

# Former teacher, students find home at Sun Terrace

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NEWS EDITOR

Rema Fleener's friends and family don't know if she is the oldest person in Umatilla County, but at 105 years old, they know she has to be close.

"She's certainly had a long life," her nephew, Mike Gillespie, said.

Growing up in Vale, he remembers visiting his Aunt Rema (his mother's sister) and Uncle Bob many times. They lived on a ranch near Burns for a while, but when Bob developed health problems that that precluded him from ranch work, the couple moved to Hermiston, where Bob worked at the Umatilla Chemical Depot and Rema was a teacher.

"She has a lot of students



Kathy Farabee/Contributed Photo

**Rema Fleener, age 105, lives at Sun Terrace Assisted Living in Hermiston.**

still in the Hermiston area," Gillespie said.

In fact, at least two of them live at Sun Terrace Assisted Living with her.

Verla Frost said Rema taught her in junior high, at a time when the school was small enough teachers taught multiple subjects.

"I don't remember what subjects she taught, but I remember she was a good teacher and very well liked," she said.

These days, dementia has taken over many of Rema's memories; her friends and family say she seems happy but is much less aware of her surroundings than she was a year or two ago.

But Verla said when she moved into Sun Terrace about five years ago, Rema knew who she was and remembered teaching her.

She said her former teacher was always patient with students.

Kathy Farabee, a close friend of Rema's, said since getting to know her, she has seen that same patience with young people. Kathy recounted her friend's reac-

tion when she was telling her about a conflict between a mother and teenage daughter.

"I thought of course she would take the mom's side, like 'Damn those kids,' but she just takes a deep breath and says, 'That is such a hard age.' She was so sympathetic to the teenager," Farabee said.

She got to know the Fleeners when they ended up keeping some of her heifers on their property about 30 years ago, she said. As they got up in age, she started mowing their lawn and helping out with other chores around the property.

"Bob was a heck of a good guy," she said. "They were both good people."

Bob died in 2001, just

two days shy of their 60th wedding anniversary.

When Rema moved into Sun Terrace, Farabee said she kept in touch and would visit multiple times a week — a tradition she continues.

Gillespie said his aunt has always been "very well spoken" and kind.

"I think she was well thought of by the student body because she was very knowledgeable and really liked the young people and had a lot of patience with them," he said.

She and Bob always lived a frugal lifestyle with their acreage. They raised racehorses on the property for a while, he said, and their horses won some races at Portland Meadows.

## BRIEFS

### HHS class of 2011 plans reunion July 9-10

The Hermiston High School class of 2011 is planning a reunion event July 9-10.

The event kicks off with a Friday night outdoor gathering from 6-8:30 p.m. at Bennett Botanical Gardens, 32632 E. Punkin Center Road, Hermiston. The adult party will feature dinner, dessert and drinks. The cost is \$10 per person. For more details, registration information or to communicate with classmates visit [www.facebook.com/groups/561913761918637](http://www.facebook.com/groups/561913761918637).

Also, the class encourages people to participate in a family fun day with an event organized by Hermiston Parks & Recreation. The Saturday, July 10, Bouncin' Bins Inflatable 5K & Color Run from Riverfront to Butte Parks begins at 9 a.m. The cost ranges from \$5-\$25. For additional details or to register for the inflatable color run, search [www.hermiston.or.us/parksrec](http://www.hermiston.or.us/parksrec) or contact [parksandrec@hermiston.or.us](mailto:parksandrec@hermiston.or.us) or 541-667-5018.

### Golf tournament tees off for Agape House

A four-person scramble golf tournament will benefit people in need in the community.

In its fourth year, the Agape House Golf Tournament is Saturday, July 31, at Big River Golf Course, 709 Willamette Ave., Umatilla. Registration opens at 7 a.m. with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. The cost is \$60 per person. A meal will be provided

afterwards. The registration deadline is Saturday, July 24. There is an additional fee charged by the golf course for carts — call 541-922-3006 to reserve one.

In addition to playing in the tournament, there are other ways to help. General event sponsorships, hole sponsors and prize/raffle sponsors are welcome. Any help is appreciated.

Located at 500 W. Harper Road, Hermiston, Agape House provides programs and services on behalf of the elderly, children, the working poor, single-parent families, the homeless and the newly unemployed. See their website at [www.agapehousehermiston.org](http://www.agapehousehermiston.org).

For more information about registering for the tournament or serving as a sponsor, contact Mark Gomolski at 541-567-8774, [agapehouse@eotnet.net](mailto:agapehouse@eotnet.net) or Cameron Bendixsen at 541-429-3283.

### Catholic Daughters award scholarships

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #1692 in Hermiston awarded three \$750 scholarships honoring the memory of deceased member Marilyn Harris. The court is affiliated with Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church in Hermiston.

Two scholarships were given to 2021 high school graduating seniors **Amanda Nygard** and **Vincent Klein**, both of Hermiston. The third scholarship was awarded to a continuing education student, **Yessenia Garcia Sanchez**, who has completed

some college courses and is continuing.

The scholarships are intended to help students with their financial needs as they each embark on their college adventure. The recipients were selected for their academic abilities and for their efforts put forth to participate in parish activities.

### Hermiston grad makes college president's list

**Lainey Anderson**, a 2016 graduate of Hermiston High School, was named to the President's List at Tarleton University for its spring 2021 term. Students named to the President's List must earn a 4.0 GPA for the term.

Anderson is the daughter of Ron and Lindsey Anderson of Hermiston.

### Walla Walla VA hosts Pride Month open mic

A virtual open mic event is planned for Pride Month by the Walla Walla VA Medical Center.

The public is invited to drop in and watch Thursday, June 24, from 6-7 p.m. The virtual event will be shared via Webex by logging in at <https://bit.ly/VAWWOpenMic>.

In addition, for those interested in participating, organizers are seeking poets, dreamers, and performers for the event — a person does not have to identify as LGBTQ+ to participate. People can read, sing, tell stories, play an instrument or share other talents. The VA is dedicated to providing

an environment of inclusion and hopes people will join in the fun of sharing their unique talents with each other.

Those interested in performing are asked to RSVP Heather Owens at [heather.owens3@va.gov](mailto:heather.owens3@va.gov) or 509-525-5200, extension 27179. For additional details, search the Walla Walla VA's Facebook page or contact Linda Wondra, Walla Walla VA's public affairs officer, at 509-386-1117 or [linda.wondra@va.gov](mailto:linda.wondra@va.gov).

### Library's book club to discuss 'Afterlife'

A Time Magazine Must-Read Book of 2020 described as "ravishing and heartfelt," is the topic of the upcoming Bookminders, the Hermiston Public Library book club.

The group will discuss "Afterlife" by Julia Alvarez. The gathering is Tuesday, July 13, at 1:30 p.m. downstairs in the library meeting room, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. Anyone that's interested is invited to attend.

The publication is the first adult novel in nearly 15 years by the internationally bestselling author. According to The New Yorker, the book, which is set in 2019, "... poses questions about American immigration and mental-health policies, and it is a moving exploration of the ways we inadvertently fail the people we love."

The book club, which is free and open to everyone, meets the second Tuesday of each month. A limited number of copies of "Afterlife"

are available at the library. For more information, call 541-567-2882 or stop by the library.

### Red Cross announces blood shortage

The American Red Cross is experiencing a severe blood shortage as the number of trauma cases, organ transplants and elective surgeries rise and deplete the nation's blood inventory.

Donors of all blood types are urged to make an appointment to give as soon as possible.

As a thank you, those who give now through Wednesday, June 30, will receive a \$5 gift card to Amazon.com. The next blood drive listed on the Red Cross website for Hermiston is Wednesday, July 7 from noon to 5 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church; however, there are also opportunities in the Tri-Cities area before June 30. For more information or

to schedule a donation time, visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-733-2767.

### Hermiston Sports Boosters plan auction

The Hermiston Sports Boosters announced that tickets are still available for their Steak Feed & Auction.

The 21 and older event is Saturday, July 17, at Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center, 1705 E. Airport Road, Hermiston. The doors open at 5 p.m., dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. and the auction begins at 6:30 p.m.

An individual ticket is \$50 or a table of eight is \$400, which includes dinner and beer, wine or soda. A no-host cocktail bar will be available. Tickets, which must be purchased in advance, are available at [hermistonssportsboosters.square.site](http://hermistonssportsboosters.square.site). For questions, contact 541-567-5215 or [hermistonssportsboosters@gmail.com](mailto:hermistonssportsboosters@gmail.com).

## Courts:

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Irrigon: seeks \$592.16.  
•United Finance Co. vs. Brenda Spain of Hermiston: seeks \$3,150.41.  
•United Finance Co. vs. Jose Alberto J. Pablo of Hermiston: seeks \$1,310.95.  
•Credits Inc. vs. Maria and Sixto Barrera of Boardman: seeks \$1,920.13.  
•Nationwide Recovery Service Inc. vs. Anthony C. Rome of Hermiston: seeks \$3,781.08.

## JUDGMENTS

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

•Synchrony Bank vs. Stephanie Duquette of Hermiston: judgment for \$4,195.23.  
•LVNV Funding LLC vs. Marina Longoria: judgment for \$1,067.78.  
•LVNV Funding LLC vs. Dale Mininger of Stanfield: judgment for \$1,059.18.  
•Midland Credit Management Inc. vs. Juan Macias of Hermiston: judgment for \$2,129.40.  
•Midland Credit Management Inc. vs. Dorothy C. Kulpa of Hermiston: judgment for \$2,024.45.  
•Midland Credit Management Inc. vs. Youbany Razon Martinez of Umatilla: judgment for \$769.41.  
•Credits Inc. vs. Juvencio Agripino of Boardman: judgment for \$388.27.  
•Credits Inc. vs. Natalia Arroyo

of Hermiston: judgment for \$7,813.64.

## DIVORCES

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

Brian Dean Faro of Pendleton and Samantha Jean Zielke of Stanfield; Tera L. Kulhanek and Darren Kulhanek of Hermiston; Audella Rodriguez Rodriguez of Hermiston and Jose Alberto Rodriguez of Umatilla; Holly

Morfin of Hermiston and Juan Morfin of Umatilla.

## MARRIAGES

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

Alyssa Lynn Jackson, 32, and Cody William Linkel, 35, both of Hermiston.  
Tori Elaine Cate, 30, and Sergio Abel Loera, 39, both of Hermiston.  
Kaylee Jade Hunter, 26, and

Bryce Allan Linker, 25, both of Hermiston.

Haley Justine Parsons, 24, and Troy Villarreal, 29, both of Hermiston.

Samuel Perez Perez, 33, and Ruth Chavez Garcia, 29, both of Hermiston.

Wendy Jean Bither, 49, and Gregory Edward Lum, 51, both of Hermiston.

Octavio Gutierrez, 32, and Dalia Maria Perez Cabrales, 27, both of Hermiston.

## PET OF THE WEEK



### MEET LILLY

Lilly is like a Golden Lab in a tiny package. She is sweet, silly and soulful. She did have some separation anxiety issues with her previous adopter, so she needs a home where family is there for her, maybe a playmate who isn't demanding. She loves a good belly rub and her soft blanket.

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If interested please go to [fuzzballrescue.com](http://fuzzballrescue.com) and fill out an application. If you are not able to adopt, but would like to foster or donate, visit [fuzzballrescue.com](http://fuzzballrescue.com) or you can mail in donations to Fuzz Ball Animal Rescue, PO Box 580, Hermiston, OR 97838

# CHURCH DIRECTORY

*Community Worship*

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*Featured this Week:*



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Join Us On Our Journey With Jesus.  
**Scripture, Tradition and Reason**  
**Family service 9am Sunday**  
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565 W. HERMISTON AVE.  
MASS SCHEDULES

Monday-Friday.....	English 8:00am
Tuesday-Friday.....	Spanish 6:00pm
SATURDAY.....	English 5:00pm
.....	Spanish 7:00pm
SUNDAY.....	English 9:00am
.....	Spanish 11:00am
.....	Spanish 1:00pm
.....	Spanish 6:00pm
Parish Office.....	541-567-5812

**Iglesia Católica Nuestra Señora de los Angeles**  
565 W. HERMISTON AVE.  
HORARIOS DE MISAS

Lunes a Viernes.....	Inglés 8:00am
Martes a Viernes.....	Español 6:00pm
SABADO.....	Inglés 5:00pm
.....	Español 7:00pm
DOMINGO.....	Inglés 9:00am
.....	Español 11:00am
.....	Español 1:00pm
.....	Español 6:00pm
Oficina Parroquial.....	541-567-5812

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**Hermiston Christian Center & School**  
**Sunday Gathering: 10:00 AM**  
*This gathering is also livestreamed on our Facebook page.*  
Nursery care is available 3 years & under  
Kids Club available 4 years-5th grade  
**Sunday Prayer Gathering: 6:00 PM**  
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**Seventh-day Adventist Church**  
Saturdays  
**Sabbath School.....9:30 a.m.**  
**Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.**  
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Sun. Evening Worship.....6:00pm  
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study.....6:00pm  
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