

## OBITUARIES

### James Edward 'Jim' Cox

Hermiston  
November 9, 1944-May 21, 2015

James (Jim) Edward Cox passed away peacefully at his home in Hermiston after a valiant but short battle with pancreatic cancer.

Jim was born in Wenatchee, Washington, at St. Anthony's Hospital, on November 9, 1944. He was the first son of Melvin and Doris Cox. He attended Whitman Elementary School and H.B. Ellison Jr. High School. He was a star Little League pitcher and hitter, played the trumpet in the school band, learned to become an excellent water skier on Lake Chelan and had the largest paper route in Wenatchee.

He moved to Pasco when his father was transferred there in 1959. He enrolled at Pasco Jr. High and played football, basketball and baseball. In the summers he would water ski, play baseball, and work. One summer, too young for a driver's license, he drove out to a farm in the Basin every morning to change sprinklers with his brother, Dennis.

In high school Jim became an outstanding basketball and baseball player. He was a First-Team All-State basketball player his senior year. He continued to play basketball at CBC and was a member of their undefeated team in 1963-64, which was inducted into the NWAC Hall of Fame. He transferred to the University of Denver with his friend, and star player, Byron Beck to play basketball.

He joined the Navy Reserves in 1967 and began working as a switchman for the Northern Pacific Railroad at about the same time. He began active service in the Navy in 1968. He was assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Ranger, and after boarding the ship at night, he awoke the next morning to what appeared to be the entire Seventh Fleet responding to the Pueblo Crisis. Also during Jim's

tour of duty on the Ranger they completed a full West Pac cruise to Vietnam. Upon his discharge from the Navy he returned to Pasco and was hired back by the Burlington Northern Railroad as a switchman. It was at this time that he met Gail Pipes and they were married on April 17, 1971.

In the '70s he played competitive basketball and softball with local teams. He began to play golf, which he liked all of his athletic pursuits he was good at, and it became a lifetime hobby. He also was an avid snow skier. Later in life he and Gail moved to Hermiston, Oregon, on a 20-acre farm where they raised cutting horses and grew alfalfa. Jim competed in cutting events throughout the Northwest. He also became a National Cutting Horse Association director for the state of Oregon.

Jim is survived by his wife Gail of Hermiston and his son Jason of Portland; brother Dennis (Becky); mother-in-law Marguerite Hilgers (Gordon); brother-in-law Gary Pipes (Cathy), nephew Jared and niece Bailey; sister-in-law Geanette Strosahl (Steve); nephew Bill Cox and great-nieces Brittney and Emily, and nephew Scott Cox (Michelle) and great-nieces Angela and Ashley.

At his request there will be no memorial service. However, there will be a Celebration of Life event to be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations in Jim's memory may be made to Tri-Cities Cancer Center Foundation, 7350 W. Deschutes Ave., Kennewick, WA 99336 or Vange John Memorial Hospice, 645 W. Orchard Ave., Ste. 300, Hermiston, OR 97838.

Please sign the online guest book at [burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://burnsmortuaryhermiston.com)

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon, is in care of arrangements.



Cox

### Frank Harold Hamblet

Pendleton  
January 21, 1926 - May 27, 2015

Frank Harold Hamblet, a resident of Pendleton, died Wednesday, May 27, 2015, at Walla Walla General Hospital in Walla Walla, Washington. He was 89 years old.

A Celebration of Life and luncheon will be held Saturday, June 27, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. at the Wheeler County Fairgrounds in Fossil, Oregon, in the Isobel Edwards Hall. Sign the online guestbook at [www.burnsmortuary.com](http://www.burnsmortuary.com)

Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements. Harold was born January 21, 1926, in Blackwell, Oklahoma, to Frank and Ruby (Mahoney) Hamblet. He was an enrolled member of the Creek Nation Indian Tribe, like his mother and grandmother before him. He came to Oregon with his folks when he was 14 years old. Harold thought a lot of his father.

He worked in his younger years in the Starkey area, catching and breaking wild horses. He always had horses. Harold served in the United States Navy at the end of WWII as a Fireman First Class. After 11 months overseas duty he returned to Oregon in March of 1946

with an honorable discharge. Harold graduated from Reisch Auctioneering School in Mason City, Iowa, in 1959, a very intensive study course that has graduated over 30,000 men and women. He has sold just about everything — so now it's time to auction off your kids. He worked as a ranch hand and buckaroo at many ranches in the Alvord Desert, and Nevada, Oregon and Idaho. He had also worked as a cat skinner in the logging industry, and drove log truck. He liked music and had a good voice. He enjoyed doing karaoke and insisted on enjoying chocolate daily.

Harold is survived by his lady friend Koni Schnetzky of Pendleton, Ore.; his children Judy Volquardsen and husband Jim of Metaline Falls, Wash., Linda Bristow and husband John of Ione, Ore., and Dwight Ambrose and wife Kathy of Island City, Ore.; his brother Harvey Barber and wife Jane of Tillamook, Ore.; as well as many grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Harold was preceded in death by his first wife Eleanor, his son Wayne, grandson Quinn, and wife June.



Hamblet

### Curtis 'Curt' Myrick

Portland  
January 31, 1927-May 26, 2015

Curtis (Curt) Myrick, local Christian Church and family.

Curt is survived by his wife Dorothy; children Clint (Eugene), Cal (Anchorage), and Cynthia (Portland); six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Loved ones are invited to attend a memorial for Curt at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 30 at The Church at Rockwood, 17021 E. Burnside St., Portland, Ore.



Myrick

## COMING EVENTS

**SATURDAY, MAY 30 BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER,** 7:30-10:30 a.m., Stokes Landing Senior Center, 195 N.W. Opal Place, Irigoin. Cost is \$4.50 per person. Benefits Irigoin Multicultural Arts Center project.

**THE COLOR DASH,** 8 a.m. packet pickup/registration, 9 a.m. races start, Roy Raley Park, 1205 S.W. Court Ave., Pendleton. Fifty percent of proceeds benefit the Pendleton Swim Association.

**HERMISTON FARMERS MARKET,** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., McKenzie Park, 300 S. First St., Hermiston. Food, crafts, live music, art.

**FREE SOCCER CLINIC,** 9 a.m., Sunridge Middle School field, 700 S.W. Rynnion Ave., Pendleton. For ages 3-6 (9-10 a.m.), 7-9 (10-11 a.m.) and 10-14 (11 a.m. to noon). Coach Charlie from the British Soccer Camp will run drills that will be taught at the annual summer soccer camp the week of July 27-31. Sign up for the camp during the clinic and receive a free soccer jersey. (Heidi 541-969-6270).

**KIDS' ART IN THE PARK,** 9 a.m. to noon, McKenzie Park, 320 S. First St., Hermiston. Free kids' art activities with Laurie Ellis for ages 6-17. All supplies provided, drop in, make it and take it home. Today's project: art journal.

**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).

**TALENT OF THE VALLEY AUDITIONS,** 10 a.m. to noon, Milton-Freewater Community Building, 109 N.E. Fifth St. Solo and group performers in vocal, dance, instrumental, magic and other kinds of talent are encouraged to try out for the annual show. Audition fee is \$10 per act, all ages welcome. Audition applications and guidelines are available at [ww.mfchamber.com](http://ww.mfchamber.com). (Tarily Robertson 541-497-0210 or [mfchamber@mfchamber.com](mailto:mfchamber@mfchamber.com))

**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).

**"AN EVENING IN PARADISE" SENIOR PROM,** 1-4 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1035 S.E. Ninth St., Hermiston. A free afternoon of music, dancing, activities, food and fun for seniors ages 65 and older.

**SPECIAL NEEDS FAMILY TIME,** 3-6 p.m., Children's Museum of Eastern Oregon, 400 S. Main St., Pendleton. For children who may need a quieter, less crowded environment. Free for members/\$1 for non-members. Registration required. (541-276-1066).

**BOWLING FOR THE BOILER,** 6 p.m., Desert Lanes, 1545 N. First St., Hermiston. Costs \$25 per bowler, or sponsor a 5-person team for \$125 or a lane for \$50. Top bowlers receive prizes, also door prizes. Benefits the boiler fund for The Arc Umatilla County's building. Buy tickets for July 1 raffle for a 7-night stay at a McCall, Idaho condo; tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10; only 200 sold. (541-567-7615).

**DANCING WITH YOUR PENDLETON STARS,** 6:30 p.m. doors open, 7 p.m. performance, Vert Auditorium, 480 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Local dancers team with professionals to earn money for their favorite charity, including Stuart Roberts, Debbie Kishpaugh, Pat Beard, Leslie Carnes, Peter Walters, and Tammi Parker. Advance tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for ages 18 and under; at the door costs \$5 more. Tickets available at the chamber office, DG Gifts, MaySon's, Elbie Guns & Bows, Pendleton Book Company, BMCC bookstore or brownpaper-tickets.com. Also benefits CAPECO Food Bank.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 2 TERRIFICALLY FREE TUESDAY,** all day, Children's Museum of Eastern Oregon, 400 S. Main St., Pendleton. Free admission all day. (541-276-1066).

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

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

**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. (541-481-3257).

**HERMISTON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE,** 12 noon, Hermiston Senior Center, 435 W. Orchard Ave. Costs \$4 for adults and children over 10, \$4 for Meals on Wheels home delivery, free for children under 10. Extra 50 cents if dinner provides table service or dishes. Transportation can be arranged by donation. (541-567-3582).

**JUNGLE STORY TIME,** 12 noon to 2 p.m., Children's Museum of Eastern Oregon, 400 S. Main St., Pendleton. Free with paid admission. (541-276-1066).

**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).

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**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).

**PENDLETON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE,** 12 noon, Pendleton Senior Center, 510 S.W. 10th St. Costs \$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).

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**HELP WITH MEDICARE,** 3-5 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave. Hermiston Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance Office volunteers answer Medicare questions for Medicare recipients or their providers. Call 541-667-3507 to schedule individual consultations.

**ECHO PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE AND INFORMATIONAL MEETING,** 6 p.m., Echo Preschool, across the street from Echo High School, 600 Gerone St. Meet the teacher and get information on preschool offerings and programs. Cost is \$25 per month for before or after school, \$400 per month for all day. Enrollment forms available at [www.echo.k12.or.us](http://www.echo.k12.or.us). (541-376-8436).

**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. (541-278-2828).

## DEATH NOTICES

### Ralph M. Tassie

Hermiston  
Jan. 26, 1940-May 28, 2015

Ralph M. Tassie, 75, of Hermiston died Thursday, May 28, 2015, in College Place, Wash. He was born Jan. 26, 1940, in Galveston, Texas. A celebration of life service with military honors will be held Wednesday, June 3 at 3 p.m. at the Hermiston VFW Post, 45 W. Cherry Ave., Hermiston. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Sign the online guest book at [burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://burnsmortuaryhermiston.com)

## UPCOMING SERVICES

### SATURDAY, MAY 30

**DANIEL, EILEEN AND HAROLD** — Memorial service at 3 p.m. at the Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home, 902 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater.

**LASARGE, THOMAS** — Funeral services at 2 p.m. at Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop, 131 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton. Interment with military honors will follow at Skyview Memorial Park, 70116 S. Highway 395, Pendleton. A celebration of life will follow services at the Pendleton Eagles Lodge, 428 S. Main St.

**MARTIN, PAT** — Gathering and meal for family and friends at 12 noon at the Milton-Freewater Elks Lodge, 611 N. Main St.

**MYRICK, CURT** — Memorial at 1 p.m. at The Church at Rockwood, 17021 E. Burnside St., Portland.

**OMAN, LORRAINE** — Celebration of life service at 1 p.m. in the chapel at Burns Mortuary, 685 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston.

**PETERSON, TERRY** — Memorial services at 10 a.m. at the Weston Memorial Hall, 210 E. Main St., with a dinner to follow.

**PIERSON, MARIE** — Celebration of life service at 3 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 665 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston.

**POTTER, NAOMI** — Funeral services at 10 a.m. at Valley Christian Center, 800 N. Main St., Milton-Freewater. Concluding services and interment will follow in the Milton-Freewater Cemetery.

**SISK, ALBA** — Graveside services at 11 a.m. at Skyview Memorial Park, 70116 S. Highway 395, Pendleton.

**TENNYSON, BEVERLY** — Memorial service and celebration of life at 11 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church, Fowlerville, Mich.

### SUNDAY, MAY 31

No services scheduled

### MONDAY, JUNE 1

**GOODWIN, GLADYS** — Celebration of life gathering from 2-3 p.m. in the chapel at Burns Mortuary, 685 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston.

**WELLS, LOIS** — Celebration of life service at 2 p.m. at the Event Center at Sunset, 915 Bypass Highway, Richland, Wash.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 2

No services scheduled

## 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](http://www.eastoregonian.com/obituaryform), by email to [obits@eastoregonian.com](mailto: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.

## MEETINGS

**MONDAY, JUNE 1 HEPPNER PLANNING COMMISSION,** 7 p.m., Heppner City Hall, 111 N. Main St.

**MILTON-FREEWATER PLANNING COMMISSION,** 7 p.m., Milton-Freewater Public Library Albee Room, 8 S.W. Eighth Ave.

**WESTON PLANNING COMMISSION,** 7 p.m., Memorial Hall, 210 E. Main St.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 2 UMATILLA MORROW RADIO & DATA DISTRICT,** 1:30 p.m., Hermiston Fire Station No. 3, 78760 Westland Road, Hermiston.

**WESTON LIBRARY BOARD,** 5:30 p.m., Weston Public Library, 108 E. Main St.

**IRRIGON PLANNING COMMISSION,** 6 p.m., Irrigon City Hall, 500 N.E. Main St.

**MEACHAM VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT,** 7 p.m., Meacham Fire Department, Meacham. (541-786-2069).

**BOARDMAN CITY COUNCIL,** 7 p.m., Boardman City Hall, 200 City Center Circle.

**PENDLETON CITY COUNCIL,** 7 p.m., Pendleton City Hall council chambers, 501 S.W. Emigrant Ave.

**PILOT ROCK CITY COUNCIL,** 7 p.m., council chambers, 143 W. Main St.

**STANFIELD CITY COUNCIL,** 7 p.m., council chambers, 150 W. Coe St.

**UMATILLA CITY COUNCIL,** 7 p.m., Umatilla City Hall, 700 Sixth St.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3 MORROW COUNTY COURTHOUSE,** 9 a.m., Morrow County Courthouse, 100 S. Court St., Heppner.

## LOTTERY

Thursday, May 28

Lucky Lines

04-07-12-15-FREE-19-24-

27-31

Estimated jackpot:

\$18,000

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 0-9-5-9

4 p.m.: 5-2-6-3

7 p.m.: 5-1-9-2

10 p.m.: 0-5-6-2

Friday, May 29

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 7-1-2-4

## THANK YOU

The Tripper Rice Memorial Roping was a huge success again this year. The Roping is held annually over Memorial Weekend.

All proceeds from this roping are awarded in scholarships to InterMountain High School Rodeo Seniors.

*The Family of Tripper would like to thank the many volunteers as well as the following for their contributions, endless hours of help, and always - your continued support. You all truly produce this roping to its success every year.*

**Sponsors:**  
Riverside Veterinary Clinic  
Garner's Grocery and Sporting Goods  
Jonetta Everano Family  
Pendleton Tire Factory  
Northwest Farm Credit Services  
Powerhouse Diesel Performance  
Les Schwab Tire Center  
Wheatland Insurance Center, Inc  
Hamley's Wildhorse  
Phil Garton  
**Helpers, including:**  
Pat Beard  
Matt Funk  
Larry Patterson  
Jake Stanley  
Jim Ward  
JP Neissen

*Your continued support is greatly appreciated.*

**Tripper's Family**  
Paul and Cindy Rice  
Jodi and Ryan Endicott