A man visiting from California reported his ex will not allow him to see their daughter.
 12:28 p.m.— An assault was reported on Southwest Fifth Street and West Locust Avenue.
 3:21 p.m.— On West Desert Oak Avenue, a tenant was supposed to have moved out of a residence by Dec. 2, but will not leave.
 4:49 p.m.— On East Pine Avenue, a woman reported that someone tried to enter her home Thursday night, and when she looked out her window then, she saw two subjects dressed in black hoodies.

Saturday, December 14

4:11 p.m.— On Southwest Ninth Street, a burglary occurred.

Sunday, December 15

2:37 p.m.— A drunk driver was reported on West Harper Road.
 8:32 p.m.— On East Jennie Avenue, a man's girlfriend said she saw someone enter his trailer. The Hermiston police took a report for a burglary.
 11:05 p.m.— On Northwest 11th Street, a burglary occurred.

COURTS

Sentences

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

MISDEMEANOR
 •Andrew John Haputa, 55, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to DUII: sentenced to 30 days jail, 150 days jail-suspended, 3 years probation, \$1,500 fine, \$1,000 fine-suspended and 1 year driver's license suspension, plus court costs and fees.
 •Thomas Joseph Jensen, 55, Umatilla, pleaded guilty to DUII: sentenced to 40 days jail, 140 days jail-suspended, 2 years probation, 80 hours community service, \$1,500 fine, \$1,500 fine-suspended and 1 year driver's license suspension, plus court costs and fees; pleaded guilty to Reckless Driving: sentenced to 180 days jail-suspended, 2 years probation, \$2,000 fine-suspended and 90 days driver's license suspension.
 •Bruce Allen Mills, 42, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to DUII: sentenced to 2 days jail, 178 days jail-suspended, 2 years probation, 80 hours community service, \$1,250 fine, \$1,250 fine-suspended and 1 year driver's license suspension, plus court costs and fees.

Suits Filed

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

•OneMain Financial Group LLC vs. Michael I. McGee: seeks \$4,029.32.
 •OneMain Financial Group LLC vs. Jacob R. Cahill: seeks \$7,101.14.
 •Capital One Bank vs. Dennis R. Hollingsworth of Hermiston: seeks \$1,479.37.
 •Evergreen Financial Services Inc. vs. Alicia Navarro and Armando Chairez of Hermiston: seeks \$321.67.
 •Atkinson Staffing Inc. vs. MM Hay Services LLC: seeks \$305,871.69.
 •Umatilla County vs. Moises Rivera and Titan Roofing LLC of Battle Ground, Wash.: seeks \$72,253.17.
 •Capital One Bank vs. Miranda M. Feist: seeks \$2,365.04.
 •Capital One Bank vs. Robert L. Espinosa: seeks \$32,917.82.
 •Capital One Bank vs. Pedro Saucedo: seeks \$1,712.31.
 •Capital One Bank vs. Dario Castro: seeks \$1,639.11.
 •Capital One Bank vs. Erin M. Taylor: seeks \$2,126.98.

•LVNV Funding LLC vs. Rigoberto P. Ponce Sr.: seeks \$4,731.80.
 •Capital One Bank vs. Duane Grass: seeks \$1,152.47.

•Evergreen Financial Services Inc. vs. Kathleen and Sterling Needles of Hermiston: seeks \$314.98.

Judgments

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

•Credits Inc. vs. Luis Alberto Navarro of Boardman: judgment for \$1,138.57.
 •Credits Inc. vs. Esteban Gonzalez and Patricia Nava of Hermiston: judgment for \$564.50.
 •Credits Inc. vs. William L. (Bill) Mesteth of Hermiston: judgment for \$5,382.32.
 •Credits Inc. vs. Michael D. Miller of Umatilla: judgment for \$3,032.97.
 •Nationwide Recovery Service vs. Flavia Feliciano of Hermiston: judgment for \$4,570.56.
 •Midland Funding LLC vs. Ramon Dovalina of Hermiston: judgment for \$2,155.63.
 •Velocity Investments LLC vs. Ronald D. Leslie: judgment for \$2,427.01.
 •Evergreen Financial Services Inc. vs. Janelle and Antonio Carrera of Hermiston: judgment for \$647.43.

•Quick Collect Inc. vs. Mellysa Seewer (Guenther) and Richard Seewer of Hermiston: judgment for \$733.40.

•Evergreen Financial Services Inc. vs. Rikki Hasty of Hermiston: judgment for \$264.08.

•Midland Funding LLC vs. Charles McKim of Hermiston: judgment for \$845.53.

Marriages

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

Lorenzo Chavez Lopez, 37, And Amelia V. Cortez, 33, both of Hermiston.

Anthony Modesto Clements, 50, and Jennifer Jeanette Ransom, 38, both of Stanfield.

Mark H. Papineau, 48, and Abdias M. Huerta, 31, both of Boardman.

Wade James Bertsch, 56, and Mayerlin Ocampo Jimenez, 46, both of Stanfield.

Jared Lloyd Sandy, 27, and Natasha Marie Epperson, 25, both of Stanfield.

Eusebio Espinoza-Armijo, 63, and Ginia Cruz Ambriz, 54, both of Hermiston.

BRIEFS



Contributed photo by Ashley Umbarger

Campus Life teens pose for a photo during a weekend skiing and snowboarding trip at Bluewood last winter.

Campus Life to hit the slopes

High school students are invited to carve some fresh powder as Hermiston Campus Life prepares to shred the slopes.

The faith-based youth organization is planning a Dec. 27 trip to Ski Bluewood. Other upcoming dates for its snowboard and ski program include Jan. 11, Feb. 2 and March 14.

Participants will depart on designated days at 8 a.m. at Campus Life, 595 S. First St., Hermiston. The estimated time of return is 7 p.m.

The cost is \$20 for each trip, which includes transportation, lunch, a lift ticket, equipment rental and lessons, if needed. In addition, arrangements can be made to borrow snow clothing and helmets. Campus Life staff will supervise the trip. Teens must register and pay at least five days prior to the trip.

For more information and registration forms, search www.facebook.com/hermistoncampuslife. For questions or financial hardships, contact umbarger4cl@gmail.com or 541-969-1017.

Energy Facility Siting Council to meet

SALEM — Oregon's Energy Facility Siting Council will meet on Dec. 19-20 in Pendleton. The public meeting begins at 5 p.m. Dec. 19 and will reconvene Dec. 20 at 8 a.m. at the Red Lion Inn, 304 S.E. Nye Ave.

The main item on the council's agenda is the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line. The council will receive a presentation Dec. 19 from Oregon Department of Energy staff, reviewing the B2H Draft Proposed Order, comments received on the DPO and responses from the project's applicant, Idaho Power, to those comments. The agenda item continues Dec. 20 and the council may provide staff comments they would like to see reflected in the proposed order.

The proposed 500-kilovolt transmission line would span about 280 miles in Oregon and five counties, including Umatilla, Union and Baker counties. The next council meeting is tentatively set for Jan. 24 in Hood River.

Rowan to head state sheriff's association

UMATILLA COUNTY — Umatilla County Sheriff Terry Rowan has been chosen as the new president of the Oregon State Sheriff's Association.

Rowan previously served as vice president

of the organization, which provides training, lobbying and other services for the sheriff's departments in all 36 counties. He will continue representing the viewpoint of Eastern Oregon sheriffs in his new role.

Rowan is in his second term as Umatilla County sheriff. He was first elected in 2012, after previously serving as undersheriff for about seven years.

Echoporium offers eclectic inventory

A new store recently opened in Echo.

Owner Sarah Walker said Echoporium isn't a thrift store, boutique or furniture store. She describes the inventory as "an eclectic collection of items."

Walker, who is rejoining the workforce after being disabled six years ago, said people will be able to find clean, affordable and unique items. Vintage things, a bit of furniture, linens, kitchen and household items, motorcycle gear, arts and craft supplies, handmade candy, gift mugs and tea cups are just a few things shoppers can expect to find.

Echoporium, at 211 W. Main St., Echo, is open Thursday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, contact echoporium@outlook.com, 541-376-6021 or search Facebook.

Nominations open for teacher of the year

The InterMountain Education Service District announced an opportunity for students, parents, school staff and community members to recognize the hard work of educators who may be worthy of receiving an award.

Nominations are now open for the Teacher of the Year award. Also, the Oregon Department of Education announced the continuation of Oregon Regional Teacher of the Year to honor exemplary educators in every region of the state.

Each education service district will select a winner from their region. The regional winners will be honored in May 2020 and each will receive a cash prize of \$500. One of the regional winners will be named the 2021 Oregon Teacher of the Year in September 2020. That educator will receive a \$5,000 cash prize and an additional \$5,000 will go to their school district.

Anyone can nominate a teacher. The deadline is Jan. 31. To nominate someone, visit www.oregonteacheroftheyear.org.

For questions, contact michele.madril@imesd.k12.or.us or 541-966-3115.

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A hundred years from now it will not matter what My bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove... but the world may be different because I was important in the Life of a Child.