

OBITUARIES

Merle L. 'Bud' Newcomb

Vancouver, Wash.
September 14, 1926-March 5, 2017

Merle L. "Bud" Newcomb, 90, of Vancouver, Washington, died March 5, 2017, at Ray Hickey Hospice House in Vancouver. He is now home with Jesus.



Newcomb

Bud was born September 14, 1926, in Fairfax County, Iowa, to Phil and Minnie Uthoff Newcomb. He had three sisters and two brothers. After attending Strawberry Point High School in Iowa he joined the U.S. Army Airborne, serving his country in Japan and Washington, D.C.

In 1951, Bud moved to Pendleton, Oregon, where he started his career as an engineer with the Union Pacific Railroad and Amtrak. He married Dorothy Pierce in 1953 and together they raised three daughters — Donna, Lois and Janet.

Bud moved to Union, Oregon, in 1981 when Dorothy passed away. He married Erin "Pat" Feathergill in 1982. Upon Bud's retirement from Union Pacific and Amtrak, Pat and Bud traveled throughout the United States and moved to Apache Junction, Arizona, and Boise, Idaho. After Pat

passed away in 2006, Bud moved to Vancouver. He married Ellen Martin in 2006. Ellen passed away in 2013 and at that time Bud met his companion Maridel White.

Bud was very involved with his church and volunteered many hours at local food banks. He also enjoyed camping, fishing, playing cards and spending time with his extended family.

Bud is survived by his companion Maridel White, Vancouver, and daughters Lois Newcomb, Pendleton, and Donna Newcomb (Roy DeRousie) and Janet Porter (Stephen), both of Washougal, Washington. He is also survived by a sister, Lucille Patridge of Maynard, Iowa, six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and a large extended family.

Bud was preceded in death by Dorothy Pierce Newcomb, Erin Feathergill Newcomb and Ellen Martin Newcomb.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to your local food bank.

Interment will be at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland.

UPCOMING SERVICES

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

GIBSON, JOLENE — Celebration of life service at 4 p.m. in the chapel at Burns Mortuary, 685 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston.

LEASY, JODY — Services at 1 p.m. at the Christian Church, 675 Highway 7, Baker City. A potluck will follow the services; bring a dish to share.

MCCARTY, BOB — Graveside service with military honors at 1 p.m. at the Echo Cemetery.

SORENSEN, ARLENE — Memorial mass at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church, 565 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston.

THAYER, ROBERT — Funeral service at 11 a.m. at the Condon Elks Lodge, 117 S. Main St., Condon. Concluding service with military honors will follow at the Condon Cemetery.

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

VANNICE, PAT — Information drop-in celebration of life from 1-3 p.m. at Cove School, 803 Main St., Cove.

MONDAY, MARCH 20

FETTERHOFF, TIM — Celebration gathering at 1 p.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

DANIEL, THOMAS — Recitation of the rosary at 10:30 a.m. followed by mass at 11 a.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 415 W. Alder St., Walla Walla. A meal will be served in the church's Blanchet Hall following the service.

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

MEETINGS

MONDAY, MARCH 20
WEST EXTENSION IRRIGATION DISTRICT, 9 a.m., Irrigon Fire Department, 705 N.E. Main St., Irrigon. (Lisa Baum 541-922-3814)

UMATILLA - MORROW COUNTY HEAD START, 11:30 a.m., Head Start office, 110 N.E. Fourth St., Hermiston. (Kerry Tassie 541-564-6878)

LOWER UMATILLA BASIN GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA COMMITTEE, 1-3 p.m., Stafford Hansell Government Center, 915 S.E. Columbia Drive, Hermiston. (Janet Greenup 541-676-5452 ext. 109)

MORROW COUNTY PARKS COMMITTEE, 1 p.m., Columbia Basin Electric Co-Op conference room, 171 W. Linden Way, Hephner. (Kirsti Cason 541-989-9500)
NIXYAANII COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD, 4:30 p.m., Nixyaawii Community School, 73300 July Grounds Lane, Mission. (541-966-2680)

AG PADUAS SAFETY MEETING FOR STAKEHOLDERS MEETING OUTCOME, 5:30 p.m., Eastern Oregon Regional Airport admin office conference room, 2016 Airport Road, Pendleton. (Erica Stewart 541-276-7754)

ECHO SCHOOL DISTRICT, 6 p.m., Echo Community School, 600 Gerone St., Echo. (541-376-8436)

HERMISTON CITY COUNCIL/UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JOINT MEETING, 6 p.m., EOTEC main building, 1705 E. Airport Road, Hermiston. Joint work session begins at 6 p.m. regarding EOTEC, followed by the regular council meeting at 7 p.m. (541-567-5521)

HELIX CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Helix City Hall, 119 Columbia St., Helix. (541-457-2521)

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

Pendleton. (541-276-6711)

TUESDAY, MARCH 21
IONE SCHOOL DISTRICT, 3:30 p.m., Ione Community School, 445 Spring St., Ione. 3:30 p.m. work session followed by 4:30 p.m. regular meeting. (541-422-7131)

ATHENA CEMETERY DISTRICT, 5:30 p.m., Athena City Hall, 215 S. Third St., Athena. (541-566-3862)

IRRIGON CITY COUNCIL, 6 p.m., Irrigon City Hall, 500 N.E. Main Ave., Irrigon. (541-922-3047)
PENDLETON DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, 6 p.m., Pendleton City Hall, 501 S.W. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton. (541-276-1811)

MORROW COUNTY FAIR, 6 p.m., Morrow County Fairgrounds office, 74473 Highway 74, Hephner. (Ann Jones 541-676-9474)

UMATILLA COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, 6 p.m., USDA Service Center conference room, 1 S.W. Nye Ave., Pendleton. (Kyle Waggoner 541-278-8049 ext. 138)

LOTTERY

Thursday, March 16
Lucky Lines
04-05-09-16-FREE-17-24-26-32

Estimated jackpot: \$23,000

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

Friday, March 17
Pick 4
1 p.m.: 0-0-0-0

BRIEFLY

Umatilla County Sheriff's Office warns of jury duty scam

PENDLETON — The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office announced it received complaints this week from locals about scam callers trying to solicit money from citizens for missing jury duty.

"The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office has not and will not contact citizens for this purpose or in this manner," the sheriff's office said in a written statement. "Neither the courts nor law enforcement will solicit money from citizens for not showing up for jury duty."

In the recent complaints, the caller claims to be a member of the sheriff's office and tells the potential victim he or she missed jury service and there is a warrant for their arrest. They can avoid jail, however, if they pay a fine immediately or give personal financial information, such as bank account, credit card or Social Security numbers.

Don't provide any personal or financial information to the scammers, the sheriff's office warned, and instead report any suspicious phone calls or possible scams, to local law enforcement.

The following link provides more information from the state courts about jury duty scams: ord.uscourts.gov. For some tips from the Federal Trade Commission on how to avoid fraud, see the following link: www.consumer.ftc.gov.

Red Cross to hold earthquake preparedness session

PENDLETON — The American Red Cross will hold an earthquake preparedness session in Pendleton April 3 to help residents understand and plan for the impact of a Cascadia earthquake. The Prepare Out Loud Presentation is free and open to the public.

The presentation will cover the seismic significance of the Cascadia Subduction Zone, how to find your loved ones after a disaster, how much food, water and supplies to gather beforehand, and what to expect after a major earthquake.

Steve Eberlein will discuss the importance of preparedness. Eberlein was present during the 2004 Boxing Day tsunami in Sri Lanka, which was caused by an underwater subduction zone earthquake. That tsunami resulted in the deaths of nearly 300,000 people in 14 countries.

"We know we need to prepare for a disaster and Prepare Out Loud helps people and organizations know where to start," said Von Summers, senior community affairs manager of Northwest Natural.

The presentation will take place Monday, April 3 from 8 to 10 a.m. in the Eastern Oregon Operators Conference, 1601 Westgate, Pendleton. Participants can find more information, and RSVP for the presentation, at www.redcross.org/PrepareOutLoudPendleton.

Briefs are compiled from staff and wire reports, and press releases. Email press releases to news@eastoregonian.com

PENDLETON

Sheriff Rowan wades into ACLU immigration policy

By PHIL WRIGHT
East Oregonian

Umatilla County Sheriff Terry Rowan worked to reassure concerned citizens from opposite sides of the political spectrum his office is following Oregon law when it comes to dealing with foreign nationals.

Getting through the Thursday night town hall meeting in the community room at the Pendleton Public Library took a meandering course in which audience members at times all but shouted at each other about the rolls immigrants serve in the community.

Miriam Gilmer of Adams organized the event for People Power, the American Civil Liberties Union's new grassroots effort to harness nationwide resistance to President Donald Trump's executive orders on immigration. People Power seeks to make sure local governments and law enforcement agencies have or will implement nine policies ranging from requiring U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to show warrants for local police to hold an individual to preventing officers from taking action against someone only based on their race, religion, language or immigration status.

Rowan told the 25 people in attendance his office's policies and procedures are consistent with the nine at almost every point, and while he supports the federal immigration agency's Priority Enforcement Program to have state and local police identify foreign nationals, "it is indefensible" for the agency not to obtain a legal warrant for their arrest and custody.

Oregon jails require that, he said, in the wake of the 2014 federal court ruling that found Clackamas County violated a woman's Fourth Amendment rights for holding her only at the request of ICE. If someone sues a county jail for carrying out an ICE detainer, he said, the federal agency not help with the lawsuit.

Rowan said ICE and the rest of law enforcement should not focus on working people not committing crimes but should focus on people here to break the law. That comment started a flurry of response from the audience.

One man asked how could an "illegal alien who runs the risk of the law has constitutional rights?" Another person asked if Rowan saw an increase in deportations for minor offenses, which he said he hadn't.

As he tired to plow through each of the nine points, more comments and questions came. One man raised his voice and asked who would pick crops if there were no illegal aliens in the county. Another who said he was a farmer responded loudly that was the situation now, and farmers who change to machines can harvest.

It continued like that for a while, and more than 45 minutes into the meeting Rowan had made it through almost three points before the group settled down. He then clicked the rest off the list in short order, often saying Oregon law already accounts for the policy, or the sheriff's office does not conduct surveillance based on a person's race, for example.

Yet he also sometimes stopped short of saying whether or not his agency has specific policies.

Gilmer on Friday said she found the meeting worthwhile, and she has more work planned. Tuesday night her group plans to address the Pendleton City Council to ask if it would discuss the nine points at its April 4 meeting. She said the organization might ask the city council to adopt the nine policies.

Then Wednesday at 1:15 p.m., Pendleton Police Chief Stuart Roberts will address the group at a town hall meeting at Sister's Cafe, 380 S. Main St., Pendleton.

Contact Phil Wright at pwright@eastoregonian.com or 541-966-0833.



Rowan

COMING EVENTS



Photo contributed by Kathie Goad

Students at Riverside Jr/Sr High School will present the musical "Into the Woods" March 18, 6:30 p.m. in the R. L. Bateman Auditorium at Riverside High School, Boardman.

PAUL GORHAM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., Pendleton Masonic Lodge, 1350 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for ages 6-12. Call-in orders welcome. (541-276-3760)

FAMILY BREAKFAST, 8:30-9:15 a.m., First Christian Church, 516 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater. Cost is by donation. Everyone welcome. (541-938-3854)

DEDICATION SERVICE, 10:30 a.m., Faith Center Church, 108 S. Main St., Pendleton. Dr. Greg Romine of Vancouver, Wash., will dedicate its newly remodeled altar space, platform and sanctuary and provide gospel and Holy Spirit ministry. Everyone welcome. (Ray O'Grady 541-276-9569)

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

KBLU 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. (Vickie or Gary 541-566-2744 or 541-566-0131)

WILLOW CREEK SYMPHONY CONCERT, 4 p.m., Windy River Elementary School, 500 Tatone St., Boardman. Music includes "Divertimento IV" (Mozart), "Gentle On My Mind" (Hartford), "Divertimento" (Haydn) and "Danse Macabre" (Saint-Saens) featuring soloist Alic Massey. Donations accepted. A reception follows the concert. (Sally Ketchersid 541-289-4696)

ADULT OPEN GYM, 6:30 p.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Half-court basketball. Adults only.

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

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

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

PENDLETON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 p.m., Pendleton Senior Center, 510 S.W. 10th St., Pendleton. 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)

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE, 12-6:30 p.m., Hermiston Conference Center, 415 S. Highway 395, Hermiston. Walk-ins appreciated, but appointments are requested. (800-448-3543)

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

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

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TERRIFICALLY FREE TUESDAY, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Children's Museum of Eastern Oregon, 400 S. Main St., Pendleton. Free admission all day. (541-276-1066)

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

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BOARDMAN SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 p.m., Boardman Senior Center, 100 Tatone St., Boardman. Cost is \$4 for seniors 55 and over or \$5 for adults. (541-481-3257)

HERMISTON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 p.m., Hermiston Senior Center, 435 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. Cost is \$4 for adults, free for children 10 and under, \$4 for Meals on Wheels. Extra 50 cents for utensils/dishes. Bus service to Senior Center by donation. (541-567-3582)

CRAFTERNOONS, 4:15 p.m., Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Drop in for a group or individual craft project. All ages. (541-966-0380)

BINGO, 5 p.m., Hermiston Senior Center, 435 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. Doors open at 5 p.m., games begin at 6:30 p.m. Everyone welcome. (541-567-3582)

INSIDE OUTSIDE THE LINES ADULT COLORING, 6-7:30 p.m., Irrigon Public Library, 490 N.E. Main St., Irrigon. Materials provided. Bring snacks to share. (541-922-0138)

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

PENDLETON EAGLES TACOS AND BINGO, 6 p.m., Pendleton Eagles Lodge, 428 S. Main St., Pendleton. Regular packet \$10, special packet \$5. Proceeds donated to local charities. Public welcome. (541-278-2828)

SPRING SELECT ENSEMBLE CONCERT, 6 p.m., Ione Community School cafeteria, 445 Spring St., Ione. Performance features elementary choir, 7-12 choir and advance band. Everyone welcome. Free.

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

PENDLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN COMMUNITY INPUT SESSION, 7 p.m., Pendleton Early Learning Center, 455 S.W. 13th St., Pendleton. The district has hired a consulting firm to guide the process of updating the district's Strategic Plan, and is asking for input from stakeholders, community members, parents and students. Everyone encouraged to attend. (Andy Kovach 541-966-3251)

EASTERN OREGON FORUM: FROM FIELD TO FROTH, 7 p.m., Blue Mountain Community College room ST-200, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton. Panel includes T.J. Hansell of the Oregon Wheat Growers League; Rod and Kelli Bullington and Cliff Bracher of Oregon Grain Growers Distillery; Jean-Luke Alexander, head brewer of The Prodigal Son Brewery; and a speaker from Ordinance Brewing. Cost is \$6 at the door or \$20 for all four lectures. (Shannon Franklin 541-278-5951)