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## — OBITUARIES —

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### Eva M. Crockett Colton Hiatt

brother in Law Jim Hiatt ( Teresa) Ft. Meyers, FL, cousins Vernon and Carol Lee Crockett, Brookings, Or., and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her second husband George O. Hiatt in 2008.

A "celebration of life" will be held for Eva on Saturday January 17th at 2:00 PM at Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel in Baker City, Or. A reception will follow.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to DAR ( Daughters of the American Revolution), Keating Rural Fire Department, or the Keating School through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker city, OR 97814.

### Mary P. Cross

Baker City, 1939-2015

Mary P. Cross, 75, died January 6, 2015 at St. Alphonsus Medical Center in Baker City. No funeral services are planned at this time. Coles Tribute Center is handling arrangements.

Mary was born Sept. 13, 1939 in Glendale, Ca., to Thomas and Hazel (Wardell) Lucas. She graduated from Antelope Valley High School in Lancaster, Ca. and eloped with Eugene Cross in 1957 while he was on leave from the army. They had five children and enjoyed camping, fishing and family trips. Always stating that he was the love of her life, they were by each others side for 11 years until Eugene's passing in 1968.

Mary met Hershel Lafferry in 1970. Together they worked, travelled and blended a family of nine children. In 1990 they moved to Baker City where Mary worked at the Sunridge Inn until her retirement. She enjoyed fishing, taking road trips, going to car shows and family get togethers.

Survivors include Hershel Lafferry, Toni Cross-Sotelo and Terry Watkins, Tabbitha and Allen Jensen, and Adam Sotelo all of Baker City. Brittney Sotelo of Washington, David and

Cindy Cross of Idaho, Micheal and Janie Cross, of Iowa, William and Brenda Cross and Thomas and Virginia Lucas of California, Ellen Lee of Colorado, Jeanette and Jeff of Oregon and Kathy Lafferry and Bobby Lafferry of California. As well as many other grandchildren, great grandchildren and family and friends.

### Colleen Frances Brady Atkinson

Baker City, 1931-2015

Colleen Frances Brady Atkinson passed away at her home on January 8, 2015 in the presence of family after a struggle with cancer.

She was born on March 23, 1931 to Ralph and Mary Brady. She had an older brother, Hugh Brady, and a younger sister, Eleanor Brady (Skelton). Her father was a Union Pacific telegrapher and the family resided in the depots in Orchard and Kuna, Idaho.

Colleen graduated from Kuna High School in 1948 and attended Marylhurst College in Portland. After her marriage to Leo Compton in 1949, the couple moved from Kuna to Richland, Oregon where Leo taught school. By this time, Mary Jo and Brian had been born.

The family moved to Baker, Oregon in 1953 where they lived for 11 years. During that time, Jeff, Matt, Tom and Chris were born. The family attended St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church; the children attended the Catholic school. In 1964, the family moved to Nampa, Idaho. After two years, they moved to Boise, Idaho where they lived for several years. The children attended Bishop Kelly High School.

Colleen attended nearly every sports event her children participated in including, but not limited to: track, football, baseball and wrestling. She and Leo divorced in 1977.

In 1981, Colleen met John P. Atkinson, from Baker City, Oregon and the couple wed in July 1982.

Colleen was a talented and prolific artist and a gifted singer throughout her life. In Baker City, she was active in the St. Francis de Sales choir and in the larger community choir. She continued to

sketch and paint, creating cards for each person's birthday and anniversary in the family. She was an avid sports fan, keeping track of stats for her favorites: Notre Dame, Seahawks and the Steelers in football; Mariners in baseball. She golfed for many years, even achieving a hole in one in the 1990s.

She was kind and generous to those who needed help; she was a champion listener and a loyal friend. She had a quick wit and a dry sense of humor. Colleen was a devoted Catholic her entire life and her faith sustained her throughout her life and in her bout with cancer. She was stalwart and stoic; she lived and died with grace and courage.

Colleen leaves behind her dear sister and best friend, Eleanor Skelton, her beloved husband, John, her children: Jo Compton and Dee Wilson, Brian Compton and wife, Pam, Jeff Compton and wife Anita, Matt Compton, Tom Compton and wife Kandy, Chris Compton and wife Tracy; stepsons Ted Atkinson and wife Patty, Laine Atkinson and wife Vicki; stepdaughter, Rhonda Hickman and husband, Herb; 18 grandchildren, many step grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her brother, Hugh Brady, her grandson, Doug Werts, and her great granddaughter, Mary Werts. She was blessed in life and in her dying by her friends and community.

Viewing will be Tuesday, January 13 from 1 to 7 p.m. at Gray's West & Company Pioneer Chapel. Her rosary was at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 14, followed by a mass celebrating her life at 11:00 a.m. at St. Francis de Sales in Baker City. Graveside services were at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, January 15 at Morris Hill Cemetery in Boise, Idaho.

The family is grateful for the diligence and compassion of her hospice team in Baker City and for the many dear friends and caregivers who shared their time, flowers and prayers with her. They suggest memorial contributions be made to the Catholic homeless shelter, Guadalupe House, through Gray's West & Company Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.



Colleen Atkinson

## BHS wrestlers enter dual season

The Bulldogs are now entering the dual season. Over the next month we will have another 10 duals. Tuesday is our first league dual vs Ontario and then we have a home match on Friday against Grant Union and Imbler starting at 4:00 p.m.

We can do a pretty good job of filling the weight classes, which has been one of our goals since the beginning of the season. The other is to have everyone eligible. This is going to help us in the GOL race as this is going to be the tightest race I have seen

between Baker, Ontario, Mac-Hi, and LaGrande. Ontario and Mac-Hi have the numbers and everyone has a handful of tough wrestlers.

In New Plymouth the Bulldogs went 1-1, losing a close match to New Plymouth 44-36 and then defeating Emmett 48-21. Wrestlers that competed well were James AhHee, Logan Valentine, Dylan Feldmeier, Peter Baker, and Will Goodwin. They all went 2-0 on the day. Jace Hays and Marco Vela both lost exciting matchups to New Plymouth's

better wrestlers. Hays lost to Austin 8-6 and Vela had built a 6-2 lead over Travis, but Travis caught him in a throw on the edge of the mat and was able to hold on for the 1pt win. Nick Blair and Elijah Banister did their job against New Plymouth which was to not get pinned. If they can do that against very tough opponents, it gives our team a chance to win the close duals.

Submitted by Brandon Young.

## Swim team at January Storm meet

Both Baker Swim Team and La Grande Swim Club attended the January Storm Swim Meet in Walla Walla, WA on January 9-11. BST sent 11 athletes, LGSC sent 23. There were a total of 254 athletes representing 11 teams from Oregon, Washington and Idaho at this meet. The following are the results for three swimmers from Baker who swim for LGSC. They all had strong performances and Riana Scott was the high point award winner for the 11-12 girls.

### Results:

Boys 9-10 200 Yard IM 9 Miller, Jacob N 10 LGSC-IE 2:56.06  
Girls 11-12 200 Yard IM 2 Scott, Riana L 12 LGSC-IE 2:21.56

Girls 11-12 1650 Yard Free 2 Scott, Riana L 12 LGSC-IE 19:39.10  
Boys 13-14 1650 Yard Free 2 Miller, Justin D 14 LGSC-IE 18:42.96  
Boys 9-10 200 Yard Free 9 Miller, Jacob N 10 LGSC-IE 2:39.26  
Boys 9-10 50 Yard Fly 9 Miller, Jacob N 10 LGSC-IE 37.45  
Boys 9-10 50 Yard Back 7 Miller, Jacob N 10 LGSC-IE 37.91  
Boys 9-10 100 Yard Free 9 Miller, Jacob N 10 LGSC-IE 1:13.55  
Girls 11-12 200 Yard Free 1 Scott, Riana L 12 LGSC-IE 2:04.04  
Girls 11-12 50 Yard Fly 6 Scott, Riana L 12 LGSC-IE 32.01  
Boys 13-14 100 Yard Fly 5 Miller, Justin D 14 LGSC-IE 1:05.59  
Girls 11-12 100 Yard Breast 1 Scott, Riana L 12 LGSC-IE 1:15.17

Girls 11-12 100 Yard Free 1 Scott, Riana L 12 LGSC-IE 58.83  
Boys 13-14 100 Yard Free 5 Miller, Justin D 14 LGSC-IE 57.84  
Girls 11-12 50 Yard Back 5 Scott, Riana L 12 LGSC-IE 33.32  
Boys 13-14 100 Yard Back 4 Miller, Justin D 14 LGSC-IE 1:03.24  
Girls 11-12 100 Yard IM 2 Scott, Riana L 12 LGSC-IE 1:08.63  
Girls 11-12 50 Yard Breast 1 Scott, Riana L 12 LGSC-IE 34.18  
Girls 11-12 50 Yard Free 2 Scott, Riana L 12 LGSC-IE 28.06  
Girls 11-12 100 Yard Back 3 Scott, Riana L 12 LGSC-IE 1:08.77  
Girls 11-12 500 Yard Free 2 Scott, Riana L 12 LGSC-IE 5:39.78.

Submitted by Noel Ramos Scott.



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## Inmate attempts suicide

Monday afternoon at 3:06 p.m., the Baker County police log shows that Deputy Craig Rilee requested a case number for an attempted suicide by an inmate at the prison on K Street in Baker City.

Crystal Sypherd, age 18, of 1667 Washington Avenue in Baker City, attempted to hang herself using a sheet from her bed. Sypherd's arrest occurred December 20. She was charged with contempt of

court, burglary, theft in the first degree, and criminal trespass. Sypherd was relocated to a cell where she can be more easily monitored around the lock, including by camera.