

Eleanore Antoinette (Brunelli) Heitmanek

Pendleton

June 30, 1940-September 27, 2014

Ellie, as she was best known, was born of Vincent and Pauline Brunelli in East Providence, Rhode Island, on June 30, 1940. She lived in the small town of West Barrington, R.I., through her early years, and attended Bay-side Academy there through high school. She attended Johnson and Wales College in Providence for two years and earned an associate's degree in court and conference reporting.

Ellie met her future husband in 1962 in Newport, R.I., while he was attending Naval Officer Candidate School there. They were married in Barrington, R.I., on Halloween Day in 1964.

She went with him to his duty station with the staff of Commander, Service Group 73, homeported in Sasebo, Japan, and spent the next year and a half there with him. When his tour of duty was over, in June of 1965, she returned with him to the United States and set up housekeeping in Corvallis, Oregon, while he attended graduate school at Oregon State University. Their first child, Elise, was born there in late 1965. After graduate school the couple moved to Springfield, Oregon, where their second child, Lucinda, was born in 1967. After several years in Springfield, the Navy called again and they returned to active duty, moving again to Sasebo, Japan. She and her husband decided that a career in the Navy was best for them and they spent the next 18 years in various duty stations from Grate Lakes, Ill., where their third child, James, was born in 1970, to Topeka, Kan., to Pensacola, Fla., and finally to Eugene, Ore., where he completed his career.

While they were in Great Lakes, near the end of their career in the Navy, Ellie decided to go back to school and again become a court reporter. She graduated from Racine (Wis.) Junior College with an associate's

degree again in court and conference reporting. When the opportunity presented itself, she decided to take a job with the Circuit Court in Pendleton, Oregon. She moved here with her family in early 1985 and took a position as an official court reporter in the Circuit Court, under the Honorable Jack Olsen, and worked there for nearly 6 years.

In early 1991 she decided to go out on her own, and with Jeanine Manny opened Manny and Heitmanek, freelance court reporters here in Pendleton.

She remained a partner with Jeanine until 1996, when she retired.

Ellie loved traveling, camping and fishing with her family and spending as much time as possible with her children and grandchildren. She was universally loved by all who knew her, and she will be greatly missed.

Ellie is survived by her husband, Bob, and her three children, Elise of McMinnville, Ore., Cindy of Lenore, Idaho, and Jim of Adams, Ore.; her brother Mark of Providence, R.I., and her sister Elizabeth of Arnold, Md.; seven grandchildren; and her cousin Rosemary, also of Arnold, Md., with whom she grew up and was always close to.

Ellie was an active participant in St. Mary's Catholic Church, occasionally playing the piano in accompaniment of children's masses.

Viewing will be held Wednesday, October 1, 2014, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Burns Mortuary of Pendleton. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, October 2, 2014, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, followed by interment at Olney Cemetery in Pendleton.

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



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Community campfire

By TAMMY MALGESINI
East Oregonian

Enjoy a cool autumn night socializing with family and friends, as Hermiston Parks & Recreation hosts the third annual Community Campfire & Hayride.

Dan Earp, recreation supervisor, said the event has grown in popularity each year.

"I think it's something most adults relate to and want to offer that experience for their kids," he said.

Earp said it's not always possible for families to head to the mountains for a campfire experience, so the city has created the atmosphere at Riverfront Park.

The event is Friday from 7-9 p.m. at the park, located at Orchard Extension Loop. Hot chocolate and marshmallows for roasting will be provided.

The hayrides, which will be pulled by a tractor, cost \$2 per person. Earp said charging the nominal fee helps pay for expenses associated with the event. Parks & Recreation Director Larry Fetter suggested the hayrides to offer another activity during the event. Also, Earp said it provides an opportunity to showcase the Oxbow Trail, which opened in the spring. The Hermiston Church of the Nazarene will hand out glow sticks to children.

Despite pouring rain up until the start of the inaugural Community Campfire



Children and adult in Hermiston. This

in 2012, at least a hur out. Last year's event postponed due to bluster. When it was rescheduled upwards of 300 people gathered for a wonderful fall evening around the campfire.

Rather than being pulled into the, Earp said to be closer to the park.

COMING

TUESDAY, SEPT. 30

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

BOARDMAN SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 noon, Boardman Senior Center, 100 Tatone St. Cost is \$4 for seniors 55 and older and \$5 for adults. All ages welcome. (541-481-3257).

SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 noon, Hermiston Senior Center, 435 W. Orchard Ave. Costs \$3.50 for seniors 50 and over, \$4 for adults under 50, \$4 for Meals on Wheels home delivery. Extra 50 cents if center provides table service. Transportation can be arranged by donation. (541-567-3582).

BMCC BOND COMMUNITY MEETING, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Eastern Oregon Higher Education Center, 980 S.E. Columbia Drive, Hermiston. Information regarding a possible future bond proposal and solicitation of feedback from the community. RSVP is required. (541-567-1800).

HOMEBUYERS WORKSHOP, 6-7 p.m., Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, 130 N.E. Second St., Hermiston. Free information for prospective homebuyers. (Betha-

ny Winters 541-564-1979).

PENDLETON KNITTING GROUP, 6 p.m., Prodigal Son Brewery & Pub, 230 S.E. Court Ave. (541-966-0380).

PENDLETON EAGLES BINGO, 6:30-9 p.m., Pendleton Eagles Lodge No. 28, 428 S. Main St. Benefits local charities. (541-278-2828).

STORY AND CRAFT TIME, 6:30 p.m., Milton-Freewater Public Library, 8 S.W. Eighth Ave. For elementary school-age children. (Lili Schmidt 541-938-8247)

"CHRISTMAS BELLES" AUDITIONS, 7 p.m., Blue Mountain Community College Bob Clapp Theatre, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton. Cast needed: seven adult women and four adult men. Open to all community members, including students. Cold readings; no preparation required. (541-278-5928 or cct@bluecc.edu).

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 1

BABY BOOGIE & TAPPIN' TODDLERS, 10-10:45 a.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave. (541-567-2882).

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME, 10:15 a.m., Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave. (541-966-0380).

