

DEATH NOTICES

Bette June Brock

Hermiston

Dec. 4, 1933 - Sept. 6, 2017

Bette June Brock, 83, of Hermiston died Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2017, at her home. She was born Dec. 4, 1933, in Washington. A private family gathering will be held. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

Mary V. Smith

College Place, Wash.

June 16, 1919 - Sept. 6, 2017

Mary V. Smith, 98, of College Place, Wash., died Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2017, in College Place. She was born June 16, 1919. Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home in Milton-Freewater is in charge of arrangements.

UPCOMING SERVICES

SATURDAY, SEPT. 9

DISSELBRETT, DAVID — Celebration of life from 3-7 p.m. at Quality Inn, 5188 Wittenberg Lane N.E., Keizer, Ore.

GREEN, RUSS — Memorial service at 3 p.m. at the Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home, 902 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater.

HARKENRIDER, FRANK — Celebration of life service at 11:15 a.m. at the Hermiston High School commons, 600 S. First St.

MILLS, RICK — Remembrance gathering at 2 p.m. at Hat Rock State Park, Hat Rock Road off Highway 730, Hermiston.

SELTMANN, MARK — Celebration of life with Masonic rites at 1 p.m. at the Weston-McEwen High School gym.

TATONE, ALICE — Graveside service with military honors at 1 p.m. at Riverview Cemetery, Boardman, followed by a reception at the Boardman Senior Center, 100 Tatone St.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 10

HUNKAPILLAR, STEVE — Celebration of life from 2-5 p.m. at the Pendleton Country Club, 69772 S. Highway 395, Pendleton.

MONDAY, SEPT. 11

ALFORD, SHARI — Celebration of life service at 4 p.m. in the chapel at Burns Mortuary, 685 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston. Burial will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery.

FLINK, SHIRLEY — Graveside services at 10 a.m. at Desert Lawn Memorial Park, 1401 S. Union St., Kennewick, Wash.

WATKINS, JOSEPH — Memorial service at 2 p.m. at Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop, 131 S.E. Byers Ave. A reception will follow at the First Christian Church, 215 N. Main St., Pendleton.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 12

STANTON, CURTIS JR. — Visitation from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Burns Mortuary, 336 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton.

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

MEETINGS

For a complete listing of regional events, visit eastoregonian.com

MONDAY, SEPT. 11

IRRIGON FIRE DISTRICT, 7 a.m., Irrigon Fire Department, 705 N.E. Main Ave., Irrigon. (541-922-3133)

PENDLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT, 6 p.m., Pendleton School District office, 107 N.W. 10th St., Pendleton. (541-276-6711)

STOKES LANDING SENIOR CENTER BOARD, 6 p.m., Stokes Landing Senior Center, 195 N.W. Opal Place, Irrigon. (Karen 541-922-3137)

HERMISTON SCHOOL DISTRICT, 6:30 p.m., district office, 502 W. Standard Ave., Hermiston. (541-667-6000)

MILTON-FREEWATER SCHOOL DISTRICT, 6:30 p.m., Central Middle School, 306 S.W. Second St., Milton-Freewater. (541-938-3551)

HEPPNER CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Heppner City Hall, 111 N. Main St., Heppner. (541-676-9618)

MILTON-FREEWATER CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Milton-Freewater Public Library Albee Room, 8 S.W. Eighth Ave., Milton-Freewater. (541-938-5531)

PILOT ROCK FIRE DISTRICT, 7 p.m., Pilot Rock Fire Department, 415 N.E. Elm St., Pilot Rock. (541-443-4522)

HERMISTON CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Hermiston City Hall council chambers, 180 N.E. Second St., Hermiston. (541-567-5521)

MILTON-FREEWATER PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Milton-Freewater Public Library Albee Room, 8 S.W. Eighth Ave., Milton-Freewater. 6 p.m. study session, 7 p.m. regular meeting. (541-938-5531)

ATHENA-WESTON SCHOOL DISTRICT, 7 p.m., Weston Middle School modular, 205 E. Wallace, Weston. (Kim Thul 541-566-3551)

ADAMS CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Adams City Hall, 190 N. Main St., Adams. (541-566-9380)

TUESDAY, SEPT. 12

PENDLETON PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION, 12 p.m., Pendleton City Hall community room, 500 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. (541-276-8100)

PORT OF UMATILLA COMMISSION, 1 p.m., Port of Umatilla offices, 505 Willamette Ave., Umatilla. (541-922-3224)

HERMISTON CEMETERY DISTRICT, 4 p.m., Burns Mortuary, 685 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston.

PENDLETON FARMERS MARKET BOARD, 5:30 p.m., Pendleton Early Learning Center, 455 S.W. 13th St., Pendleton. (541-969-9466)

WESTON CEMETERY BOARD, 6 p.m., Memorial Hall, 210 E. Main St., Weston. (541-566-3313)

PENDLETON LIBRARY BOARD, 6 p.m., Pendleton Public Library meeting room, 502 S.W.

Dorion Ave., Pendleton. (541-966-0380)

LEXINGTON TOWN COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Lexington Town Hall, 425 F St., Lexington. (541-989-815)

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 13
UKIAH SCHOOL DISTRICT, 8 a.m., Ukiah Community School, 201 Hill St., Ukiah. (541-427-3731)

MORROW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, 9 a.m., Irrigon Public Library, 200 N.E. Main Ave., Irrigon. (541-676-9061)

MILTON-FREEWATER CEMETERY MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 3, 12 p.m., Milton-Freewater Golf Course restaurant, 301 Catherine St., Milton-Freewater. (541-938-5531)

STANFIELD IRRIGATION DISTRICT, 12 p.m., district office, 100 W. Coe Ave., Stanfield. (Tiffany Harrell 541-449-3272)

PORT OF MORROW COMMISSION, 1:30 p.m., Port of Morrow, 2 Marine Drive, Boardman. (Dori Drago 541-481-7678)

RIVERSIDE SITE COUNCIL, 5:30 p.m., Riverside High School library, 210 N.E. Boardman Ave., Boardman. (541-676-9128)

WESTON CITY COUNCIL, 6 p.m., Memorial Hall, 210 E. Main St., Weston. (541-566-3313)

ATHENA PLANNING COMMISSION, 6:30 p.m., Athena City Hall, 215 S. Third St., Athena. (541-566-3862)

CONDON PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Condon City Hall, 128 S. Main St., Condon. (541-384-2711)

CONDON SCHOOL DISTRICT, 7 p.m., Condon Grade School, 220 S. East St., Condon. (541-384-2441)

HERMISTON PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Hermiston City Hall, 180 N.E. Second St., Hermiston. (541-567-5521)

STANFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT, 7 p.m., Stanfield School District office, 1120 N. Main St., Stanfield. (541-449-3305)

UMATILLA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1, 7 p.m., Fire Station 21, 320 S. First St., Hermiston. (Reta Larson 541-567-8822)

HELIX SCHOOL DISTRICT, 7:30 p.m., Helix School library, 120 Main St., Helix. (541-457-2175)

LOTTERY

Thursday, Sept. 7

Lucky Days

03-08-11-13-FREE-19-24-

26-32

Estimated jackpot: \$55,000

Pick 4

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

4 p.m.: 0-5-5-8

7 p.m.: 6-0-8-3

10 p.m.: 5-5-1-2

Friday, Sept. 8

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 9-8-9-0

Helicopter crash kills country singer Troy Gentry

By GEOFF MULVIHILL
Associated Press

LUMBERTON, N.J. — A helicopter carrying singer Troy Gentry, of the award-winning country music duo Montgomery Gentry, crashed on Friday, killing Gentry and the pilot.

The crash occurred in a wooded area as the helicopter approached the Flying W Airport in Medford hours before Montgomery Gentry was due to perform at a resort housed at the airport, authorities said.

The band's website called Gentry's death "tragic" and said details of the crash were unknown.

"Troy Gentry's family wishes to acknowledge all of the kind thoughts and prayers, and asks for privacy at this time," the website said.

Gentry, who was 50 years old, was from Kentucky.

Police got a call at about 1 p.m. of a helicopter that was in distress, said Joel Bewley, a spokesman for the Burlington County prosecutor's office. The helicopter crashed as emergency crews arrived at the scene.



In this Nov. 2011 file photo, Eddie Montgomery, left, and Troy Gentry of Montgomery Gentry arrive at the 45th Annual CMA Awards in Nashville, Tenn. Gentry, one half of the award-winning country music duo Montgomery Gentry, died Friday in a helicopter crash, according to a statement from the band's website. He was 50.

Crews removed Gentry, who was a passenger, from the wreckage, but he was pronounced dead at a hospital, Medford police Chief Richard Meder said.

The crews worked for hours to remove the body of pilot James Evan Robinson from the mangled wreckage. Robinson had

been living in Medford but was originally from Meigs, Georgia. He was a helicopter pilot at the flight school at the Flying W Airport, police said.

Members of the country duo's band including the other half of the duo, Eddie Montgomery, were at the airport when the helicopter

crashed, Meder said. They were taken to the hospital to see Gentry, he said.

The helicopter had taken off from the Flying W Airport but went into distress and was approaching the airport to land when it crashed, Meder said. The purpose of the helicopter trip wasn't known.

The National Transportation Safety Board was headed to the crash scene.

Gentry was born in Lexington, Kentucky, where he met Montgomery and they formed an act based off their surnames.

Montgomery Gentry had success on the country charts and country radio in the 2000s, scoring No. 1 hits with "Roll With Me," "Back When I Knew It All," "Lucky Man," "Something to Be Proud Of" and "If You Ever Stop Loving Me." Some of the songs even cracked the Top 40 on the pop charts.

The band mixed country music with Southern rock. It was inducted into the Grand Ole Opry in 2009. It released its debut album "Tattoos & Scars," in 1999.

U.S. Wheat says leaving NAFTA would be 'disastrous'

By MATTHEW WEAVER
Capital Press

The U.S. resumes efforts to renegotiate a trade deal with Canada and Mexico on Sept. 1, as President Donald Trump has again hinted that he may pull out of the deal.

Trump on Aug. 27 said on his Twitter account that both countries were being "very difficult" while renegotiating the North American Free Trade Agreement and he "may have to terminate?" In the same tweet, he called NAFTA the "worst trade deal" ever made.

Terminating the deal would be "disastrous" for agriculture and the wheat industry, said Ben Conner, director of policy for U.S. Wheat Associates.

"If the president were to withdraw from NAFTA, I think that would cause a lot of problems in farm country," Conner said. "The president has a lot more negotiating experience than I do, but if they're trying to make counterparts in Canada and Mexico concerned, it also has us alarmed."

In April, it also looked like Trump might pull out of the deal, Conner said.

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— Ben Conner, U.S. Wheat Associates director of policy

Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue and others helped "reverse course" at the time, he said.

"The dynamics that kept that in place, I think, are still the same," he said. "We're still negotiating and the agreement's still extremely important to a lot of U.S. industry, including farm states and a lot of the president's base."

The three countries' negotiators first met in Washington, D.C., early in August. They "were not totally on the same page yet," Conner said.

Conner said the U.S. has not attempted to restart an entire trade agreement before.

"That's effectively what we're talking about with NAFTA," he said. "I guess (it) will be an experiment to see how that changes the negotiating dynamic and the outcome of the agreement."

A lot is at stake for U.S. wheat farmers. Mexico is the crop's largest market, Conner said. NAFTA eliminated market inconsistency and trade barriers, and increased exports into Mexico by 400 percent.

"Without NAFTA, under (World Trade Organization) rules, Mexico can impose tariffs up to 67 percent on wheat, and right now it's duty-free," Conner said. "We're exposed if there's a change in policy in Mexico that we don't have locked in like we do with NAFTA now."

NAFTA has room for improvement, including a commitment from Canada to treat U.S. wheat farmers equally when delivering across the border to a Canadian elevator, according to U.S. Wheat.

"It's 23 years old, there's a lot that can be modernized," Conner said. "The digital economy and all

sorts of things that were not in trade agreements back then are part of negotiations now."

The agriculture industry has emphasized a need to "do no harm," in renegotiating the deal.

Other than the localized problem in Canada, "there's not a lot of improvements that can really be made in the North American market," Conner said. "So for us, it's mostly downside risk. We're hoping for that little bit of upside."

Conner would prefer more focus be put on negotiating trade deals with countries in the growing Asia-Pacific region. Trump withdrew from the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal with 11 other countries in January.

The European Union has reached a tentative agreement with Japan, and other countries are busy negotiating their own trade deals, Conner said.

"And right now we're sitting on the sidelines," he said.

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Pendleton bond sale results in lower tax rate

East Oregonian

The city of Pendleton's bond sale for a voter-approved fire station project went well enough that Pendleton taxpayers will end up paying less than originally anticipated, according to a city press release.

The city announced Tuesday that it the sale had raised \$9,999,860 but the city would only be obligated to pay back \$9,060,000 in debt, meaning the 62 cents per \$1,000 in assessed value bond rate would fall to 51 cents after five years.

Following the bond sale, Fire Chief Mike Ciraulo said design firm Mackenzie would continue to work on designs for the new fire station and the city would proceed with plans to hire a general contractor during the design phase.

Approved by voters in May, the bond will primarily fund a new fire station on Southeast Court Avenue on the old St. Anthony Hospital property, replacing the department's current station at 911 S.W. Court Ave.

Freel murder case will proceed

East Oregonian

A Milton-Freewater teenager accused of murdering his infant son is now able to stand trial, his defense attorney said Wednesday.

At a status hearing at the Umatilla County Courthouse in Pendleton, Herman Bylenga of Intermountain Public Defender said this development will require more time for Evan Freel, 17, to meet with his defense at Northern Oregon Regional Correctional Facility in The Dalles.

Linked via video to the hearing from NORCOR, Freel watched as Circuit Court Judge Christopher Brauer set a Nov. 16 pretrial conference.

Seated next to District Attorney Dan Primus, Chief Deputy Prosecutor Jaclyn Jenkins told Brauer that Freel

will be moved to the Umatilla County Jail in Pendleton once he turns 18 on Oct. 10.

Brauer suspended proceedings in August after he found Freel "lacks the fitness to proceed" due to reports from two clinical psychologists and his defense. Brauer ordered that Freel remain committed to the Oregon State Hospital "until capacity is gained or regained."

Freel has pleaded not guilty to murder and first-degree criminal mistreatment.

The state has accused Freel of killing his 5-month-old son, Dominic, on June 8, 2016.

The search warrant affidavit from Milton-Freewater officer Morgan Dunlap stated a medical examination of the baby's body showed multiple injuries consistent with what Freel told police he did to quiet his crying son.

SUPPORT GROUPS

ist Church, 191 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston.

HEPPNER MIRACLES OPEN AA MEETING, 8 p.m., St. Patrick's Catholic Church parish hall, 525 N. Gale St., Heppner. (800-410-5953)

SUNDAY, SEPT. 10
HUNGRY SPIRIT OPEN AA MEETING, 8:30 a.m., Roosters Restaurant, 1515 Southgate, Pendleton. (800-410-5953)

HARPER ROAD AL-ANON, 10-11 a.m., complex, 680 W. Harper Road, Suite 2, Hermiston.

OPEN AA MEETING, 12 p.m., complex, 680 W. Harper Road, Hermiston. (800-410-5953)

OPEN AA MEETING, 7 p.m., Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center, 73265 Confederated Way, Mission. (800-410-5953)

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, 7 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, 241 S.E. Second St., Pendleton.

OPEN AA MEETING, 7 p.m., complex, 680 W. Harper Road, Hermiston. (800-410-5953)

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, 7:30-9 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 191 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston.

MONDAY, SEPT. 11
AA BIG BOOK STUDY, 12 p.m., complex, 680 W. Harper Road, Hermiston. (800-410-5953)

PENDLETON PARKINSON'S SUPPORT/TELEHEALTH FAMILY, 2-4 p.m., Pendleton City Hall, 500 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. (Sue Peterson 541-276-4569)

AL-ANON, 5:30-7 p.m., St. John's Episcopal Church, 665 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. Book study 5:30-6 p.m., meeting 6-7 p.m.

HOPE FOR HEALING SUPPORT GROUP, 6-7:30 p.m., Good Shepherd Medical Office Plaza meeting room, 620 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston. Ongoing bereavement support group dealing with loss and grief issues. (541-667-3543)

AA BIG BOOK STUDY, 6 p.m., complex, 680 W. Harper

Road, Hermiston. (800-410-5953)

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, 6:30 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, 241 S.E. Second St., Pendleton.

OPEN AA MEETING, 6:30 p.m., Echo Community Methodist Church, 21 N. Bonanza St., Echo. (541-571-6257 or 800-410-5953)

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, 7 p.m., Christ the King Lutheran Church, 325 S.W. Sixth Ave., Milton-Freewater.

OPEN AA MEETING, 8 p.m., United Church of Christ, 114 S. East St., Condon. (800-410-5953)

TUESDAY, SEPT. 12
TOPS, 8:30-10 a.m., Landmark Baptist Church, 125 E. Beech Ave., Hermiston. (Barb 541-580-8668)

OPEN AA MEETING, 12 p.m., complex, 680 W. Harper Road, Hermiston. (800-410-5953)

CANCER SURVIVORS LUNCHEON, 1-2 p.m., St. Anthony Hospital, 2801 St. Anthony Way, Pendleton. (Lori Weaver 541-278-3233)