

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Metallica tribute band to thrash Eastern Oregon

BAKER CITY — The music of Metallica will rock Baker City as tribute band Blistered Earth is the season finale headliner during the Concerts on the Lawn series in Baker City.

The show is Friday, Sept. 3, at Ison House Bed & Brew, 1790 Washington Ave. Opener Trailer Hitch will take the stage at 6 p.m., followed by Blistered Earth at 8 p.m. Tickets for the 21 and older show are \$20. Also, food and beverages will be available for purchase.

Founded in Spokane in 2009, the band not only plays the sounds of Metallica — including such hits as “Enter Sandman,” “For Whom the Bell Tolls” and “Blackened” — they use the group’s equipment. Several years ago while on the road, the group’s gear was stolen. As word spread about Blistered Earth’s misfortune, members of Metallica swooped in to replace the lost equipment.

Tickets are available at the venue the night of the show beginning at 5 p.m. Also, advance tickets can be purchased via www.theisonhouse.com/upcoming-events.

Blistered Earth offers the energy, stage presence and song selections that die-hard Metallica fans crave. For more information about the show, call 503-894-4075, and for more about the band, visit www.blisteredearthtribute.com.

Music festival to benefit wounded veterans

PENDLETON — The inaugural Veterans Benefit and Music Festival will feature Steve Campbell, Jagged Edge and The Vaughn Jensen Experience.

On behalf of the Gary Sinise Foundation, money raised will be used to provide support to wounded veterans and their families. Presented by Steven K Music, the event is Saturday, Sept. 4, 1-7 p.m. at Heritage Station Museum, 108 S.W. Frazer Ave., Pendleton. Whether you like rock, country, folk or rhythm & blues, the event offers a variety of sounds.

An award-winning actor, Sinise developed the foundation in 2011 as a way to honor our country’s heroes. Sinise is committed to finding ways to give back to those who have made sacrifices on behalf of our nation and encourages others to do the same.

Tickets are \$20. They can be purchased at the door or in advance via www.eventbrite.com. For more about the event, search www.facebook.com/stevenkMusic. To learn about the Gary Sinise Foundation, visit www.garysinise-foundation.org.

Bellinger’s wine tasting features Echo winery

HERMISTON — The Gathering Place at Bellinger’s welcomes Lois Piercy of Echo West Vineyard Estate. She will be on hand pouring wines from Sno Road Winery — which she and her husband, Lloyd, own — during the September tasting event. Adults are welcome Thursday, Sept. 2, 5-8 p.m. at Bellinger’s, 1823 S. Highway 395, Hermiston. Live music also is featured during the evening. For questions, call 541-567-5870.

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Mac-Hi Hall of Fame inducts class of 2020

East Oregonian

The McLoughlin High School Hall of Fame/Toast to Talent honored its 2020 inductees.

The Aug. 21 celebration the Milton-Freewater school’s auditorium recognized the achievements of three alumni, a former educator and the Mac-Hi 1991 and 1992 Oregon School Activities Association championship wrestling teams.

Beverley McRae (1943)

Class salutatorian, McRae dedicated many years volunteering with a variety of organizations — including youth programs, nonprofit groups, community events and her church. McRae also served on numerous boards.

She managed to give back to her community while juggling her time with five active children.

In addition, McRae was said to be the “woman behind the man” to her late husband, George McRae, who spent years building a baseball program in Milton-Freewater.

Gilbert Tomlinson (1950)

A top dairy farmer in the region, Tomlinson grew the family business from Milton-Freewater to Pasco, and later beyond. Daily, his 850 Holstein cows produced 4,600 gallons of milk.

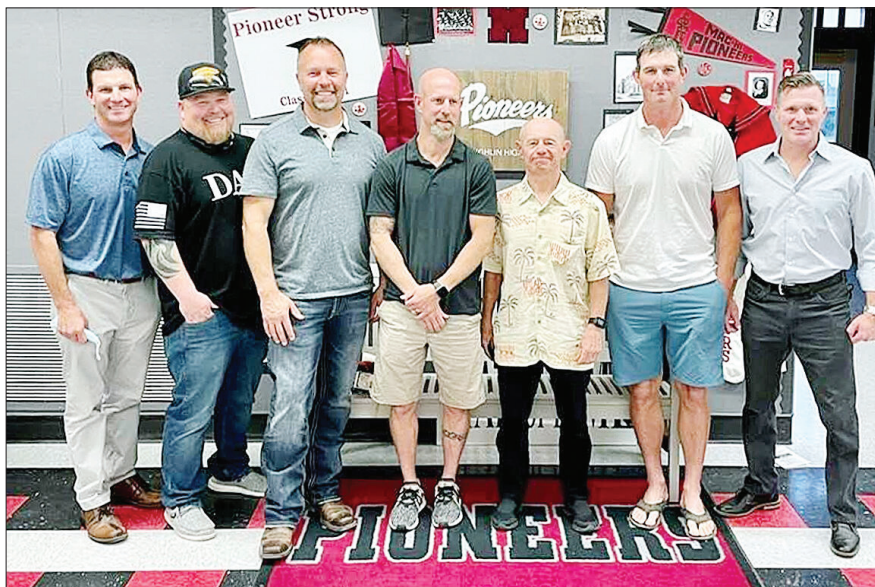
In addition to providing milk in bulk to Carnation Creamery in Walla Walla, he designed the first Dari Mart in 1956, a retail operation — complete with a drive-up window.

He hosted school field trips to provide education about the milk production process. Tomlinson, who died in 2015, was recognized as Walla Walla Boss of the Year in 1970.

Elsie Williams

Starting her career in 1954, Williams taught at Mac-Hi for 30 years. Long before the passage of Title IX, she was dedicated to encouraging and supporting opportunity and equality for young women. Williams was instrumental in the creation of the gymnastics and girls’ track programs at the school.

The school’s Jack Williams Auditorium was named after Williams’ late husband, a 2015 Hall of Fame inductee. Williams excitedly anticipated attending the ceremony, however, she died Aug. 12 at her home in McMinnville.



Mac-Hi Hall of Fame/Contributed Photo

The 1991 and 1992 OSAA championship wrestling teams were inducted into the McLoughlin High School Hall of Fame Aug. 21, 2021, in Milton-Freewater. Pictured from left, Brian Woody, Travis Burwell, Ryan Kralman, Bart Ewing, coach Jerry Ewing, Kurt Woody and Jon Thomas.



McRae



Tomlinson



LaRue



Williams

Sharee LaRue (1987)

Named the Milton-Freewater Junior Citizen of the Year in 2010, LaRue has continued to shine.

In addition to tutoring and mentoring students, she served on the Milton-Freewater Unified School District board.

A former professional barrel racer, it’s no surprise that LaRue continues to volunteer with 4-H, FFA and the Milton-Freewater Junior Show, including facilitating its Virtual Livestock Show and Auction.

LaRue credits 4-H, FFA, and the community for helping in raising her, saying her continued volunteer work is a way to give back.

1991 and 1992 wrestling teams

Guided by Jerry Ewing, the OSAA 3A Coach of the Year, the Pioneers scored a second consecutive state

title during the 1992 season with John Zerba as assistant coach.

The 1991 team took a Mac-Hi record 13 wrestlers to the state tournament, scoring 105.5 for the title. Five placed in the top five in their weight classes: 2nd, Bart Ewing 115 and Matt Millar 148; 4th, Jon Thomas 106 and Max Zerba 130; 5th, Ryan Kralman 168.

Not placing: Jim Miller, the late Tobin Zerba, L.G. Bullock, Travis Burwell, Scott Aalbers, Dennis Mooney, Roy Clark and Joe Chappell.

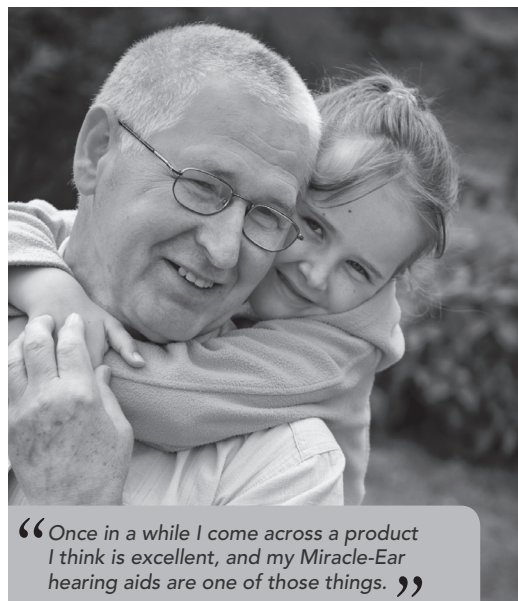
The 1992 team took 11 wrestlers to state with nine placing — scoring a record 162. The team was led by 136-pounder Max Zerba’s state championship. Others placing: 2nd, Jon Thomas 106 and Bart Ewing 115; 3rd, Matt Millar 157 and Bryan Miller 130; 4th, Kurt Woody 148, Travis Burwell 157 and Dennis Mooney 191; 6th, Ryan Kralman 168. Non-placers were Phillip Smith and John Timmons.

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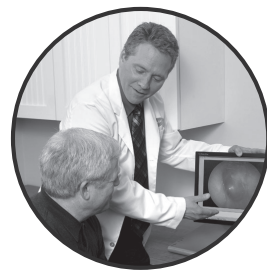
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