

OBITUARIES

Arthur Thomas ‘Art’ Kegler

Boardman

July 15, 1932 — September 4, 2020

Arthur Thomas “Art” Kegler, a longtime resident of Boardman, was born on July 15, 1932, in Edgerton, Wisconsin, the son of Archibald and Alffaretta (Schuster) Kegler. He passed away in Hermiston on Friday, September 4, 2020, at the age of 88.

Art moved to Vancouver, Washington, at a young age where he grew up and attended school. He graduated from Vancouver High School at the age of 16. After high school, he attended the University of Oregon where he studied business and general studies and received his bachelor’s degree.

While in college, Art was hired by his future wife Rose Cerkoney to work at Montgomery Ward. He and Rose were married on September 20, 1952, in Eugene. The couple had four children: Terri, Matt, Dean and Mark.

Art had an entrepreneurial spirit and owned/operated or managed several businesses in his early career. The family lived in many locations during those years, including Eugene, Roseburg and Tigard, Oregon, and California. The couple moved to Boardman, Oregon, in 1983 where Art owned and operated American West Properties until his passing. He was actively involved in the Oregon Association of Realtors, where he received many awards for his achieve-

ments and commitments to the organization as well as the communities he served. He had served on the Boardman City Council in many positions as well as serving as the mayor of Boardman. He was very active in serving the community of Boardman.

Art enjoyed golfing, hunting, fishing and camping. But he especially loved spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Art was preceded in death by his wife Rose; his parents, Clarence and Alffaretta Rucker; son Mark; grandson Matthew, and brother Ted.

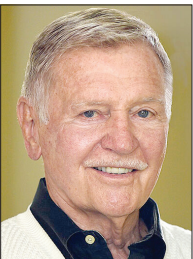
He is survived by his daughter Terri and husband Jerry Reser; sons Matt Kegler and Dean and wife Karen Kegler; eight grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a private family gathering will be held.

Family suggests memorial contributions be sent to Funland Park Playground Rebuild Project through the City of Hermiston Parks and Recreation, or to the Animal Relief Fund.

Joshua 1:9: “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. To leave an online condolence, go to www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.



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Fanny Fitzgerald

Monument

October 16, 1943 — August 29, 2020

Fanny Fitzgerald (aka Joanne Frances Singer) came into the world with fists balled on October 16, 1943. She went out fighting on August 29, 2020.

Fanny shared a love of remote living with her husband and partner of 58 years, Fred Fitzgerald. She shared a deep and abiding love of music with her eldest son Trek, the love of good fight with her son Skye, a passion for the written word with her daughter Token, and love of an ice-cold beer with her son Star.

Fanny was a fierce devotee of music in all forms and received a degree in music from Eastern Oregon University in 1993. She was also a regular sight in La Grande and Pendleton playing classical clarinet in both the Grande Ronde Symphony and Oregon East Symphony for decades.

Those who knew her



Fitzgerald

knew Fanny as stubborn, fierce and singular in every respect — never afraid to speak her mind and often seen giving the middle finger to anyone who disagreed with her.

Fanny leaves behind her Fred, her four children and four grandchildren, Taber, Jeffrey, Quentin and Chance, to figure out what to do in a world without her.

There will be no public service, as Fanny would not have wanted one.

All who wish to remember her may do so by listening to Ludwig Van Beethoven’s Sonata No. 14 in C sharp minor; Adagio Sostenuto – Attaca* (“Moonlight” Opus 27 No. 2) — one of the last classical pieces she listened to before her move into the unknown.

*It’s recommended you turn the volume up just a little higher than is comfortable — just as Fanny did each day she moved through this world.

Lela Belle McConnell Olson

Moses Lake, Washington

May 19, 1930 — September 8, 2020

Lela Belle McConnell (Allen) Olson, 90, passed Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2020, in Moses Lake, surrounded by her beloved children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was born May 19, 1930, in Fruitland, Idaho, to parents William Huff McConnell and Beulah (Stuart) McConnell. Lela moved with her parents and brother to Hermiston in 1940. Lela’s

first two years in Hermiston were spent living in a tent with her family during WWII, at a property on 11th Street, while her dad helped build the Umatilla Ordnance Depot. This “camp ground” was made up of about 60 camp sites with six outdoor toilets provided, and became known as Terle Town. As both parents were needed to work, Lela’s older brother, Warren, was in charge of babysitting her each day. He was only 8 years old when given the responsibility to care for a 3-year-old.

After graduating from Hermiston High School in 1948 she herself worked at the Depot. Her job title was supervisory clerk typist. She supervised three other women, and her boss was Willard Baker, who eventually became her uncle-in-law.

In 1954 Lela met a U.S. Navy frogman named Gene Lowell Allen while he was home on leave. They married September 17, 1955, in Boardman, Oregon. From this union were born four children: Stacie, Stuart, Stephanie and Scott. Lela later married Army intelligence officer Andrew Olson in 1993, who passed away in



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2007.

Rumor has it Lela was invited to New York City to dance with the Rockettes. While her parents wouldn’t let her go East, her high-kicking skills would come in handy as she entered and won several local dance competitions. Her earlier favorite dance was the jitterbug, while in later years she could “cut a rug” dancing the country two-step. Her continued dexterity was often commented on by her caretakers. They were continually amazed with some of her physical abilities. Later in life she also enjoyed traveling, jewelry making and rock/gem collecting. She never met a stranger, making most people laugh — sometimes at her, sometimes with her.

She is survived by her four children: Stacie (Craig) Palmer, Stuart (Sarah) Allen, Stephanie (Ed) Allen Washington and Scott (Barbara) Allen; grandkids Ryan (Tamara) Palmer, Todd (CJ) Palmer, Matthew (Karly) Palmer, Chad (Valarie) Palmer, Lizzy Allen, Carly Allen, Clayton Allen, Nathanael Allen and Joshua Allen; and nine great grandchildren: Kash, Mason, Harper, Taric, Tate, Shae, Capri, Libby and Archer, with another one on the way. She is also survived by her older brother, Warren McConnell, whom she adored immensely.

A graveside service was held Saturday, Sept. 12, at 1 p.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery.

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•Credits Inc. vs. Omar Garay of Boardman: judgment for \$1,051.67.

•Credits Inc. vs. Melodi J. Deborger of Hermiston: judgment for \$1,440.53.

DIVORCES

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

Elsa Bedolla and Carlos Mendoza Guzman of Hermiston;

Melissa Jaime and Margarito Jaime of Hermiston; Belinda Escareno Ramirez and Antonio Ruelas of Hermiston.

MARRIAGES

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

Jomeidy Mezarín Aldana Bastidas, 30, and Javier Daniel Marciales Bermudez, 30, both of Hermiston.

BIRTH

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton

SEPT. 6, 2020

CHENEY — Kirstin J. Cheney and Nathaniel A. Cheney of Hermiston: a girl, Tetley Fern Marie Cheney.

DEATH NOTICES

Ceberiana Velasco Robles

Boardman

Nov. 8, 1953 — Sept. 13, 2020

Ceberiana Velasco Robles, 66, of Boardman, died Sunday, Sept. 13, 2020, in Portland. She was born Nov. 8, 1953, in Ixtapan Del Oro, Edo, Mexico. A family burial will be at the Riverview Cemetery in Boardman. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Marjorie O. ‘Margie’ McClenahen

Hermiston

Sept. 12, 1945 — Sept. 13, 2020

Marjorie O. “Margie” McClenahen, 75, of Hermiston, died Sunday, Sept. 13, 2020, in Hermiston. She was born Sept. 12, 1945, in Hermiston. Arrangements are pending with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Wayne C. Wickham

Hermiston

Dec. 4, 1971 — Sept. 9, 2020

Wayne C. Wickham, 48, of Hermiston, died Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2020, at his home. He was born Dec. 4, 1971, in Portland. A celebration of life service will be held at a later date, to be announced. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Ernie Paul Thomas

Hermiston

Dec. 2, 1956 — Sept. 8, 2020

Ernie Paul Thomas, 63, of Hermiston, died Monday, Sept. 8, 2020, in Yakima, Washington. He was born Dec. 2, 1956. Interment will be at the Echo Cemetery. A private family service is planned for a later date due to COVID-19 restrictions. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

POLICE LOG

MONDAY, SEPT. 7

2:14 a.m. — A disturbance was reported on Northwest Spruce Street.

5:34 a.m. — A burglary was reported on West Hermiston Avenue.

11:54 a.m. — A hit-and-run was reported on North First Street.

4 p.m. — A drunken driver was reported on West Ridgeway Avenue.

7:19 p.m. — A motor vehicle accident was reported on South First Street.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 8

3:16 p.m. — Someone reported a woman hit his parked car while he was inside the vehicle.

6:01 p.m. — A cold assault was reported on South Highway 395.

6:69 p.m. — A domestic disturbance was reported on West Ridgeway Avenue.

9:47 p.m. — A disturbance was reported on North First Street.

10:54 p.m. — A disturbance was reported on West Ridgeway Avenue.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 9

9:11 a.m. — An assault was reported on East Beebe Avenue.

5:29 p.m. — A physical domestic disturbance was reported on Southwest Third Street.

5:33 p.m. — A noninjury motor vehicle accident was reported on West Catherine Avenue.

6:07 p.m. — An assault was reported on West Hermiston Avenue, involving a customer throwing a water bottle at an employee.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 10

9:14 a.m. — A hit-and-run was reported on East Catherine Avenue.

11:51 p.m. — A motor vehicle accident was reported on East Main Street.

3:05 p.m. — A disturbance involving a customer refusing to leave a business was reported on West Hermiston Avenue.

4:33 p.m. — A hit-and-run

was reported on North First Street.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 11

7:27 a.m. — A burglary was reported on West Hermiston Avenue.

10:36 a.m. — A disturbance was reported on South Highway 395.

11:37 a.m. — A disturbance was reported on South Highway 395.

3:32 p.m. — A disturbance was reported on North First Street.

6:11 p.m. — A hit-and-run was reported on North First Street.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 12

12:27 p.m. — A domestic disturbance was reported on East Main Street.

7:22 p.m. — A caller reported two people were fighting at Northeast Fourth Street and East Jennie Avenue in front of his car and they broke a window of his car.

10:37 p.m. — A disturbance was reported on East Main Street.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 13

4:57 a.m. — A domestic disturbance was reported on Northwest 12th Street.

5:24 a.m. — Police assisted with a death investigation on Manzanita Avenue.

8:46 p.m. — A disturbance was reported on West Ridgeway Avenue involving an intoxicated man who would not leave a business.

11:51 p.m. — A vehicle theft was reported on Southwest 11th Street.

MONDAY, SEPT. 14

7:14 a.m. — A motor vehicle accident was reported on Northeast North Street and a citation was issued to one of the parties.

2:04 p.m. — Someone wanted to speak to an officer about a motor vehicle accident that occurred in front of the Department of Motor Vehicles offices the previous day.

8:05 p.m. — A domestic disturbance involving a husband pushing his spouse was reported on West Fulton Avenue.

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