

OBITUARIES

DEATH NOTICES

Warren ‘Buster’ Atwell

Hermiston

November 1, 1925-June 15, 2015

Buster was born in Scotia, California, the son of Stewart and Mathilda Duchmann Atwell, Nov. 1, 1925. He died at his home June 15, 2015, at the age of 89.

Buster grew up in Eureka, California, and served as Seaman First Class, radio airman, in the Pacific During WWII until his honorable discharge.

He worked construction as superintendent on many projects throughout Oregon and California.

Buster enjoyed hunting fishing, camping, trap shooting, playing cards, feeding quail in his yard, scenic drives, building in his shop and sharing this with family.

He is survived by his wife, Donna; children Michael Atwell, Osburn, Idaho, Bruce Atwell, Hayfork, Calif., Suzanne Atwell, Granite, Idaho, Vicky Atwell, Middleton, Idaho, Peggy Ibarra, Hermiston, Ore., Laurie Atwell, Hermiston, Ore., and Elaine Silva, Grants Pass, Ore.; sisters Anita Brazil, Fields Landing, Calif., Colleen Cruz, Eureka, Calif., and Joan Golbov, Sparks, Nev.; and numerous grand- and great-grandchildren.

We survivors gather to honor a humble, quiet, generous, sometimes mischievous family man. We smile remembering the hunting and camping trips, the playhouse, paddleball,

card games, table games, help with homework and school projects, all the wooden toys, stools, clocks, stilts and lamps he made for us. He taught us to drive a standard transmission while recovering from major back surgery, to give an honest day’s work for your pay, honesty, responsibility, “put tools back where you got them,” how to get coconut out of the shell, and to know we could always count on each other.

We will miss the hugs, your knowledge we never got all of, the smiles when we played a good game of pinochle, and when we’d show up, just because.

We love you, learned from you, passed on what we have learned and miss you terribly.

As we say goodbye to our beloved grandfather, you will be missed and continue to remain in our hearts. We are proud you were our grandfather. Your smile, laughs, and all the things you have shown us and let us create with you will never be forgotten.

We hope you will find peace and happiness walking with the angels. Our hearts are saddened with your loss, but your memory will not be forgotten!

Rest in peace, Grandpa Buster!

“Love you,” we’d say; “Likewise,” you’d reply.

For all you are to each of us, we are ... “MUCH OBLIGED.”

John Raymond ‘Jack’ Sobotta

Hermiston

December 28, 1933-June 23, 2015

John Raymond “Jack” Sobotta passed away peacefully on Tuesday, June 23rd, in Hermiston surrounded by family. He was born in 1933 in Lewistown, Montana, and was raised in Lapwai, Idaho, on the Nez Perce Reservation, the fifth of seven siblings.

His father owned the town barber shop and his mother operated a restaurant that the family lived above on Main Street. Jack became immersed in the Native American culture, traditions and friendships during his youth and fondly recalled playing in the grassy hills of the Palouse, swimming in the Clearwater River, shooting pool with the adults at his father’s business and working for various farmers to make enough money to buy books and baseballs.

Jack played varsity basketball and baseball for the Lapwai High Wildcats before attending Gonzaga University and earning his degree from the Washington State University College of Pharmacy in Pullman, Washington, in 1956.

He completed his U.S. Army basic training at Fort Ord, California, in 1958 and served on active reserve duty until 1965.

Jack took his first job out of college in Chewelah, Washington, where he met and later married Eileen Rose Hansen in Spokane, Washington, on November 7, 1959. He moved his family to rainy Longview, Washington, in 1964 and finally settled in sunny Hermiston, Oregon, in 1966 where he worked as a pharmacist at the Hermiston Drug and raised eight children. In 1971 he partnered with his brother Jerry Sobotta to buy and operate the Hermiston Drug Store and later the Orchard Pharmacy. This is where Jack left his mark on the greater Hermiston community through his selflessness and dedication to serving his customers, employees and medical partners for over 27 years before his retirement in 1998.

He enjoyed many special trips including a religious

and aid pilgrimage to the holy sites in Medjugorje, Bosnia-Herzegovina, tours of various Civil War battlefields in the eastern United States and to South Bend, Indiana, to watch his beloved Notre Dame Fighting Irish football team play.

Jack spent his free time meticulously manicuring his yard when he was not attending a ballgame of one of his children, grandchildren or great-grandchildren. He was a passionate reader about the Catholic faith, studied Native American history and folklore and was a Civil War buff. He loved spending time visiting with friends and relatives and also rooting for his Washington State Cougs, Gonzaga Bulldogs, Fighting Irish and Seattle Mariners.

Jack is survived by his wife Eileen Sobotta of Hermiston, Ore.; sister Rosemary Webb of Lapwai, Idaho; brothers Jerry (Kay) Sobotta of Hermiston, Ore., and Bob (Loretta) Sobotta of Boise, Idaho; daughters Cheryl (Dan) Riley of Kennewick, Wash., Rita (Dave) Davis of Hermiston, Ore., and Debbie (John) Tolan of La Grande, Ore.; sons Rick (Nancy) Barnhart of Tigard, Ore., Perry Sobotta of Hermiston, Ore., Sam (Lisa) Sobotta of Bend, Ore., Matt (Davi) Sobotta of Seattle, Wash., and Tom (Heather) Sobotta of West Linn, Ore., as well as 19 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by parents George and Ann Sobotta, brothers George Sobotta Jr. and Dick Sobotta, sister Gloria Mullay and great-grandchild Eastin Strebin.

Recitation of the Rosary and Funeral Mass will be held on Monday, June 29th, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church, with burial to follow in the Hermiston Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church building fund.

Please sign the online guest book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com



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

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Charleston Southern Dean’s List

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Jacob Scott Moore of Pendleton was recently named to Charleston Southern University’s spring 2015 Dean’s List. Dean’s List students at CSU have earned a 3.5 GPA or better and earned 12 credit hours or more for the semester.

Eastern Washington Dean’s List

CHENEY, Wash. — The following local students were named to the Dean’s List for the spring 2015 term at Eastern Washington University:

Hermiston: Nathan Lind, Katie Rongey, Osten Cerrillo-Keelin

Milton-Freewater: Katria Dony, Dorian Garcia

Pendleton: Lindsey Roach, Cassidy Clark, Kristin Mascall

Linfield College Graduation

MCMINNVILLE — Jennifer Carey of Pendleton received a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing during commencement exercises Sunday, May 31, 2015, at Linfield College. A total of 747 candidates for degrees were presented.

MEETINGS

MONDAY, JUNE 29

No meetings scheduled

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

MORROW COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Port of Morrow Riverfront Center, 2 Marine Drive, Boardman.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

MORROW COUNTY COURT, 9 a.m., Pioneer Annex conference room, 150 Rock St., Heppner.

UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, 9 a.m., Umatilla County Courthouse room 130, 216 S.E. Fourth St., Pendleton.

HERMISTON AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, 4 p.m., Hermiston Airport lounge, 1600 Airport Way.

BLUE MOUNTAIN BOARD OF EDUCATION, 6:30 p.m., Hermiston Higher Education Center, 980 S.E. Columbia Drive.

PENDLETON FACADE COMMITTEE, 3:30 p.m., Pendleton City Hall administrative council room, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave.

CONDON CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Condon City Hall, 128 S. Main St.

HELIX SCHOOL BOARD, 7:30, Helix School library, 120 Main St.

THURSDAY, JULY 2

ADAMS PLANNING COMMISSION, 6:30 p.m., Adams City Hall, 190 N. Main St.

PHS class of ‘60 celebrates reunion

PENDLETON — In celebration of 55 years since turning the tassel, the Pendleton High School class of 1960 will gather next week.

The reunion runs from Tuesday through Friday, with registration starting Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the Red Lion, 304 S.E. Nye Ave., Pendleton. Also that evening, classmates will meet from 5-8 p.m. at The Saddle Restaurant & Lounge, 2220 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton.

A banquet is set for Wednesday at 6 p.m., with dinner at 7 p.m., in the Cayuse Room at Wildhorse Resort & Casino.

Approximately 43 classmates and their spouses have confirmed for the event. Other activities will include visiting in the

hospitality room (389) at the Red Lion. Other graduates from 1950-60 are welcome to come and visit and catch up with members of the class of 1960.

For more information, contact Rosanne Goade at 541-429-3238, 541-278-0977 or rgoade@wtechlink.us.

Summer Zumba starts July 6

BOARDMAN — A summer session of Zumba will be offered through Blue Mountain Community College in Boardman.

The energetic Joy Bittinger will lead classes Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays from 4:15-5:15 p.m. at Sam Boardman Elementary School, 301 Wilson Lane. The sessions start July 6.

The registration fee for the 10-week class is \$70

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and must be paid prior to attending. After July 1, the BMCC Boardman office will only be open Monday through Thursdays from 5-7:30 p.m. at 300 Front St., N.E.

For more information, call 541-481-2099.

Coalition accepts grant proposals

Grant money is available for quilting and art groups, art displays, cultural entertainment structures and kid’s activities for parks.

Literary, historical preservation, visual and performing arts, or humanities and cultural organizations in Morrow County are encouraged to apply for grants through the Morrow County Cultural Coalition. Grants can be

awarded up to 50 percent of total project cost.

Funded by the Oregon Cultural Trust Foundation, last year grants supported a Missoula Children’s Theater workshop, the Heppner High School Drama Club, Irrigon and Boardman elementary schools Artist in Residence, Morrow County Historical Society Chronicles and Hampstead Stage Co.

For ideas and suggestions for fun cultural activities, visit www.oregonculturefieldguide.org.

To be considered, Funding Proposal Request Forms must be submitted to the Morrow County Cultural Coalition by Saturday, Aug. 1. For more information or to obtain guidelines and an application, contact Susan Russell at 541-481-4277 or smisel@hotmail.com.



FRIDAY, JUNE 26

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