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EOU announces fall term dean’s list

LA GRANDE, OR—Several local students are among those named to Eastern Oregon University’s dean’s list for the 2016 fall term, the university has announced. Heppner students named to the dean’s list are Patrick Collins and Makenzie Correa.

Ione students named to the dean’s list are Shannon Boor, Jasmine Dixon, Jaqueline Juarez and Jason Juarez Alvarez.

Qualifying students achieve and maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale while completing a minimum of 12 hours of graded coursework for the duration of the term.

Local students make honor roll at OSU

CORVALLIS, OR—Names of students who have made the scholastic honor roll fall term have been announced by Oregon State University.

Named to the honor roll with a straight-A average is Oskar M. Peterson of Ione, a junior in pre-mechanical engineering.

Listed on the honor roll with a 3.5 or better GPA are Maggie K. Collins of Heppner, senior in agricultural sciences; August H. Peterson of Ione, junior in agricultural sciences; and Emily A. Rea of Ione, senior in crop and soil science.

To be on the honor roll, students must carry at least 12 graded hours of course work.

Community lunch menu

Christian Life Center volunteers will serve lunch on Wednesday, Jan. 18, at St. Patrick’s Senior Center. Lunch will include ham and hash brown casserole, kissed beets, cucumbers, hot rolls, and lemon bars.

Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

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Obituaries

Jackie L. Gentry

Jackie L. Gentry, 85, of Hermiston, died Saturday, January 7, 2017 at a local care facility. A graveside service will be held on Friday, January 13, at 2 p.m. at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Jackie Lee Gentry was born July 22, 1931 to Allie Sibyl Shipps Gentry and Orville “Cotton” William Gentry in Ava, MO. Jackie was born premature and kept alive in an incubator made with a dresser drawer and hot rocks wrapped in towels. When he was two years old he had German measles and whooping cough, which caused him to lose his hearing.

In 1939 the family moved to Jordan, below Ione, looking for work. His father got a job at the Glavey Ranch taking care of the sheep. The family lived in Vancouver, WA, and Salem, Pendleton, Pilot Rock, Heppner and Portland, OR, wherever work could be found. Jack went everywhere with his big brother Billy Eugene.

Jack helped build Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner and helped Bob Low with janitorial duties at the hospital. He later worked at Pilot Rock and Pendleton at Harris Pine Mill.

Some of his favorite pastimes were dancing and visiting with people around town, and it was said he could not be beat at checkers or tic tac toe. He especially enjoyed hunting and fishing. Jack was a member of the Pendleton Light-house Church in Pendleton.


When Jack’s health deteriorated, he moved into a nursing home in Pendleton for several years. His final home was Ashley Manor in Hermiston.

Survivors include his brother, Bill Gentry of Heppner; one nephew; three nieces; and numerous great-nieces and nephews and great-great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial contributions may be made to the donor’s favorite charity.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.



Jackie L. Gentry

Deaths

William “Bill” Tews—William “Bill” Tews, 58, of Ione died December 26, 2016 at Kadlec Medical Center in Richland, WA. A memorial service for Bill will be held at a later date.

Quilt drawing moved to Feb. 11

The quilt made by Darlene Klock and Sheena Shank and being raffled to help Asher Schonbachler’s family in his fight against Leukodystrophy will be raffled off Feb. 11 rather than Jan. 7 as originally published. The change was made to coincide with a silent auction planned Saturday, Feb. 11, at 6 p.m. at the Heppner Elks. Proceeds will go to fund research to find a cure.

Chamber lunch meeting

The next lunch meeting of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce will take place Thursday, Feb. 2, at noon in Heppner City Hall conference room.

Cost of lunch is \$10. Chamber lunch attendees are asked to RSVP at 541-676-5536 no later than the Tuesday before to guarantee a lunch.

The Loop to meet

The Loop Morrow County Transportation will be meeting at Irrigon City Hall on Jan. 17 at 3 p.m. This is an open public meeting. The agenda will include 2017-2019 STF grant, 2017-2019 5310 grant, revenue/expense report, and vacant advisory board positions. Anyone interested in public transportation for Morrow County is invited to attend.

Morrow SWCD to meet

The Morrow SWCD 2015/16 annual meeting will be held Thursday, Jan. 19, at noon.

The agenda includes the financial report for fiscal year 2015-2016 and annual report activities.

The program includes information from Morrow County 4-H coordinator Damion Turner, Morrow/Umatilla Livestock Agent Christopher Schachtschneider, and a Russian knapweed update.



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Thursday, January 12

LADIES NIGHT


DINNER at 6 P.M.

Meal prepared by the Judie Laughlin Crew
Judie’s famous sweet and sour short ribs with creamy potatoes, veggie, fruit salad, garlic bread, and peach dessert.

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Irrigon man graduates basic training

U.S. Air Force Airman Ian P. Meakins graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, TX.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Meakins is the son of Eric and Renate Meakins of Irrigon and a 2016 graduate of Irrigon Junior/Senior High School.



Ian P. Meakins

REMEMBRANCE WALK

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this disease will progress as there haven’t been enough patients diagnosed to truly understand it. The youngest died at eight years and the oldest at 34. Quality of life and progression seem to vary a lot.

“My hope is that we have enough time to find a treatment or cure.”

The ninth annual Remembrance Walk/5K Run will take place March 18 during the St. Patrick’s Day celebration. The event will begin with a social hour and registration followed by the walk/run starting at 9:30 a.m.

The walk/run will again proceed following a route of personalized shamrocks. Each shamrock sports a pink heart with the name, and sometimes a photo, of a remembered loved-one.

Anyone who would like to honor a loved-one’s memory with a shamrock can contact Susan Hisler at 541-676-5878 or sushisler32@hughes.net. Shamrocks are \$5 each or a donation to the event. Due to limited supplies, Feb. 25 will be the last day to order shamrocks.

While the community has always supported the event, the committee says several new sponsors stepped forward to help promote the event this year, including Community Counseling Solutions, Pioneer Memorial Physical Therapy, Columbia Basin Electric, Windwave and S.S. Equipment.

“Our committee greatly appreciates their help and willingness to make this year’s event a very successful one,” said Friends Helping Friends in a statement.

Walk/run flyers will be mailed soon. Event organizers encourage early registration to make the morning of the walk run more smoothly. In addition, they say, a new selection of door prizes will reward those who pre-register.

Friends Helping Friends is again asking for a \$5 donation per walker or runner. Children accompanied by adults are free. Everyone is encouraged to wear green or pink.