

Obituaries

Evelyn Louise Oveson Black & Ronald Black

High school sweethearts Ronald and Evelyn Black, formerly of Boardman, who would have celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on June 25, died within three days of each other recently at an assisted living center in Portland.

Mr. Black and Mrs. Black died at the Raleigh hills Assisted Living Facility in Portland. Mrs. Black, 89, died March 1, 2007 and Mr. Black died March 4, 2007.

Viewing was held Friday, March 9, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. A graveside memorial and interment service was scheduled for Saturday, March 10, at 10 a.m. at the Riverview Cemetery in Boardman. A potluck and celebration their lives followed at the Boardman Senior Center.

Mr. Black was born September 14, 1914 to William and Clyda Barton Black in Ferron, UT. He and his two sisters and three brothers grew up in Ferron and Rochester, UT. He loved working with his father herding sheep, bringing timber down the mountains and running the family sawmill.

At Ferron High School, Mr. Black played football, basketball and sang in the school choir. It was probably in choir practice that he first noticed Evelyn, family members said.

Mrs. Black was born November 5, 1917, in Cleveland, UT to parents Moroni and Theora Crawford Oveson.

Her parents and her three brothers moved to Ferron, where Moroni had accepted a position teaching junior high and high school.

Mrs. Black loved sewing, dancing and all of her school subjects - maybe choir best of all, because this was where she was able to sing with her future husband.

The couple dated throughout high school. When Mr. Black went off to Brigham Young University they kept their relationship secure through voluminous correspondence.

They were married on June 25, 1937, at the LDS Temple in Manti, UT. They had promised the Ovesons they would return to school, and Mr. Black would complete his degree.

Including a stint in construction to help build the air base at Wendover, UT, the young couple was finally ready in '43, with a bachelor's degree of science in education in hand, to set out on their next great adventure.

They moved from Emery County, UT and settled at Boardman. Mr. Black continued the family tradition, embarking there on a teaching career.

In Boardman, Mrs. Black became a substitute teacher and was involved in extensive community service.

She was a charter member of the Federated Women's Club, the Tillicum Club. She was an active member from 1947 to 2004 when illness required the Blacks to leave their home in Boardman. Mrs. Black also served on the Planning Commission for 25 years and was active with the American Cancer Society.

Mr. Black's 37-year teaching career included coaching basketball and

track and field teams. He was the adviser to the national award winning local FFA chapter.

Mr. Black's civic contributions included serving on the Boardman City Council from 1968 to 1990. He served at the time of Boardman's relocation following construction of the John Day Dam, which flooded the original town site.

He served as a Boardman volunteer fireman for 25 years ending in 1979. He was a former member of the Hermiston Elks Lodge No. 1845 and they were longtime members of the Greenfield Grange in Boardman.

He was a strong advocate of and taught classes in hunter safety. He loved fishing, gardening, woodworking, and most of all, spending time with his family.

The Blacks had been married for 69 years and would have celebrated their 70th anniversary June 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Black are survived by their daughter, Evelyn "Diane" Leahy and her husband, one grandson and three granddaughters. Mrs. Black is survived by her brother, M. Gene Oveson. Mr. Black is survived by his sister, Velma Frandsen.

Mr. Black was preceded in death by his parents; brother Glen Merrill and Thelher Black, and his sister Eldona Ralphs.

Mrs. Black was preceded in death by her parents; and brothers Crawford and Keith Oveson.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Boardman Senior Center.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston was in charge of the arrangements.

Stormy J. Kendrick

Funeral service for Stormy J. Kendrick, Ione, Oregon, will be held on Thursday, March 15, 2007, at 11 a.m. at the Ione High School Gymnasium. Burial will be at High View Cemetery, Ione.

Stormy Joyce Kendrick, 15, died Friday, March 9, 2007, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner, Oregon.

He was born on June 25, 1991, in Lake Havasu, Arizona to André and Susan Thompson Kendrick, the oldest of their three children. Stormy lived in Kingman, Arizona, until moving to Ione in 2001 to be near grandparents and other family. According to family, he faced the challenges of being a stranger in a new community, making friends and finding places to belong. He adjusted well and began to participate in school, sports, social, community, and church events. As a fourth grader, Stormy participated in PeeWee Basketball, Little League Baseball, and, his energy and eagerness to participate recognized by staff members, received an invitation to serve as manager for the high school football team. Beginning with the sixth grade Stormy participated in football, basketball and track, as well as volunteering to help with

many school and community events.

At the Lexington Baptist Church, Stormy developed his faith by joining AWANAs where he later became a group leader. In recent years he attended the Ione Community Church where he was embraced as family. Stormy, in turn, embraced the church, participating in church services, the Ione Christian Youth group, and church outreach service projects. "Stormy was known and loved in the church and throughout the community for his positive attitude and willing volunteer spirit."

At home and with family, Stormy enjoyed swimming, music, chess, Texas Hold 'Em, video games, fishing, camping, travel, and a family invented game called "10,000". Community involvement was one of Stormy's highest values, leading him to meet and greet everyone he could. Stormy had a strong, yet quiet personality and a smile like sun shine that gained the love of a community, says his family.

Stormy was preceded in death by his older brother, Adam Sanchez, and his grandfather, Lewis Thompson, Jr. He is survived by his mother and father, Susan and André Kendrick; older brothers, Antonio Sanchez and Joshua Flores, younger brother, Skyler Kendrick; younger sister, Shadow Kendrick; grandmother Donna Thompson; uncle Dennis and aunt Janet Thompson, uncle Leslie and Kim Thompson, uncle Wade and aunt Sandra Duncan, uncle John Thompson; many great uncles and aunts, and cousins, as well as many friends in the Ione community.



Stormy J. Kendrick

volunteer deacon, trustee and accountant for social concern organizations including San Mateo Congregational Church, CAPS, Halfway House, Haight Ashberry Clinic.

He married Eva Quinn Post in 1990 and spent 17 quality years with her. In 2006 they moved from Burlingame area to be closer to her family in Sacramento.

He is survived by: his loving wife, Eva Post Thomson; his daughters, Garey Ann Wood and Dalynn T. Proffitt; sons, Alan and David Thomson; grandchildren, Leah Zanella, Brian Wood, Eric Proffitt, and Heather Thomson; great-grandchildren, Madison and Samantha Wood, Anthony Zanella of California. Karen Post Tate and Kim, Michael and Monte Post are his surviving step children. Other survivors include 11 step grandchildren, 6 step great grandchildren as well as his niece and nephew, Lorelle and Grant Bennett and cousins, Meredith Thomson Waters, Bernice and Bruce Thomson of Oregon.

A scattering of his ashes took place outside S.F. Golden Gate Bridge. A farewell Memorial Service will be held at San Mateo Congregational Church, 225 Tilton Ave, San Mateo, CA, 94401, 650-343-3694 at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, March 20, 2007 for family and friends.

St. Paddy's Cruz-In this Saturday

Heppner's seventh St. Paddy's Cruz-In participants will gather at the northwest entrance to Heppner, Hwy. 74/207 (Kinzua Mill site) between 10 and 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 17, and be ready to parade into town at noon.

Dash plaques will be given to all registered participants. Raffle prizes will be awarded at registration this year.

Plaques for Leprechaun's Choice, Judges Choice, and the Mustang Award for Mustang vehicles will be awarded following the Cruz-In Parade. Heppner High School Student Body will judge and award the Mustang plaque.

The vehicle entries will be on display on Willow Street in Downtown Heppner.

Come celebrate the 25th annual Heppner St. Patrick's events. The Great Green Parade will be at 1 p.m. following the St. Paddy's Cruz-In.

O'Senior Center to host breakfast and soup feed

On Saturday, March 17, St. Patrick's Senior Center will serve an all-you-can-eat breakfast for \$4 from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. From 11:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., Corol Mitchell's Irish potato soup will be served with homemade fruit cobbler, ice cream and rolls. The cost for the soup feed is \$6. The cost for children 12 and under is \$3.

Easter messages wanted

All area pastors are asked to please turn in an inspirational Easter message to the Heppner Gazette-Times. The messages are due by Monday, April 2, at 5 p.m. and can be dropped off, mailed, or emailed. The messages will be published on Wednesday, April 4.

Ione Middle School team won tournament



The Ione Middle School team won a Hermiston Youth Basketball Association Tournament held March 3 at Sandstone Middle School. The girls started the morning defeating Arlington and Hermiston B in pool play. In the afternoon, they faced the winner of the other pool, Hermiston A for the championship. The girls pulled out a hard fought 29-21 win to take the trophy.

Back row: Coaches Dawn Eynetich & LynnDee Ramos, Emily Ruiz, Jordan Peterson, Makenna Ramos, Beth Morter, Mary Rietmann and Lacey Thompson. Front row: Shadow Kendrick, Kayla McElligott, Stacey Halvorsen. - Photo by Susan Kendrick

It's not fair and rodeo season, yet



Left to right - Princess Makayla Anderson, Princesses Jessica Hamilton, Sharon Harrison of BEO, Queen Josie Miller, and Princess Becky Schiller.

No its not fair and rodeo season yet, but the lack of dusty action packed arenas and busy county fairs is not slowing this court down.

Howdy folks, It is now official, on January 11th we the 2007 Morrow County Fair & Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo court received our crowns at the Town & Country Banquet. I was able to give my first speech as the county's queen and I was honored to introduce the three princesses that will be serving at my side all summer long. Princess Makayla Anderson comes from Boardman and she can always be counted on to bring a smile into the crowd. Princess Jessica Hamilton, of Heppner, is not new to the court scene. She and I were on court together last year when she served as pennant bearer. Princess Becky Schiller attends high school in Pilot Rock and she is the court's personality. We all come from different parts of the county and each of us have our own hobbies and interest, but we all share a connection to the Morrow County Fair & Rodeo and that has brought us together.

Receiving our crowns that Thursday night was very exciting. It is something we had been looking forward to for quite some time.

For the two weeks prior to the banquet I had been making frequent trips up to my grandmothers house. My Grandma BonnaRae Miller has been helping me with my sewing skills and in doing so we put together the court's skirts. With each of us girls living so far apart, this task was quite interesting at times, at least as far as getting measurements and fittings. However with a bit of patience and a lot of assistance from my grandma the skirts were finished just in time for our big night.

The four of us girls along with our parents and chaperones met at my grandparent's house early Thursday afternoon. That was when it all began to come together. Thanks to my grandmothers great hospitality we transformed her living room into a dressing room. There were boot boxes in one corner and curling irons in another and in all the commotion we even found some time to catch a quick photo op in the cold fresh snow on the back porch.

Thanks Grandma, you helped make the evening possible and the skirts turned out great!

There were a few stops to be made before we could arrive at the Elks for the banquet. First was a trip to the Bank of Eastern Oregon. They were our buckle sponsors this year, so we wanted to be sure and get a photo with them. As well as to say thanks for all they do for our community! The buckles look amazing and I know each one of us is so proud to be wearing them.

Then it was down the street to Peterson's Jewelers. Mr. Peterson was kind enough to donate a beautiful Black Hills Gold ring to the court for our upcoming raffle and we wanted to give him a personal thanks. It is very much appreciated. Keep your eyes open for more about our upcoming raffle.

After we were done with all of our running around, we met up with the pennant bearers Jarreid Miller of Heppner, Coleit Kasen of Boardman, and Ashley Anderson of Boardman for the Town & Country Dinner. The evening was very enjoyable. We were able to greet the other attendants and it was great to see so many people there. It may be a little late but we would like to send our heart-felt congratulations to all of that evenings award recipients, we were glad to be able to share such a special night with you.

Well our chaps have arrived and the weather is warming up, before you know it the fair and rodeo season will be upon us. Now February is here and we have lots of great things to do.

Cowgirl Up from Queen Josie J. Miller