

OBITUARIES

Thomas Clayton 'Tom' Branstetter

Pendleton
October 16, 1929-January 12, 2016

Thomas "Tom" Clayton Branstetter, 86, of Pendleton died January 12, 2016, at a local care facility. Visitation will be held from 12-4:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 21, 2016, at Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop. A graveside service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 22 at Olney Cemetery in Pendleton. A reception will be held at the Pendleton Eagles Lodge immediately following the service.



Branstetter

Tom was born October 16, 1929, in Pendleton to William J. Bryan and Daphna (Milliron) Branstetter. He graduated from Pendleton High School and attended Oregon State University. He served in the Navy and Navy Reserve. On March 14, 1969, he married Betty Pedro in Pendleton.

He was employed by Umatilla County for 25 years as a weed supervisor. He also worked as a farmer at Stage Gulch in Pendleton. He enjoyed bowling,

golfing, hunting and fishing and was a member of the Elks Local 288, the Eagles Lodge, Royal Arch Masons, Eastern Oregon Commandery #6 Knights Templar, Local #560 American Federation of Musicians and the Oregon Wheat League.

Survivors include his wife of 47 years, Betty Branstetter of Pendleton; daughters Moneta (Dan) Woollard of La Grande, Teresa (Dennis) Fine of Helix and Sarah (Dave) Chappel of Hood River; grandchildren Monica (Jose) Eric, Tom (Salena) Fine, Melissa (Caleb) Sampson, Doug (Arsha) Fine and Danny (Chrissy) Woollard; 12 great-grandchildren; and brother Gib Branstetter. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial contributions can be made in memory of Tom to a charity of your choice. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.pioneerchapel.com

Herbert Charles 'Herb' Gambill

Pilot Rock
April 14, 1929-December 21, 2015

Herb, 86, passed away December 21, 2015, at his home near Pilot Rock, Oregon.

Herb and his twin sister Delia were born in Wilkes County, North Carolina, on April 14, 1929, to John Franklin and Geneva (Ellis) Gambill. Herb grew up in the Traphill area of Wilkes County, N.C. He attended school and helped his dad with the many duties on the family farm.

He lost his parents at a young age, his mother when he was four years old and his father when he was 14. Herb lived with family members for the next three years.

In 1947, brother-in-law Joe Faw had been to Oregon to check out job opportunities in the lumber industry, and upon returning home, he and his wife Mae considered the move to Oregon but were on the fence — so to speak — about moving. Since they couldn't decide between the two of them they let Herb and Delia cast the final vote, and they said, "Let's go to Oregon." So in July 1947, at age 17, they came west to Oregon.



Gambill

After arriving in Oregon, Herb immediately went to work for the local lumber company. At that time it was called Pilot Rock Lumber Company. It changed names several times through the years and Herb worked there until he retired in June 1995, at which time it was known as Kinzua Lumber Company. Besides working in the lumber industry, Herb also farmed and ranched his own property throughout the years until he was unable to do it.

In the summer of 1956 Herb met Yvonne (Vonnice) Kay McGowan. They were married November 17, 1957. Herb and Yvonne had four sons, Lanson, Kurtis, John and Brent. Herb also had a daughter, Amber, by a previous marriage.

Herb is survived by his wife of 58 years, a daughter, four sons, 10 grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his six sisters and brother, and an infant great-granddaughter, Joslynn West.

Zana E. Shuman

Pendleton
February 20, 1936-January 13, 2016

Zana E. Shuman, a resident of Pendleton, passed away Wednesday, January 13, 2016, at Providence St. Mary Medical Center in Walla Walla, Wash. She was 79 years old.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements. Sign the online condolence book at www.BurnsMortuary.com. In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Zana Shuman may be made to a charity of the donor's choice and may be sent in care of Burns Mortuary of Pendleton, P.O. Box 489, Pendleton, OR 97801.

Zana Elaine Shuman was born February 20, 1936, in Enterprise, Oregon, to Ralph and Bernice (Conrad) Lindley. She was raised in Flora, Oregon, where she attended Flora Grade School, then moved to La Grande in 1948, where she graduated from La Grande High School. She married Joseph Shuman on August 27, 1955, in Lewiston, Idaho. They lived in Flora until 1987.

After retirement they moved to Pendleton, staying some winters in Arizona. Zana had been employed by Moon Drug Store in La Grande. She then worked as secretary of Flora Grange, and secretary of Flora School. She later weighed wheat trucks for Wallowa County Grain Growers and was a contract flagger. She was a member of the Flora Grange for 20 years.

She enjoyed spending time with her family, quilting, camping, target practice, fishing, playing cards and reading.

Zana is survived by her husband of 60 years, Joe Shuman of Pendleton; daughters Dena McCrae and husband Mark of La Grande, and Donna Vogel and husband Rick of Pendleton; sister Lila Killingbeck and husband Thad of Boardman; four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and six nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph and Bernice Lindley; a sister, Nita Rogers; and a son, Lyle Shuman.

DEATH NOTICES

Dolores Elna (Allen) Shepherd

Pendleton
Oct. 31, 1926-Jan. 13, 2016

Dolores Shepherd, 89, of Pendleton died Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2016, in Walla Walla. She was born Oct. 31, 1926. A memorial service will be held Sunday, Jan. 24 at 12:30 p.m. at the Adams Community Church, with a celebration of life and lunch to follow in the fellowship room. A full obituary will follow in the *East Oregonian*. Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements. Sign the online condolence book at www.BurnsMortuary.com.

UPCOMING SERVICES

SATURDAY, JAN. 16

CARRERA, BARBARA — Recitation of the rosary at 1 p.m., followed by Mass of Christian burial at 1:30 p.m., at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church, 565 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston. Burial will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery.

MOUNTS, JACK — Graveside service with military honors at 11 a.m. at the Lexington Cemetery.

SHUMWAY, LEONA — Memorial service at 2 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 518 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater.

STEPHENS, RONALD — Funeral service at 12 noon (viewing begins at 11 a.m.) at the Pittsburgh LDS Chapel, 724 N. Pittsburgh St., Kennewick.

TEMPLETON, PAT — Funeral service at 10 a.m. at the First Christian Church, 775 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston.

SUNDAY, JAN. 17

MILLER, JAMES — Memorial service at 2 p.m. at Berean Baptist Church, 8 N.W. Ninth St., Pendleton.

MONDAY, JAN. 18

No services scheduled.

TUESDAY, JAN. 19

No services scheduled.

COMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, JAN. 17
PAUL GORHAM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST, 8 a.m. to noon, Pendleton Masonic Lodge No. 52, 1350 N.W. Carden Ave. Costs \$6 for adults and \$4 for ages 6-12. Call-in orders welcome. (541-276-3760).

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).

KBLU-FM CITIZENS ADVISORY GROUP, 3 p.m., Bowman Building Suite 352, 17 S.W. Frazer Ave., Pendleton. Share ideas on format of Pendleton area's newest radio station. (Vicki 541-566-2744 or Gary 541-566-0131).

ADULT OPEN GYM, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave. Free access for ages 16 and up. (541-276-8100).

MONDAY, JAN. 18
ADULT OPEN GYM, 6-7 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave. Half-court basketball. (541-276-8100).

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION WITH CHUCK WOOD, 7-8:30 a.m., Bucky Bean, 405 N.W. Despain Ave., Pendleton. Share thoughts with Ward 2 councilman. (541-310-7306 or Chuck.wood@ci.pendleton.or.us).

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

NO SCHOOL MAKE-AND-TAKE CRAFTS, 10 a.m. to noon, Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St. For ages 8 and up. Seasonal projects for no-school days. This week: Papermaking with Km Chavez.

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. Costs \$1 per child. (541-276-8100).

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION, 12 noon, Hermiston First United Methodist Church, 191 E. Gladys Ave. Everyone welcome. (Jesus Rome 541-667-6170).

PENDLETON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 noon, Pendleton Senior Center, 510 S.W. 10th St. Costs \$3.50 or \$6 for those under 60. Pool, puzzles, crafts, snacks, Second Time Around thrift store 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For Meals On Wheels, call 541-276-1926. (541-276-7101).

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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).

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION, 6-8 p.m., Great Pacific Wine & Coffee Co., 403 S. Main St., Pendleton. Music by J.D. Kindle, Dan Haug, Margaret Mayer & associates and more. Free.

ATHENA KNITTERS GROUP, 7 p.m., Athena Public Library, 418 E. Main St. Open to all knitters, crocheters and lovers of needle work. (541-566-2470).

TUESDAY, JAN. 19
TERRIFICALLY FREE TUESDAY, all day, Children's Museum of Eastern Oregon, 400 S. Main St., Pendleton. (541-276-1066).

ADULT OPEN GYM, 6-7 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave. Half-court basketball. (541-276-8100).

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

JUNGLE STORY TIME, 10 a.m. to noon, Children's Museum of Eastern Oregon, 400 S. Main St., Pendleton. Free with paid admission. (541-276-1066).

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. Costs \$4 for seniors 55 or \$5 for adults. (541-481-3257).

HERMISTON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 noon, Hermiston Senior Center, 435 W. Orchard Ave. Costs \$4 or free for children under 10. Extra 50 cents for utensils/dishes. Meals on Wheels available. Transportation arranged by donation. (541-567-3582).

PENDLETON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 noon, Pendleton Senior Center, 510 S.W. 10th St. Costs \$3.50 or \$6 for those under 60. Pool, puzzles, crafts, snacks, Second Time Around thrift store 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For Meals On Wheels, call 541-276-1926. (541-276-7101).

CRAFTERNOONS, 4 p.m., Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave. Drop in for group/individual craft projects. (541-966-0380).

HEPPNER

Stars align at community awards night

By TAMMY MALGESINI
East Oregonian

With a theme of "An Evening with the Stars," a handful of citizens and one business were recognized during the annual Town & Country Community Awards Thursday night in Heppner.

Joe Miller, who has lived in Heppner since 1977, was honored with the Lifetime Achievement award. Running a successful fabricating and repair shop for many years, Miller also provided a work program for Heppner High School students. In addition, he has supported many community projects with his equipment, staff and personal knowledge. It wasn't unheard of for Miller to clear snowdrifts from someone's driveway when their husband was away.

"He soon became known as 'Big Joe with the Big Backhoe,'" said Molly Rhea in presenting the award.

Over the years Miller also has served on Heppner City Council and the Morrow County Planning Commission, as well as donating countless hours to the Morrow County Museum and as a leader in his church.

Presenting the award, Rhea said, was bittersweet. In addition to honoring Miller, they were recognizing the contributions of his late wife, BonnaRae, who died Sept. 20.

"All of us that knew this family understood she was the linchpin in their operation," Rhea said.

Miller, who was moved to tears by the presentation, said the community has provided great support to him, especially with the recent loss.

Man of the year

A lifelong Heppner resident, Jim Kindle was recognized for his spirit of giving back to others.

"He represents the epitome of family, friendship and community service," said Ken Grieb while presenting the award.

Grieb said Kindle often contributes his time or spearheads projects when something needs to be done. He is a dedicated advocate of Heppner's youths through coaching, working on the chain gang during Mustang football games and as an announcer for Heppner basketball. In addition, Kindle volunteers at the fire department, the Wee Bit O'Ireland celebration and the Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo.

Woman of the year

A transplant to the Heppner community, Judy Buschke said Kathy Turner's contribution was felt immediately. Although initially hesitant to move into the St. Patrick's Senior Apartments — she didn't view herself as a senior



Miller



Kindle



Turner



Coiner



Collins



Terra Adams



Tim Adams



Malgesini

Special recognition

The *East Oregonian's* own Tammy Malgesini was honored with a special recognition at the ceremony.

She's the community editor for the newspaper and has covered community events in Heppner for nearly a decade. Sheryll Bates, the executive director of the chamber of commerce, thanked Malgesini not only for her coverage of the community but her participation as an actor in the "Dinner in the Cemetery" retelling of the 1903 Heppner flood.

Bates called Malgesini an extended member of the Heppner family and thanked her for her work.

— Turner was soon asked to assume managing the facility for the city of Heppner and the Heppner Housing Authority.

Under Turner's management, the facility underwent a \$1.2 million remodel. While she's no longer the manager, she still serves as janitor, holiday decorator and a "jack of all trades," Buschke said.

Citizen-educator

Heppner Elementary School Principal Dieter Waite said sixth grade teacher Melissa Coiner, an Ione High School graduate, is an experienced educator with great passion for her work — especially the students. She also serves as the school's head teacher.

Colleagues, Waite said, give her high marks for her leadership, coaching and organizational skills. Teaching in the district for nearly 12 years, Coiner is currently taking classes to be licensed as a school administrator.

Youth recognition

In recognizing Patrick Collins, agriculture teacher Beth Dickenson described the Heppner High School senior as a role model, hard worker, self-starter, dependable, tenderhearted, an athlete and a leader.

With more than 300 hours of community service, Collins has been involved with hanging downtown Christmas lights, cutting firewood for those in need, leading an exercise class for those in assisted living, participating in the annual Mustang Mop-Up and food drives.

Business of the year

Tim and Terra Adams of Adams Distributing have been in business for 30 years. The husband-wife team includes Tim spending countless miles on the road picking up products and making deliveries, while Terra serves as bookkeeper.

"A lot of love and commitment and support of each other has gone into this business to make it a great success," said Dean Robinson during the award presentation.

Along with bread, Twinkies and other products, Tim is said to deliver happiness.

The evening also included congratulations to the Mustang football players and coaches for bringing home the 2A state championship trophy.

Contact Tammy Malgesini at tmalgesini@eastoregonian.com or 541-564-4539

MEETINGS

MONDAY, JAN. 18
UMATILLA-MORROW HEAD START, 6:30-8:30 p.m., 110 N.E. Fourth St., Hermiston. (Leanna 541-564-6878).

HELIX CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Helix City Hall, 119 Columbia St.

PENDLETON YOUTH COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Intermountain ESD office, 2001 S.W. Nye Ave.

TUESDAY, JAN. 19
UMATILLA COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE, 1:30 p.m., Vert Boardroom, 345 S.W. Fourth St., Pendleton. (Jodi Florence 541-966-3607).

ATHENA CEMETERY DISTRICT, 5:30 p.m., Athena City Hall, 215 S. Third St.

ECHO SCHOOL DISTRICT, 6 p.m., Echo School, 600 Gerone St.

IRRIGON CITY COUNCIL, 6 p.m., Irrigon City Hall, 500 N.E. Main St.

UMATILLA COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, 6 p.m., SWCD conference room, 200 S.E. Halley Ave., Pendleton.

PENDLETON DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, 6 p.m., Pendleton City Hall council chambers, 501 S.W. Emigrant Ave.

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

EAST UMATILLA COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT, 7 p.m.,

district office, 431 E. Main St., Athena.

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

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

PILOT ROCK CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Pilot Rock City Hall council chambers, 143 W. Main St.

STANFIELD CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Stanfield City Hall council chambers, 150 W. Coe St.

EAST UMATILLA COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT, 7:30 p.m., 431 E. Main St., Athena.

LOTTERY

Thursday, Jan. 14

Lucky Lines

01-07-12-15-FREE-20-23-26-31

Estimated jackpot:

\$37,000

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 4-1-6-6

4 p.m.: 9-2-6-4

7 p.m.: 3-7-8-2

10 p.m.: 0-5-5-4

Friday, Jan. 15

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 7-7-1-7