

DEATH NOTICES

**Marvin W. Britt**

**Spray**  
Sept. 14, 1926 - Oct. 12, 2017

Marvin W. Britt, 91, of Spray died Thursday, Oct. 12, 2017, at his home. He was born Sept. 14, 1926, in Fossil. Arrangements are pending at Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner.

**Marion E. Jeffers**

**Pilot Rock**  
June 24, 1930 - Oct. 13, 2017

Marion E. Jeffers, 87, of Pilot Rock died Friday, Oct. 13, 2017, in Pendleton. She was born June 24, 1930. Arrangements are with Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop.

**Michael R. Lott**

**Lake Oswego**  
Aug. 18, 1961 - Oct. 11, 2017

Former Heppner and Pendleton resident Michael R. Lott, 56, died Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2017, at his home in Lake Oswego. He was born Aug. 18, 1961, in Portland. Arrangements are pending at Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner.

**Diane Renee Sheets**

**Milton-Freewater**  
Feb. 24, 1963 - Oct. 12, 2017

Diane Renee Sheets, 54, of Milton-Freewater died Thursday, Oct. 12, 2017, in Kennewick, Wash. She was born Feb. 24, 1963. Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home in Milton-Freewater is in charge of arrangements.

UPCOMING SERVICES

**SATURDAY, OCT. 14**

**GILLPATRICK, BETTY** — Celebration of life at 2 p.m. at the Pendleton Eagles Lodge, 428 S. Main St.

**GREEN, CLIFFORD** — Memorial service at 11 a.m. at Heppner United Methodist Church, 175 Church St.

**HAMPLE, CLARENE** — Memorial service at 3 p.m. at Central Lutheran Church, 1857 Potter St., Eugene.

**MARSTON, CHERIE** — Celebration of life at 11 a.m. at Einan's at Sunset Chapel, 915 Bypass Highway, Richland, Wash.

**OTTESON, BEN** — Celebration of life at 1 p.m. at Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop, 131 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton.

**RIKER, KAY** — Celebration of life service at 1 p.m. at Crossroads Community Church, 350 N. Sherman St., Stanfield.

**SUNDAY, OCT. 15**

No services scheduled

**MONDAY, OCT. 16**

**KREBS, KEITH** — Memorial service at 2:30 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church, 1420 S. Second Ave., Walla Walla.

**VILLARREAL, JESSE** — Memorial service at noon at Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop, 131 S.E. Byers Ave.

**TUESDAY, OCT. 17**

**COSSITT, RICK** — Graveside service at 10 a.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery.

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

MEETINGS

**MONDAY, OCT. 16**

**WEST EXTENSION IRRIGATION DISTRICT**, 9 a.m., Irrigon Fire Department, 705 N.E. Main St., Irrigon. An executive session may be called to discuss legal issues. (Lisa Baum 541-922-3814)

**OSBA SCHOOL BOARD TRAINING**, 5:30 p.m., Weston-McEwen High School, 540 E. Main St., Athena. (Paula Warner 541-566-3551)

**ECHO SCHOOL DISTRICT**, 6 p.m., Echo Community School, 600 Gerone St., Echo. A budget meeting will be followed by the regular board meeting. (541-376-8436)

**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, OCT. 17**  
**INTERMOUNTAIN ESD REGIONAL BOARD TOUR AND MEETING**, 8 a.m., Central Elementary School, 402 K Ave., La Grande. The regular meeting will follow at 4:45 p.m. (Marla Royal 541-566-3102)

**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 BOARD**, 6 p.m., SAGE Center, 101 Olson Road, Boardman. (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)

**PILOT ROCK CITY COUNCIL**, 7 p.m., Pilot Rock City Hall council chambers, 143 W. Main St., Pilot Rock. (541-443-2811)

**STANFIELD CITY COUNCIL**, 7 p.m., Stanfield City Hall council chambers, 160 S. Main St., Stanfield. (541-449-3831)

**PENDLETON CITY COUNCIL**, 7 p.m., Pendleton City Hall council chambers, 501 S.W. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton. (541-966-0201)

**STANFIELD CITY COUNCIL**, 7 p.m., Stanfield City Hall council chambers, 160 S. Main St., Stanfield. (541-449-3831)

**EAST UMATILLA COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT**, 7 p.m., district office, 431 E. Main St., Athena. (541-566-3813)

**OREGON TRAIL LIBRARY DISTRICT**, 7 p.m., Oregon Trail Library District office, 200 S. Main St., Boardman. (541-481-3365)

**PILOT ROCK CITY COUNCIL**, 7 p.m., Pilot Rock City Hall council chambers, 143 W. Main St., Pilot Rock. (541-443-2811)

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 18**  
**MORROW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, 9 a.m., SAGE Center, 101 Olson Road, Boardman. (541-676-9061)

**PENDLETON FAÇADE COMMITTEE**, 3:30 p.m., Pendleton City Hall community development conference room, 500 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. (Julie Chase 541-966-0204)

**BOARDMAN PLANNING COMMISSION**, 7 p.m., Boardman City Hall, 200 City Center Circle, Boardman. (541-481-9252)

**PILOT ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT**, 7 p.m., Pilot Rock High School library, 101 N.E. Cherry St., Pilot Rock. (541-443-8291)

**UMATILLA HOSPITAL DISTRICT**, 7:30 p.m., Umatilla Medical Clinic, 1890 Seventh St., Umatilla. (541-922-3104)

**THURSDAY, OCT. 19**  
**BUTTER CREEK IRRIGATION DISTRICT**, 8 a.m., River Point Farms conference room, 28790 Westport Lane, Hermiston. (Bonnie Kyger 509-820-3202)

**ECHO IRRIGATION DISTRICT**, 8:30 a.m., River Point Farms conference room, 28790 Westport Lane, Hermiston. (Bonnie Kyger 509-820-3202)

**ECHO CITY COUNCIL**, 4 p.m., Echo City Hall, 20 S. Bonanza St., Echo. (541-376-8411)

**HERMISTON IRRIGATION DISTRICT**, 4 p.m., Hermiston Irrigation District office conference room, 366 E. Hurlburt Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-3024)

LOTTERY

<b>Thursday, Oct. 12</b>	4 p.m.: 3-0-1-9
<b>Lucky Lines</b>	7 p.m.: 2-4-7-6
04-07-12-14-FREE-19-23-26-29	10 p.m.: 5-9-7-9
Estimated jackpot: \$10,000	
<b>Pick 4</b>	<b>Friday, Oct. 13</b>
1 p.m.: 8-5-8-1	<b>Pick 4</b>
	1 p.m.: 4-0-7-4

Longtime loves among those lost in wildfire

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — More than 30 people have died in the deadliest week of wildfires in California history. The victims include a couple who recently celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary, a woman born with a spinal defect who worked to help others and a woman who died in her husband's arms as they sought safety in a backyard swimming pool.

**Together in life and death**  
Charles Rippey, 100, and his wife, Sara, 98, are the oldest victims of the wine country wildfires identified so far.

Their bodies were found by one of their sons who had made his way past security and found the home in Napa where they had lived for 35 years completely gone. Only two blackened metal chairs, a porcelain tea set of white and soft washes of blue and other small remnants remained to testify to the couple's long life together.

Charles Rippey — who was known by his nickname "Peach" since he was a toddler — appeared to be heading to the room of his wife, who had had a stroke in recent years.

Mike Rippey said his father would have never left his mother. The couple met in grade school and recently celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary with their five children.

"Those of us in the family always would, you know, wonder what would happen if one of them died and the other one was still left because we knew that, you know, there's no way they would ever be happy whoever was the last one and so they went together," Rippey, 71, said as he stood among the charred ruins of their home.

The couple attended the University of Wisconsin and married in 1942 before Charles Rippey served as a U.S. Army engineer in World War II. He then became an executive with the Firestone tire company.

**Dedicated to helping others**  
Christina Hanson, 27, used a wheelchair and spent her life dedicated to helping others despite her own hardships, her family said.

Kelsi Mannhalter had posted on social media asking people to search for her cousin after the fire Monday ravaged Santa Rosa where Hanson



Courtesy Michael Rippey via AP

**This undated photo provided by their son Michael Rippey shows Charles and Sara Rippey. Charles, 100, and Sara, 98, were unable to leave their Napa, Calif., home, and died when the Tubbs fire swept through.**

lived.

Mannhalter later confirmed on Facebook that Hanson did not survive when the flames consumed her home.

"Just surreal," Mannhalter posted. "I love you so much and am going to miss you sweet cousin. I can't say it enough."

Her father was found collapsed on the street in front of his home with third-degree burns and was taken to a hospital in San Francisco. Hanson had tried unsuccessfully to reach him as flames surrounded her apartment around 1:30 a.m. Monday, the *San Francisco Chronicle* reported.

Hanson was born with a spinal defect and lost her mother at 9 to lupus.

Still, her focus was always on others, her stepmother, Jennifer Watson, told the newspaper, describing her as "a very happy, social and positive person."

Hanson volunteered two days a week at an Alzheimer's residential care facility in Santa Rosa, where she would entertain residents.

She also taught herself sign language and interpreted for the hearing impaired.

"She loved helping people and loved her family," said Watson, who

was with her stepdaughter the day before she died.

Her family wrote in an online obituary that Hanson "was granted her angel wings."

**Died in her husband's arms**  
In the 55 years they were married, Carmen Caldenty Berriz had spent countless hours in her husband Armando's arms.

In his arms was where the 75-year-old took her last breath on Monday, as he held her afloat in a swimming pool as walls of fire burned around them, the *San Francisco Chronicle* reported.

Carmen had known Armando was the one since she was 12, and the two dated for years before marrying in 1962. By the time Carmen turned 75, their family had grown to include two daughters, a son, their children's spouses and seven grandchildren.

The Berrizes were three days into a vacation at a Santa Rosa rental house with family when son-in-law Luis Ocon woke early Monday morning and saw the fire begin to overtake the neighborhood.

They fled to their cars.

Luis, Monica Ocon, and their daughter made it through the thick smoke and flames and pulled over, watching for Carmen and Armando's car to emerge behind them. It never came.

Armando Berriz's car had gotten stuck on a fallen tree. He told his wife they had to run back to the house to take shelter in the backyard pool.

As flames melted the chaise lounges a few feet away, Carmen clung to Armando, who kept them both afloat by hanging onto the brick sides of the pool.

Armando Berriz held on for hours, even as the brick burned his hands, even as his wife stopped breathing. He let go only after the flames had burned out, laying Carmen on the steps of the pool with her arms carefully crossed over her chest.

He walked two miles to find firefighters.

"Everything they did was as a team," daughter Monica Ocon said. "They had this bond and this strength that literally lasted a lifetime."

COMING EVENTS

**SUNDAY, OCT. 15**

**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, 518 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater. Donations accepted. (541-938-3854)

**NATHAN WEBBER MINISTRY**, 10:30 a.m., Crossroads Community Church, 350 N. Sherman St., Stanfield. A gifted storyteller and respected community servant will minister to the area. RSVP requested for Oct. 14 Men's Breakfast; all appearances free of charge. (Michael Kinlock 541-449-3434)

**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., Prudogal Son Brewery & Pub, 230 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton. Share ideas on format of Pendleton area's newest radio station. (Vickie or Gary 541-566-2744 or 541-566-0131)

**FALL FANTASIA**, 4 p.m., Pilot Rock Elementary School, 200 Vern McGowan Drive, Pilot Rock. Inland Northwest Chorale will perform a selection of music. A reception with refreshments will follow the concert. Free, but donations accepted. (Sally Ketchersid 541-289-4696)

**NATHAN WEBBER MINISTRY**, 6 p.m., Crossroads Community Church, 350 N. Sherman St., Stanfield. A gifted storyteller and respected community servant will minister to the area. RSVP requested for Oct. 14 Men's Breakfast; all appearances free of charge. (Michael Kinlock 541-449-3434)

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

**MONDAY, OCT. 16**

**TAI CHI: MOVING FOR BETTER BALANCE**, 9-9:45 a.m., Good Shepherd Wellness Center, 610 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston. Improve balance, increase flexibility and strengthen core muscles. Participants should wear comfortable clothing and shoes with flexible soles. Can be performed standing or sitting. Class size capped at 15; registration required. (Lynda Carraher 541-922-4203)

**TOT TIME**, 10 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. For children ages 0-5.

**PRE-SCHOOL 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**, 12-1 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)

**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 Lavador 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)



Photo contributed by Oregon's Alpenfest

**Bruce Coutant of Enterprise, who builds alphorns, will play the traditional horn during Oktoberfest Pendleton Saturday at the Pendleton Round-Up Grounds.**

adult. (Roberta Lavador 541-278-9201)

**YARN CLUB**, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-2882)

**BOARDMAN QUILT SHOW**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Boardman Senior Center, 100 Tatone St., Boardman. Annual show features the work of local crafters. Prizes in several age groups including youth quilters, mini classes, educational displays, fabric and quilting supply vendors and more. Lunch will be available for purchase. Raffles and door prizes. Admission of \$3 is good for both days of the show. (Kathy Hyder 541-571-7009)

**BOOK SALE**, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Pendleton Convention Center, 1601 Westgate, Pendleton. Member's Only Preview Thursday; memberships available at the door. All books \$1 a bag on Saturday from 3-5 p.m. (541-966-0380)

**SAGE SATURDAY**, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., SAGE Center, 101 Olson Road, Boardman. Free admission and activities for families with children. This month: decorate a tote bag perfect for collecting treats any time of year. (Stefanie Swindler 541-481-7243)

**FOIL ANNUAL BOOK SALE**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Irrigon Public Library, 490 N.E. Main Ave., Irrigon. A wide variety of books including children's, cooking, history, romance, westerns, biographies, religious, mystery and more. A bake sale will offer homemade goodies. Proceeds benefit library programs. (Loa Heideman 541-922-0683)

**ECHO CORN MAZE AND PUMPKIN PATCH**, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Corn Maze, 100 N. Dupont St., Echo. Corn maze, zip line, corn box, kiddie carts, pumpkin patch and more. Admission is \$10 for ages 3 and up. (509-528-5808)

**HIP & HANDMADE**, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Free drop-in project class for adults. (Roberta Lavador 541-278-9201)

**OKTOBERFEST PENDLETON**, 12-6 p.m., Pendleton Round-Up Grounds, 1205 S.W. Court Ave., Pendleton. Live music, kids' activities, food and beer. \$12 includes beer mug and drink ticket, \$5 for non-drinkers.

**COUNTRY HOEDOWN**, 1-4 p.m., Milton-Freewater Neighborhood Senior Center, 311 N. Main St., Milton-Freewater. Live music, dancing and singing. Admission \$2, refreshments available for purchase. (541-938-3311)

**"GET INTO THE SPIRIT" ARTIST'S RECEPTION**, 2-4 p.m., Arts Portal Gallery, 508 N. Main St., Milton-Freewater. The exhibit, featuring artist Julie Culjak, includes activities for all ages, treats, a window decorating contest by local high school students and live music by Jimmie Turner. Free. (Laura Rose 541-938-5516)

**ALTRUSA OKTOBERFEST**, 4 p.m., Hermiston Conference Center, 415 S. Highway 395, Hermiston. Authentic German meal, silent/live auctions and a raffle for a \$2,000 VISA card. \$30 admission.

**FALL FANTASIA**, 4 p.m., Umatilla High School, 1460 Seventh St., Umatilla. Inland Northwest Chorale will perform a selection of music. A reception with refreshments will follow the concert. Free, but donations accepted. (Salli Ketchersid 541-289-4696)

**HEPPNER BOOSTER CLUB DINNER AND AUCTION**, 6 p.m., Heppner Elks Lodge, 142 N. Main St., Heppner. Dinner begins at 6 p.m., live auction begins at 7 p.m. Silent auction and raffles also included. Dinner tickets \$15; free admission for auctions and raffles. (Melissa Lindsay 541-256-0366)

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