OBITUARIES

Betty Kruse

Pendleton
October 7, 1930-April 9, 2015

Betty Kruse, a long-time resident of Pendleton, passed away Thursday, April 9, 2015, at a local care facility. She was 84 years old.

A graveside service will be held at Skyview Memorial Park on Saturday, April 11th at 3:00 p.m. Additionally, a Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, April 25th at the First United Methodist Church located at Southeast Second and Emigrant in Pendleton. Everyone is welcome. Sign the online condolence book at www.burnsmortuary.com Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is handling arrangements.

Kruse

Betty Kruse was born on October 7, 1930, to Hattie and Jake Bowman in Echo, Oregon. She was the last born of their nine children. Betty graduated from Echo High School and later moved to the Pendleton area. One day in 1955 she met Herbert Kruse at a restaurant while he was on furlough from Camp Hanford. They were married three days after his discharge in February 1956 in Echo. She worked in the Pendleton area until her retirement.

Betty was an active member of the First United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women, serving in many capacities and always willing to lend a helping hand. Betty and Herb were also the church custodians for several years during their retirement and took great pride in attending to the needs of the church.

She also volunteered by assisting many organizations in the Pendleton area throughout her life. She was often at the Helping Hand organizing food boxes that helped many people in the local community.

Betty enjoyed hosting meals for friends and family — often on short notice. Her pantry was always stocked anticipating those opportunities. She also enjoyed baking — especially banana bread that was a favorite of many.

Betty and Herb were able to travel during their marriage including annual visits to South Dakota, taking walks on the Oregon coast and cruises to Mexico and Alaska.

Betty is survived by her children Patty Kruse (Vancouver, Wash.) and Mike Kruse (Tigard, Ore.), four grandchildren and a sister, Lena Lackey, who resides in the Cheney, Washington, area. She was preceded in death by Herb, her husband of nearly 59 years, her parents and seven siblings.

To honor her memory, contributions may be offered to the First United Methodist Church in Pendleton.

UPCOMING SERVICES

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

CLARK, LOUIS — Memorial service with Masonic ritual at 11 a.m. in the chapel at Burns Mortuary, 685 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston. Burial with military honors will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery.

JOHNSON, WADE — Graveside service with military honors at 2 p.m. at Pleasant View Cemetery, Stanfield.

KRUSE, BETTY — Graveside service at 3 p.m. at Skyview Memorial Park, 70116 S. Highway 395, Pendleton.

LACEY, LAVONNE — Memorial service at 11 a.m. at the Fossil United Methodist Church, 1004 Main St. A luncheon will follow the service.

ROLSTAD, ED AND JEAN — Celebration of life from 12 noon to 3 p.m. at the Pendleton Eagles Lodge, 428 S. Main St. Lunch will be provided.

SCHMIDT, DONNA — Memorial service at 2 p.m. in the chapel at Burns Mortuary, 685 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston.

SMITH, HARRIET — Graveside service at 11 a.m. at Olney Cemetery, Pendleton.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

CHAPPELL, GEORGE — Graveside service at 11 a.m. at Mt. Hope Cemetery, College Place. A celebration of life reception will follow at Walla Walla University Church, 212 S.W. Fourth St., College Place.

FLORY, ROGER — Celebration of life and potluck dinner from 1-4 p.m. at the Adams Friendship Hall, Adams, Ore.

GILLIS, MAY — Memorial service at 3 p.m. at Park Plaza, 1400 Dalles Military Road, Walla Walla.

MONDAY, APRIL 13

No services scheduled

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

WOODWARD, DUDE — Funeral service at 1 p.m. in the chapel at Burns Mortuary, 685 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston. Burial will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery.

OBITUARY POLICY

The East Oregonian publishes paid obituaries. The obituary can include small photos and, for veterans, a flag symbol at no charge.

Obituaries may be edited for spelling, proper punctuation and style.

Expanded death notices will be published at no charge. These include information about services.

Obituaries and notices can be submitted online at www.eastoregonian.com/obituaryform, by email to obits@eastoregonian.com, by fax to 541-276-8314, placed via the funeral home or in person at the East Oregonian office.

For more information, call 541-966-0818 or 1-800-522-0255, ext. 221.

Mac-Hi inducts first Hall of Fame class

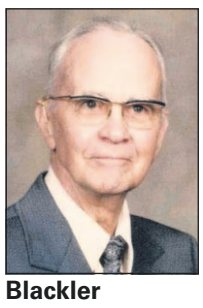
For The East Oregonian

McLoughlin High School will induct its inaugural class into the Mac-Hi Hall of Fame Saturday, welcoming Russell Blackler, Jack Williams, Jerry Crimins, Heather Botts, Jerry Ewing, Dr. Norm Saager and John Zerba.

Honorees were nominated by alumni and community members.

"We honor those Mac-Hi graduates who received the education and support to be able to move on and become successful in their chosen endeavors," said athletic director Jay Rodighiero, "and we thank those that helped make it possible through teaching, leading and coaching."

The event at the Community Building will serve as a fundraiser for fine arts and athletics at the high school.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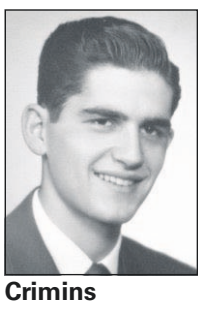

Crimins

Russell Blackler (1924)

Russell Blackler has been a real estate agent in Milton-Freewater for over 50 years. He attended Columbia College (which is now Milton-Freewater City Hall) and University of Montana. Blackler was in favor of the consolidation of Milton and Freewater, involved in development of Marie Dorian Park, and named 1976 Man of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce.

Heather Botts (2001)

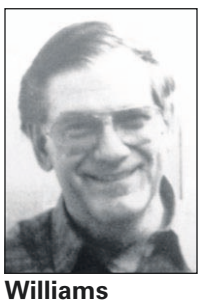
Heather Botts has found her way to Broadway, the pinnacle of stage theatre, where she is performing in "Dr. Zhivago." Her performances on other stages include "Les Miserables," "South Pacific," "Miss Saigon," "Grease," and "A Christmas Carol."

Jerry Crimins (1952)

Jerry Crimins set and still holds the Oregon High School Basketball single-game record of 73 points, which he scored in a 116-63 win over Hermiston. Crimins also played baseball and football. He went to Oregon State University and became a teacher, counselor and coach in the Portland area. Since retirement, he has pursued his love for tennis and has been nationally ranked.

Ewing

Saager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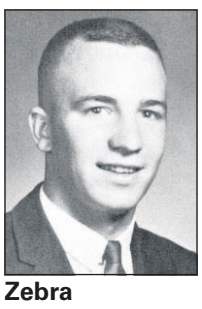
Zebra

Jerry Ewing

Jerry Ewing was a health teacher and coach from 1970-2000. Mac-Hi wrestling under Ewing earned a dual meet record of 409-128-10 and won 95 tournaments including 17 district championships. They won four state championships and placed second four times. Ewing won five statewide coach of the year awards and in 1994 he was the national wrestling coach of the year.

Norm Saager (1966)

Norm Saager earned a Doctor of Dental Medicine degree from the University of Oregon. Saager's practice, Broadway Dental in Milton-Freewater, has branched into dental sleep medicine. His success garnered him two nationwide dentistry awards. He is a founding member of the Milton-Freewater Downtown Alliance.

Jack Williams

Jack Williams instructed Honors English, choir and Crimson & Black for 37 years. Williams conducted many May Time Medley concerts which were based on musicals such as "South Pacific," "Oklahoma," "Hair," and "The Music Man." His Christmas Concert audiences packed into the auditorium that has now been named after him. Williams concluded these concerts with the "Hallelujah Chorus," which continues in his honor today.

John Zerba (1964)

John Zebra served in the US Army from 1968-1972 and has owned John C. Zerba C.P.A. in Milton-Freewater for 41 years. He earned his Bachelor of Science in business with an accounting emphasis from Lewis & Clark College, where he was also an All-American wrestler. For over 40 years, Zerba has helped coach the Mac-Hi wrestling team and was instrumental in starting the kids program in 1972. Zerba was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2012 in recognition of his lifetime service to wrestling and was the 2001 Man of the Year.

COMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST, 7-10 a.m., Columbia Grange, 32339 Diagonal Road, Hermiston. Costs $5. (Tom 541-567-9742 or Doris 541-567-8663).

PENDLETON HOME AND OUTDOOR SHOW, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Pendleton Convention Center, 1601 Westgate. Vendor booths, information about home, yard and outdoors, free tree seedlings and more. Kids preschool through third grade are encouraged to "hook a book" at the Altrusa of Pendleton booth.

FREE FOR ALL, 9:30-10:15 a.m. Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Family art experience for children up to age 12. Children under 8 should be accompanied by an adult. (541-278-9201).

HIP & HANDMADE, 11 a.m. to noon, Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Free drop-in art project class for adults. (541-278-9201).

JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS PUBLIC HEARING, 12:30-2 p.m., SAGE Center, 101 Olson Road, Boardman. The public is invited to share budget priorities and have their questions answered by committee members, including Rep. Greg Smith (R-Heppner) and Sen. Bill Hansell (R-Athena). Everyone welcome.

COUNTRY HOEDOWN, 1-4 p.m., Milton-Freewater Neighborhood Senior Center, 311 N. Main St., Milton-Freewater. Live music, dancing and singing. Refreshments will be available for purchase. $2 admission. (541-938-3311).

TOAST TO TALENT MCLOUGHLIN HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME INDUCTION, 6-9 p.m., MIlton-Freewater Community Building, 109 N.E. Fifth Ave. Wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres, followed by the induction ceremony at 7 p.m. Tickets are $25, which includes child care.

PORTLAND GAY MEN'S CHORUS CELEBRATE OREGON TOUR, 7 p.m., Vert Auditorium, 480 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Tickets are $15 for adults, $10 for seniors 60 and older and $5 for students. No one will be turned away due to lack of funds. Tickets are available at Armchair Books, 39 S.W. Dorion Ave., or at the door. (541-966-8414).

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

EVANGELIST MONTE LEAVELL, 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., Grace Baptist Church, 2809 S.W. Goodwin Ave., Pendleton. Leavell will discuss biblical insights from 2 Peter. Free and open to the public; however, a freewill offering will be taken. (541-276-3031).

PENDLETON HOME AND OUTDOOR SHOW, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Pendleton Convention Center, 1601 Westgate. Vendor booths, information about home, yard and outdoors, and more. Kids preschool through third grade are encouraged to "hook a book" at the Altrusa of Pendleton booth.

SPECIAL NEEDS OPEN GYM, 12 noon to 1:30 p.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave. Free for special needs children and families. (541-276-8100).

SPRING SENIOR DANCE, 1-4 p.m., Pendleton Senior Center, 510 S.W. 10th St. Cost to attend is $3.50 for dancers, $1.50 for non-dancers. A potato bar will be provided; please bring a salad or dessert to share. Music by Dave and Little Joe, prizes and fun for all. Everyone welcome. (541-276-7101).

ADULT OPEN GYM, 7-9 p.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave. Free access for ages 16 and up. (541-276-8100).

MONDAY, APRIL 13

CONTRACTING WITH FEDERAL PUBLIC LAND AGENCIES WORKSHOP, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Blue Mountain Community College Science & Technology Building room 214, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton. The Government Contract Assistance Program will discuss how private sector businesses can contract to provide goods and services to the federal public land agencies. One-on-one counseling sessions may be requested. Free, but registration required at http://www.ptassist.com/services/ptac_register.php?id=BFA0C44745 (Sue LaCroix 541-786-7344 or slacroix@gcap.org).

WALKING FOR WELLNESS, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. (541-276-8100).

"STATE OF CHANGE" ARTS & CULTURE FESTIVAL, 9 a.m., Blue Mountain Community College, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton. BMCC's annual culture and diversity festival includes presentations of the arts, music, culture and more. For a full schedule, visit www.bluecc.edu

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME, 10:30 a.m., Athena Public Library, 418 E. Main St. For ages birth to 6. (541-566-2470).

TOT TIME, 10-11 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave. For children ages 0-5. Cost is $1 per child. (541-276-8100).

BMCC BOND COMMUNITY MEETING, 12 noon, Blue Mountain Community College Pioneer Hall student union, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton. An information video will be followed by a short presentation. Community members may ask questions following the presentation. A light lunch is included. Everyone welcome. (541-278-5839).

PENDLETON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 noon, Pendleton Senior Center, 510 S.W. 10th St., Pendleton. Cost is $$3.50 for seniors, $6 for those under 60. Meet new friends, enjoy pool, puzzles, crafts, snacks, Second Time Around thrift store and more from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For Meals On Wheels call CAPECO at 541-276-1926. (541-276-7101).

ART STUDIO, 4:00-5:30 p.m. Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St. Free class for ages 7-12 to develop skills and encourage art exploration. (541-278-9201).

EVANGELIST MONTE LEAVELL, 7 p.m., Grace Baptist Church, 2809 S.W. Goodwin Ave., Pendleton. Leavell will discuss biblical insights from 2 Peter. Free and open to the public; however, a freewill offering will be taken. (541-276-3031).

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

WALKING FOR WELLNESS, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Free. (541-276-8100).

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PRESCHOOL STORY TIME, 10:30-11 a.m., Stanfield Public Library, 180 W. Coe Ave. (541-449-1254).

LITERARY HOUR, 11 a.m., Children's Museum of Eastern Oregon, 400 S. Main St., Pendleton. A book and activity designed to promote literacy, self-expression and early reading. (541-276-1066).

BOARDMAN SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 noon, Boardman Senior Center, 100 Tatone St., Boardman. Cost is $4 for seniors 55 and older and $5 for adults. All ages welcome. (541-481-3257).

HERMISTON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 noon, Hermiston Senior Center, 435 W. Orchard Ave. Costs $3.50 for seniors 50 and over, $4 for adults under 50, $4 for Meals on Wheels home delivery. Extra 50 cents if center provides table service. Transportation can be arranged by donation. (541-567-3582).

PENDLETON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 noon, Pendleton Senior Center, 510 S.W. 10th St., Pendleton. Cost is $$3.50 for seniors, $6 for those under 60. Meet new friends, enjoy pool, puzzles, crafts, snacks, Second Time Around thrift store and more from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For Meals On Wheels call CAPECO at 541-276-1926. (541-276-7101).

HOMEBUYERS WORKSHOP, 6-7 p.m., Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, 130 N.E. Second St., Hermiston. Free information for prospective homebuyers. (Bethany Winters 541-564-1979).

PENDLETON KNITTING GROUP, 6 p.m., Prodigal Son Brewery & Pub, 230 S.E. Court Ave. (541-966-0380).

PENDLETON EAGLES BINGO, 6:30-9 p.m., Pendleton Eagles Lodge No. 28, 428 S. Main St. Benefits local charities. (541-278-2828).

STORY AND CRAFT TIME, 6:30 p.m., Milton-Freewater Public Library, 8 S.W. Eighth Ave., Milton-Freewater. For elementary school-age children. (Lili Schmidt 541-938-8247)

EASTERN OREGON FORUM "MEDICAL MARIJUANA," 7 p.m., Blue Mountain Community College Science & Technology Building room 200, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton. Rob Bovett, legal counsel for the Association of Oregon Counties, is the featured speaker. Cost to attend is $6 at the door for non-members; students attend for free. (Karen Parker 541-966-3177).

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The EO publishes a list of coming events as space allows. It's posted weekly at www.eastoregonian.com. All items are assumed free, nonprofit and open to the public unless otherwise noted. Coming events items should be submitted well in advance to calendar c/o East Oregonian, 211 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton, OR 97801, 333 E. Main St., Hermiston, OR 97838 or community@eastoregonian.com.

LOTTERY

Thursday, April 9

Lucky Lines
02-05-10-16-FREE-19-22-28-32
Estimated jackpot: $20,000

Pick 4
1 p.m.: 5-6-8-3
4 p.m.: 8-7-1-1
7 p.m.: 5-1-2-9
10 p.m.: 5-5-8-7

Friday, April 10

Pick 4
1 p.m.: 7-2-8-5

MEETINGS

MONDAY, APRIL 13

MORROW COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT SPECIAL MEETING, 7 a.m., Pioneer Memorial Hospital hospice room, 564 E. Pioneer Drive, Heppner.

PENDLETON SCHOOL BOARD, 6 p.m., IMESD office, 2001 S.W. Nye Ave., Pendleton.

HERMISTON SCHOOL DISTRICT, 6:30 p.m., district office, 502 W. Standard Ave.

MILTON-FREEWATER SCHOOL BOARD, 6:30 p.m., Central Middle School, 306 S.W. Second St.

ATHENA-WESTON SCHOOL BOARD, 7 p.m., Athena Elementary School library, 375 S. Fifth St.

HEPPNER CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Heppner City Hall, 111 N. Main St.

HERMISTON CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., City Hall, 180 N.E. Second St.

IRRIGON FIRE DISTRICT, 7 p.m., Irrigon Fire Department, 705 N.E. Main Ave.

MILTON-FREEWATER CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Milton-Freewater Public Library Albee Room, 8 S.W. Eighth St.

MORROW COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD, 7 p.m., Heppner Elementary School, 235 E. Stansbury St.

PILOT ROCK FIRE DISTRICT, 7 p.m., 415 N.E. Elm St.

STANFIELD FIRE DISTRICT, 7 p.m., Stanfield Fire Station, 280 W. Coe St. (Gene 541-449-1123).

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SATURDAY, APRIL 11
Whisky Barrel Rocker
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