OBITUARIES

Amy Marie Blanchet

Pendleton
February 15, 1976 - January 23, 2018

Amy Marie Blanchet, 41, of Pendleton passed away on January 23, 2018. She was born on February 15, 1976, in Portland, Oregon, to Larry and Linda (Wyatt) Blanchet.

She attended McKay Creek Elementary, Pendleton Jr. High and graduated from Pendleton High School in 1994. Amy also attended Blue Mt. Community College throughout the years exploring various studies.

Blanchet

She worked at Keystone RV Company in the Quality Assurance Department and also as a server at Golden Fountain.

Spending time with family and friends always brought Amy the most joy. Amy loved to attend her children's sporting events, school activities and spending as much time with them as possible. She also enjoyed listening to music, gardening, camping, fishing, arts, crafts and vacations to the Oregon Coast. Throughout her life she never failed to notice the good in everyone and was always incredibly compassionate towards others.

Amy is predeceased by her mother; Linda Blanchet.

She is survived by her children Nicholas Blanchet of Pendleton, Marley Lehman of Pendleton and Shelby Lehman of Pendleton; father Larry Blanchet of Pendleton; siblings Katy Childers of Pasco, Washington, Suzanna (Jeff) Clark of Pendleton, Roseanne Blanchet (Charles Garner) of Pendleton and John (Kristin) Blanchet of Pendleton; and nieces Brooke Childers of Pasco, Wash., Abbygale Blanchet of Pendleton and John Hunter Blanchet of Pendleton.

A private placement of her urn will be held at Olney Cemetery.

Celebration of Amy's life will be held at the First Church of God downstairs in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, February 3, 2018, at 2 p.m.

Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements.

Wilma (Rees) Rutten

Pendleton
July 12, 1924 - January 19, 2018

Wilma (Rees) Rutten, 93, of Pendleton passed away peacefully on January 19, 2018, in the loving company of her niece, Judy Donham.

Wilma was born on July 12, 1924, in Melrose, New Mexico, to farmers Culbert and Monta (Weeks) Rees, where she remembered living through the Dust Bowl and the Great Depression. Just months after Pearl Harbor she graduated from Melrose High School. The following day she caught a ride to Southern California where she worked building airplanes for the air defense war effort.

Rutten

After the war she traveled to New York, worked in Panama, and then relocated with her parents to Helix, Oregon, in the vicinity of Rees family members. She first worked at the Helix Grocery Store, then moved to Pendleton to become a registered nurse in the last graduating class at the St. Anthony Hospital Nursing School. She was devoted to her profession for approximately 30 years. She was often charge nurse of the 3 to 11 shift where the emergency room was her passion. Wilma admired many of the nuns who took her under their wing and taught her nursing skills not found in books. Her career also kept her supplied with a multitude of jokes.

In 1963, James Rutten visited every hospitalized person he knew — trying to meet Wilma. He courted her with midnight lunches after work, often at The Saddle. Six months later they were married. Their homey farmhouse was host to nurses, doctors, nuns, bird hunters, and family for holidays and casual gatherings. Jim raised a few race horses and they enjoyed attending races at Portland Meadows. Wilma would schedule her hospital vacation during harvest to cook for the hands. Their 20-year partnership was harmonious and filled with respect.

When widowed in 1984, Wilma downsized gracefully — moving to town, a picket fence, geraniums to tend and birds to feed. She wouldn't leave her darling home or Pendleton for love nor money, until God called her name.

Wilma was preceded in death by her parents, husband, siblings Reba Donham, Willy Rees, George Rees and Lorene Ratliff, and nephew George Donham.

She is survived by nieces Debra (Ratliff) Bunnell, Judy Donham and Amy (Rees) Smith; nephews David and Mark Rees; extended family; and good friends and neighbors.

A graveside inurnment will be held at Helix Cemetery at 10 a.m. on Saturday, February 10, 2018.

Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements.

W. Jean Thomson

Pendleton
December 16, 1924 - January 24, 2018

W. Jean Thomson, 93, of Pendleton passed away on January 24, 2018, at a local care facility. She was born on December 16, 1924, in Washington, Indiana, to Rollie and Eula Belle (Parsons) Moren.

She graduated from Washington High in 1942 and attended business college in Evansville, Indiana. Her career with the Oregon State Employment Division began in 1953 in Pendleton, and took her to Salem, Oregon, where she retired in 1983. During her retirement she kept busy; serving as the administrative assistant with Oregon Games Disability Sports until 1997 when she returned to Pendleton. She was part of the Emblem Club (served as state president and Supreme President), member of the Peace Lutheran Church, and sang in the church choir. Jean enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, camping, fishing, playing the piano, singing, bingo and loved the Round-Up and Happy Canyon.

Thomson

Jean is survived by her children Richard (Donna) Vogel of Pendleton and Cheryl (Randy) Gore of Wilsonville, Oregon; sister Margie Butler of Evansville, Indiana; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and four nieces and nephews.

A graveside memorial will be held at Skyview Memorial Park on Saturday, March 17, 2018, at 1:30 p.m. All friends and family are invited to attend.

Contributions in Jean Thomson's memory may be made to Pendleton Hospice in care of Burns Mortuary of Pendleton.

Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements. Sign the online condolence book at www.burnsmortuary.com

UPCOMING SERVICES

SATURDAY, JAN. 27

BRUSE, TOINE — Memorial service at 4 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 518 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater.

DANIES, MARIE — Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, 78922 Olson Road, Boardman. Burial will follow at Riverview Cemetery, Boardman.

SPEAKMAN, MARJO — Celebration of life and potluck from 3-6 p.m. at the Walla Walla VFW, 102 N. Colville St.

SUNDAY, JAN. 28

HARDING, KEITH — Memorial service at 2 p.m. at the Hermiston First United Methodist Church, 191 E. Gladys Ave.

MONDAY, JAN. 29

BURDEN, MILDRED — Visitation from noon to 8 p.m. at Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop, 131 S.E. Byers Ave.

WHITMORE, DELBERT — Viewing from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. followed by funeral services at 1 p.m. at the Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home, 902 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater. Viewing will also follow the service. Concluding services and interment will be in the Milton-Freewater Cemetery.

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

DEATH NOTICES

Betty Rich

Pendleton
Jan. 2, 1930 - Jan. 24, 2018

Betty Rich, 88, of Pendleton died Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2018, in Athena. She was born Jan. 2, 1930, in Payette, Idaho. Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements. Sign the online condolence book at www.burnsmortuary.com

MEETINGS

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

MONDAY, JAN. 29

UMATILLA MORROW RADIO & DATA DISTRICT, 1:30 p.m., Umatilla County Fire District Station 23, 78760 Westland Road, Hermiston. (Shawn Halsey 541-966-3774)

CASON'S PLACE CHILDREN AND FAMILY GRIEF RECOVERY CENTER BOARD, 6 p.m., Cason's Place, 1416 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton. All those interested in volunteering are encouraged to attend. (Matt Terjeson 503-720-1620)

MORROW COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT, 7 p.m., Ione Community Church, 470 E. Main St., Ione. (541-676-9133)

TUESDAY, JAN. 30 - WEDNESDAY, JAN. 31

No meetings scheduled

COMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, JAN. 27

FUNDRAISER BAZAAR, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Pendleton Convention Center, 1601 Westgate, Pendleton. Fundraiser bazaar includes vendors, food available for purchase and special guest appearances with Moana and Iron Man for the kids. Proceeds help fund a mission trip to Guatemala. Free admission. (Tanna King 541-304-9255)

ARTWORKZ JUNIOR ART SHOW OPENING EXHIBIT, 10 a.m., Tamastslikt Cultural Institute, 47106 Wildhorse Blvd., Pendleton. View artwork of local youth 19 and under in a variety of mediums. On display through March 17. Free admission opening day only. (Randall Melton 541-429-7720)

SATURDAY CRAFTS FOR KIDS, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. Drop-in craft time for kids. Free. (541-567-2882)

JEWELRY MAKING: BEAD STRINGING, 12-2 p.m., Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Learn to string beads on jewelry wire to make necklaces and bracelets. Learn about various stringing materials, bead, clasps, and other components needed to make single strand or multiple strand jewelry. Two consecutive classes. Cost is $30 for members, $35 for non-members. (Kaisa Hil 541-278-9201)

PAPER MACHE FOR KIDS, 12:30-2 p.m., Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Learn the techniques and possibilities of paper and paste sculptures, including pinatas, masks and more. Drop-in class for ages 7-12, cost is $10 per session. (Kaisa Hill 541-278-9201)

MELONVILLE COMEDY FESTIVAL, 8 p.m., Hermiston Community Center, 415 S. Highway 395, Hermiston. Opener Cory Michael will be followed by co-headliners Kermit Apio and Derek Richard. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Tickets are $35, available at the Hermiston Community Center. (Warren Smith 541-561-7488)

SUNDAY, JAN. 28

KIDS KLUB, 9:30 a.m., First Christian Church, 518 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater. For children of all ages. Includes arts, crafts, music and more. Free. (Janet Collins 541-938-3854)

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)

"BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE" FUNDRAISING BANQUET, 5-7 p.m., Hermiston Community Center, 415 S. Highway 395, Hermiston. Guest speaker is Kirk Walden, author of "The Wall" and longtime pro-life participant. Free, but donations accepted. Register by calling the center, or email info@trucareprc.com with name, address, phone number and number attending. (Debbie Cissna 541-567-2393)

ADULT OPEN GYM, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Half-court basketball. Adults only. (541-276-8100)

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The ArtWorkz Junior Art Show opening exhibit is Saturday, 10 a.m. at Tamástslikt Cultural Institute, located near Wildhorse Resort & Casino.

MONDAY, JAN. 29

WALKING FOR WELLNESS, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center gymnasium, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Good music, new friends and indoor walking for health. Free. (541-276-8100)

TOT TIME, 10-11 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. For children ages 0-5, $1 per child. (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, 12-1 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 Lavadour 541-278-9201)

TUESDAY, JAN. 30

WALKING FOR WELLNESS, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center gymnasium, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Good music, new friends and indoor walking for health. Free. (541-276-8100)

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

HERMISTON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 p.m., Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church parish hall, 565 W. Hermiston 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 parish hall by donation. (541-567-3582)

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)

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)

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)

MCTEACHER'S NIGHT FUNDRAISER, 5-7 p.m., McDonald's, 1320 N. First St., Hermiston. Rocky Raccoon, principal Jerad Farley, teachers and staff from Rocky Heights Elementary School will man the counters to raise money for the Rocky Raccoon Resource Fund, receiving 15 percent of all sales and 100 percent of tip jar proceeds for the 2-hour period. (Maria Duron 541-667-6036)

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)

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)

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)

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