

## OBITUARIES

## Bonita Beatrice 'Bonnie' Schmidt

Pilot Rock

October 15, 1951-January 16, 2017

"Bonnie" preferred her nickname all of her life. She had successfully fought many kinds of cancer and many other types of health problems until she passed away on January 16, 2017, at the age of 65. She always wanted to be with "Mom and Dad" in heaven with Jesus.

Bonnie's father was Ted P. Schmidt from South Dakota and her mother was Beatrice A. Chambers Schmidt from Idaho. She was born on October 15, 1951, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, where she lived until the age of 6 when the family moved to Spokane, Wash. A move was made two years later to Pilot Rock, Ore., where she lived until passing away. Bonnie graduated from Pilot Rock High School in 1971 and was an active fan of the Rockets sports teams for many years.

Various dogs and cats filled Bonnie's life and were with her as she went on errands around town. Three different walking routes of the *East Oregonian* newspaper were delivered by Bonnie where she visited with many friends. She loved to work in word-puzzle books continually, as well as create wonderful items from plastic canvas, and crocheted practical household towels and dishcloths. She was a long and loving member of the Pilot Rock Baptist



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Church and faithfully read her Bible each night.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her parents Ted and Bea Schmidt and her niece Tricia Schmidt who was married to Greg Krous. She is survived by her brother Ken T. Schmidt and fiancé Debbi Donalson, sister Lucy M. Smith and brother-in-law Mike Smith, brother Dwayne R. Schmidt and sister-in-law Sandy Schmidt, five nephews and spouses: Jason and Joleen, Todd and Stacie, Shawn and Alisa, Aaron and Heidi, and Aubie and Cherise, and five grand-nephews and seven grand-nieces.

Visitation will be held on Thursday and Friday, Feb. 2-3, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at Pendleton Pioneer Chapel. All friends and family are invited to the funeral services, which will be held at the Pilot Rock Baptist Church on Saturday at 11:00 a.m., February 4, 2017. Burial will be in the Pilot Rock Cemetery with a reception to follow at the church.

Donations can be made to the American Cancer Society or charity of choice.

Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop funeral directors are in charge of the arrangements. Send online condolences to the family at [www.pioneer-chapel.com](http://www.pioneer-chapel.com)

## Mary Jane Stangier

Pendleton

April 26, 1926-January 25, 2017

Mary Jane Stangier, 90, passed away in Hermiston January 25, 2017. She was a devoted wife and mother of four. She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Robert Stangier, her sister Barbara McLendon, and her four children Hans Stangier, Dirk Stangier, Megan Watson and Gretchen Stangier and their families.

Mary Jane was born in Pendleton, Ore., on April 26, 1926, to Harry and Lorena Gude-rian, where she lived a full and accomplished life. During World War II from 1942-1944 she worked on the family ranch driving a wheat truck while the men were at war. Years later in 1948 she graduated with a BS in home economics from Oregon State College, now Oregon State University. During her tenure at Oregon State she was a member of the Pi Beta Phi sorority.

On May 22, 1949, she married Robert Stangier and together they owned and operated ABC Kiddie Shop and MJ's Hallmark store in downtown Pendleton. Both stores were open for 18 years each and provided lots of great memories and social interaction.

Mary Jane was civic-

minded as evidenced by the many organizations she served and the causes she supported. She was president of the CM PEO chapter, president of Delphian Society, co-president of the Dinner Dance, co-president of Kill Kare, deacon at First Presbyterian Church, member of the board of directors for Friends of Olney Cemetery, Campfire Girls leader, Boy Scouts den mother, member of the Girls Club and Altrusa. She was also a regular volunteer for the annual Pendleton Round-Up and a member of the Umatilla Historical Society. In 2011, she received the distinguished Presbyterian Honorary Life Membership Award for her faithful service to the Presbyterian Women and to the church.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 30, 2017, at the First Presbyterian Church on Southwest Dorion in Pendleton, Ore.

Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to the Umatilla Historical Society or an agency of your choosing.

Online condolences may be sent to [www.pioneer-chapel.com](http://www.pioneer-chapel.com)



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## UPCOMING SERVICES

## SATURDAY, JAN. 28

**CECIL, FRANK** — Funeral services at 11 a.m. at the Spray School gymnasium. Concluding service and burial will follow at Haystack Cemetery. A potluck will follow services at The Rock, Spray.

**FLOCH, GRISELIA** — Burial at noon at the Hermiston Cemetery.

**HAMMONS, TERRY** — Celebration of life at 2 p.m. at the Country Inn, 4100 County Farm Road, Eugene.

**HEIHN, TIM** — Memorial service at 2 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 485 W. Locust Ave., Hermiston.

**HUDSON, ROBERT** — Celebration of life at 1 p.m. at the Oregon City United Methodist Church, 18955 South End Road.

**ROSENBERG, ALOHA** — Celebration of life at 1 p.m. at the Pendleton Eagles Lodge, 428 S. Main St.

**WELLS, HOLLY** — Reception at noon in the community room at Terwilliger Plaza Apartments, 245 S.W. Fifth St., Pendleton.

## SUNDAY, JAN. 29

**GRONQUIST, DENNIS** — Funeral mass at 1 p.m. at the Arlington Grade School gymnasium, 1200 Main St. Concluding service and burial will follow at the Arlington Cemetery. A potluck meal will be served at the grade school following the graveside service.

**LARKIN, NAOMI** — Celebration of life service at 1 p.m. at the Hermiston Seventh-day Adventist Church, 855 W. Highland Ave.

## MONDAY, JAN. 30

**STANGIER, MARY JANE** — Funeral at 11 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 201 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton.

## TUESDAY, JAN. 31

No services scheduled

## MEETINGS

**MONDAY, JAN. 30**  
**BLUE MOUNTAIN EARLY LEARNING HUB GOVERNANCE BOARD**, 10 a.m., IMESD office, 2001 S.W. Nye Ave., Pendleton. (Ali VanHouten 541-966-3157)

**NIXYAAWII COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD**, 4:30 p.m., Nixyaawii Community School, 73300 July Grounds Lane, Mission. (541-966-2680)

**MORROW COUNTY HEALTH**

**DISTRICT**, 7 p.m., Lone Community Church, 470 E. Main St., Lone. (541-676-9133)

## TUESDAY, JAN. 31

No meetings scheduled

## WEDNESDAY, FEB. 1

**MORROW COUNTY COURT**, 9 a.m., Bartholomew Government Building upper conference room, 110 N. Court St., Heppner. (541-676-9061)

## OBITUARY POLICY

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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.

## Ione schools name honor roll students

Ione Community School has named its honor roll students for the first semester of the 2016-17 academic year.

The following students were named to the **honor roll** (3.5 gpa or higher): Grace Ogden, Joshua Bleth, Kayla Rodriguez, Blake

## HONORS

Carter, Aubriana Rodriguez, Eva Martin, Serenity Rodriguez, Zoey Gilbert, Emma Rietmann, Elaina Ehrmantraut, Annabelle McDaniel, Matthew Orem, Megan Doherty, Mackenzie Heideman, Rayah Cavan, Sarah Knop, Renee Peterson, Payton Miller, Susanna Teeman, Sonia Medina, Morgan Orem, Allisa David, Katelyn Bass, Tristan Esta-

brook, Maia Fuchs, Katie Gilbert, Sydney Qualls, Goncalo Silva, Karsen Dumler, Sergio Marin Farias, Hannah Flynn, Babali Peterson and Austin Carter.

The following students received **honorable mention** status (3.0-3.49 gpa): Hailey Heideman, Haylie Peterson, Taylor Rollins, Katelyn Thompson, Lucas Parker, Gary Walls, Faviola Juarez

Alvarez, Jessica Medina, MaLinda Morter, Madison Alldritt, Karen Cambero, Jacob Heideman, Aaron Smythe, Hayden Qualls, Nestor Ramirez Orozco, Laura Ayala, Tiana Church, Maggie Flynn, Austin Morter, Emily Taylor, Daniel Kelly, Marisol Avila-Ramirez, Daniel Doherty, Colton Hollis, Pedro Bolanos and Yaneri Calvillo.

## BRIEFLY

## Irrigon man arrested for rape

IRRIGON — An Irrigon teen was arrested Thursday at Irrigon High School on charges of rape and sexual abuse against a minor under the age of 14.

Kenny Cole Blurton, 19, was charged with four counts of rape in the second degree, two counts of sexual abuse in the first degree, three counts of unlawful sexual penetration in the second degree, and one count of sodomy in the first degree.

A warrant for Blurton's arrest was issued Jan. 24 and he was taken into custody at the high school by Morrow County Sheriff's deputies on Jan. 27. He is lodged at the Umatilla County Jail with bail set at \$50,000, and he has been ordered not to contact the victim.

Blurton's pre-trial hearing is scheduled for Feb. 9 at 8:15 a.m.

According to the secret indictment filed Jan. 24 by the Morrow County Circuit Court, Blurton raped and sexually abused the victim between July 1 and Dec. 22, 2015. The case has been turned over to the Morrow County District Attorney's office.

Blurton was a member of the Irrigon High School boys' soccer team in 2016.

## Wildhorse Resort &amp; Casino hires new sales director

MISSION — Wildhorse Resort &

Casino recently announced hiring Debra Campbell to fill the role of director of sales.

Campbell, who lives in Milton-Freewater with her husband, Kevin, has more than 15 years of sales and customer service experience. She previously served as general manager of the Cherokee Strip Conference Center in Enid, Oklahoma, and the director of sales at the Edward D. Hansen Conference Center/Comcast Arena in Everett, Washington. She has also worked as the sales and service advisor for McCurley Integrity Dealerships, account manager for Sykes Enterprises and in many other sales/service positions in various industries.

"Debra is going to be a great fit for our resort," said Diane Long, Wildhorse marketing director. "The experience she brings with her will be a true asset and we are very excited to have someone with her background joining our marketing team."

Wildhorse is located off Interstate 84 at Exit 216. For more information, visit [www.wildhorseresort.com](http://www.wildhorseresort.com).

## Heppner chamber meeting features updates

HEPPNER — An all-entities report is planned during the upcoming Heppner Chamber of Commerce meeting.

The gathering features a meal of grilled cheese with bacon and chicken/wild rice soup, catered by Bucknum's. The no-host event is Thursday at noon at Heppner City Hall, 111 N. Main St. The cost is \$10.

Those planning to attend must RSVP by Tuesday by contacting 541-676-5536 or [heppnerchamber@centurytel.net](mailto:heppnerchamber@centurytel.net).

## HERMISTON



Staff photo by Jade McDowell

Pro-life supporters pray for those affected by abortion at McKenzie Park Friday.

## Pro-life supporters gather in prayer and solidarity

By JADE MCDOWELL  
East Oregonian

As thousands of pro-life women and men rallied in Washington, D.C. at the March for Life, a group of Hermiston supporters showed their solidarity at McKenzie Park.

The weather was below freezing and there was snow on the ground, but nine adults and two children gathered Friday afternoon to pray for the unborn and for those affected by abortion.

Serenity Stull said she had asked around if there was a local event that was corresponding with the March for Life, but found out that Right to Life was counting its participation in the "Celebrate a Vision for Life" banquet last week to benefit Pregnancy Care Services. So she decided to send out a last-minute invitation for people to join her in prayer at the park at 3 p.m.

"I decided hey, if five of us come out, that's OK," she said.

She said she didn't want to do anything "political," but felt the Pregnancy Care Services banquet was a

powerful experience and wanted to continue that feeling of unity.

"I thought we needed more of this, uniting as a pro-life community," she said.

As people gathered at the McKenzie Park shelter to pray, they shared their excitement at watching the news and seeing stories of Catholic university students coming to March for Life by the busload and pro-life supporters displaying crosses along roads.

"To have the vice president there, how exciting," said Kay Stull, Serenity's mother-in-law, in reference to Vice President Mike Pence's participation in March for Life.

Kay said she was heartened to see young people getting involved in pro-life causes and talking about "how many of their generation is missing" due to abortions.

The mostly Catholic group spent about half an hour in prayer at the park, performing the Divine Mercy Rosary and then praying verbally for a long list of people affected by

abortion.

They prayed for the parents of aborted children, that they would find healing and forgiveness, and for the extended family who may feel heartache over the decision. They prayed for pregnancy crisis centers and pro-life ministries that they would be filled with compassion and know how best to help those that came to them. They prayed for government leaders to "hear and speak truth" and for adoption agencies and adoptive parents to always give thanks to God and the biological parents who blessed them by choosing life. They prayed for parents who chose adoption over abortion "that they may find comfort and healing through their selfless sacrifice."

Serenity said she appreciated those that came, and felt like it was a worthwhile activity.

"This is the movement of our generation, and it's incredible to be a part of," she said.

Contact Jade McDowell at [jmcdowell@eastoregonian.com](mailto:jmcdowell@eastoregonian.com) or 541-564-4536.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**SATURDAY, JAN. 28**  
**MEN'S BREAKFAST**, 8 a.m., Bethel Assembly of God Church, 1109 Airport Road, Pendleton. (541-276-7559)

**UMATILLA COUNTY POMO-NA GRANGE**, 12:30 p.m., Columbia Grange Hall, 32339 Diagonal Road, Hermiston. Lunch will be followed by a meeting. (Tom or Doris 541-567-9742 or 541-567-8663)

**PENDLETON EAGLES STEAK AND LIVE MUSIC**, 6-11:30 p.m., Pendleton Eagles Lodge, 428 S. Main St., Pendleton. Dinner from 6-8 p.m., music from 8 p.m. to midnight. Members and guests welcome. (541-278-2828)

**SUNDAY, JAN. 29**  
**PENDLETON EAGLES BREAKFAST**, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Pendleton Eagles Lodge, 428 S. Main St., Pendleton. Open to members and guests. (541-278-2828)

**MONDAY, JAN. 30**  
**IRRIGON MOOSE LODGE TACOS AND BINGO**, 6-9 p.m., Irrigon Moose Lodge, 220 N.E. Third St., Irrigon. Tacos from 6-9 p.m., bingo from 6:30-9 p.m. Open to members and guests. (541-922-1802)

**OREGON EAST SYMPHONY CHORALE REHEARSAL**, 7 p.m., Pendleton High School music department, 1800 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton. The OES Chorale will rehearse for the March 11, 2017 concert of Ola Gjeilo's "Sunrise Mass." Call the OES office to receive a vocal score. (J.D. Kindle 541-276-0320)

**INLAND NORTHWEST MUSICIANS CHORALE REHEARSAL**, 7-9 p.m., Harris Jr. Academy gymnasium, 3121 S.W. Hailey Ave., Pendleton. No tryouts; all welcome. No rehearsals June-July-August or Christmas-New Year. (RaNiel Dunn 541-289-4696)

**TUESDAY, JAN. 31**  
**PENDLETON TOASTMASTERS NO. 154**, 6:30 a.m., Pendleton City Hall community room, 501 S.W. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton.

**TOPS CHAPTER OR** 1110, 8 a.m., Missionary Baptist Church, 125 E. Beech St., Hermiston. 8 a.m. weigh-in followed by meeting at 8:45 a.m. (Margaret Wetherling 541-720-0276)

**GREENFIELD GRANGE PITCHER**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Greenfield Grange 579, 209 N.W. First St., Boardman. (541-481-7397)

**BIBLE STUDY**, 10 a.m., First

United Methodist Church, 352 S.E. Second St., Pendleton. (Rev. Jim Pierce 541-276-2616)

**"THE LIFE MODEL: LIVING FROM THE HEART JESUS GAVE YOU" BOOK STUDY GROUP**, 1-2:30 p.m., Bowman Building, 17 S.W. Frazer Ave., Pendleton. (Pat 541-276-6671)

**TOPS CHAPTER OR** 1169, 4:50 p.m., Hermiston Assembly of God Church, 730 E. Hurlburt Ave., Hermiston. Use west side door. (Janell Bailey 541-571-5744)

## LOTTERY

**Thursday, Jan. 26**  
**Lucky Lines**

04-05-11-15-FREE-19-23-25-30  
Estimated jackpot: \$21,000

**Pick 4**  
1 p.m.: 6-0-3-9  
4 p.m.: 5-9-3-3  
7 p.m.: 2-1-7-1  
10 p.m.: 9-3-9-2

**Friday, Jan. 27**  
**Pick 4**

1 p.m.: 2-9-2-3