

OREGON LOCAL NEWS Real-Time updates and breaking news from Oregon



Breaking News » Hood River woman dies in kiteboarding accident

By Desiree Afilleje, The Oregonian December 12, 2008, 11:41AM

A Hood River woman has died from injuries she sustained in a kiteboarding accident on vacation near La Ventana, Mexico.



Facebook.com Christina Bockius, 43, died Thursday morning.

Christina Bockius, 43, was treated in a La Paz hospital Tuesday after breaking her neck and was transported by air to OHSU where she died early yesterday morning, her brother-in-law, Peter Hixson, said today.

"It was just a freak accident," he said. "We're just devastated."

She was not in the water when it happened, Hixson said, but was found on the sand with her kiteboard dragging her down the beach.

Bockius is survived by her husband, David Kelly Bockius, and two daughters, Sascha, 10, and Nina, 7.

An avid skier and windsurfer, Bockius spent 60 days or more a year kiteboarding after picking up the sport a few years ago, Hixson said, adding sports were "her path."

Hixson said her talents also transferred into the art world as a jewelry maker and advocate for keeping the arts in schools.

"She would teach classes herself," he said. "She would spearhead gathering supplies and get guests to teach painting and pottery."

Friends and family held a candle light vigil for Bockius in Hood River on Wednesday night.

"There wasn't anyone more positive in life," he said. "She made people feel special."

-- Desiree Afilleje: desireeafilleje@news.oregonian.com

INSIDE OREGON NEWS with The Oregonian

- Oregon News Oregonian Newspaper Obituaries Portland News Nation | World Photos | Videos Comics Kingdom Puzzles & Games Police Scanner Traffic | Statewide Cams Weather Center Submit News and Photos Contact the News Teams

Browse by month: Select a date GO

PHOTO GALLERIES



Boy Scouts Trial

- News Photos Business Photos Entertainment Photos Living Photos Upload your photos

MORE PHOTOS »

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Assistant Athletic Director/Budget & Business Services University of Oregon - Eugene, or

Director of Dental Finance and Business Services - (Job Number: 016148) Kaiser Permanente -

Date Local Singles Online 100% Free Dating. Find Your True Love Now! www.FreeDatingusa.com

Rentals at \$7.99/Day Lowest Rental Price Online Guaranteed. Over 50% OFF Weekends Rental. www.Car-Rentals.com

LATISSE® Official Site (bimatoprost ophthalmic solution). 0.03% Get the Facts www.Latisse.com

Sponsored Links

Recommend (0)

Print this Email this

Share this: [social icons]

Real-time News headlines

- TriMet bus strikes group of pedestrians, killing 2, seriously injuring a third Deal for building would help OIT consolidate, build ties to Wilsonville employers Snowboarder dies after Mount Hood accident Deputies free deer wedged in rocks along Clackamas River

More: Real-Time News »

Follow OregonLive.com News

Twitter Facebook



ONLINE PROGRAMS

ASSOCIATE'S DEGREES

- Associate of Arts in Business Associate of Arts in Criminal Justice Associate of Arts in Health Care Administration Associate of Arts in Information Technology Associate of Arts in Psychology Associate of Arts in Sport Management

BACHELOR'S DEGREES

- Bachelor of Science in Business / Marketing Bachelor of Science in Communication Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Administration Bachelor of Science in Education/Elementary Education Bachelor of Science in Health Administration Bachelor of Science in Management

MASTER'S DEGREES

- Master of Business Administration Master of Arts in Education / Curriculum and Instruction Master of Information Systems Master of Management/Public Administration Master of Science in Accountancy Master of Science in Nursing

Most Commented on OregonLive.com

The stories you're talking about

180 comments

Oregon basketball: Creighton's Dana Altman will be next Ducks coach

107 comments

TriMet bus strikes group of pedestrians, killing 2, seriously injuring a third

96 comments

Oregon prosecutors demand 'zero tolerance' for drugs at Reed College

Portland, or

Director-Financial Planning
Providence Health & Services - PORTLAND, or

Sr Financial Planning Consultant III - (Job Number: 022318)
Kaiser Permanente - Portland, or

CUSTOMER SERVICE

[More Jobs](#)

Search All Jobs

Post Your **JOB** now

ADVERTISEMENT

Previous story: [Idaho prisoner dies as family sought his release](#)

Next story: [Oregonian carrier helps solve burglary](#)

Story tags: [Christina Bockius](#) | [David Kelly Bockius](#) | [kiteboarding](#) | [La Ventana](#)

Comments (1 total) [RSS](#) [Post a comment](#)



Posted by **pbmpdx**
December 16, 2008, 12:27PM

This is truly heartbreaking. Christina was a very experienced and careful kiter, and would light up the waves with her gorgeous smile and energetic attitude. We'll miss seeing her on the sandbar. My deepest condolences go out to her family and her daughter.

To help out her family, please visit this site:
<http://www.carepages.lotsahelpinghands.com/c/609443/>

[Inappropriate comment? Alert us.](#)

[Reply to this comment](#) | [Post a new comment](#)

You must sign in to post a comment.

Sign in to OregonLive.com

Username Password

Submit Query

Don't have an account?
[Register Now!](#)

We've upgraded our community features on OregonLive.com
[Learn more! >>](#)

77
comments

[Canzano: The legend of Brandon Roy grows](#)

69
comments

[Chat recap: Blazers win 96-87 to tie series at 2-2 as Brandon Roy returns](#)

OPINION

[David Sarasohn](#)

- [The tallest candidate, the shortest answers](#)
- [On health policy, nobody here but us chickens](#)

[Susan Nielsen](#)

- [Clarity from high court on texting and privacy rights? LOL](#)
- [Chris Dudley: In race for Oregon governor, the best metaphor wins](#)

[The Stump](#)

- [Election 2010: Send Kitzhaber and Dudley on to a fall race for governor](#)
- [Election 2010: Democrats should pick Wheeler for state treasurer](#)

[COMMUNITY COMMENTARY >>](#)
[SUBMIT YOURS >>](#)

Tires LES SCHWAB

TIRE SALE

PASSENGER CAR TIRES

ECLIPSE On Sale!

GREAT BUY!
Free MOUNTING • AIR CHECKS ROAD HAZARD • FLAT REPAIR ROTATIONS

LIGHT TRUCK & SUV TIRES

OPEN COUNTRY A/T On Sale!

PROXES ST II
Free MOUNTING • AIR CHECKS ROAD HAZARD • FLAT REPAIR ROTATIONS



Site Search

Search Local Business Listings

Search by keyword, town name, Web ID and more... [Submit Query](#)

[Site Map](#) | [Advertise](#) | [Contact us](#)

[Make us your home page](#)

[Home](#) | [News](#) | [Weather](#) | [Sports](#) | [Entertainment](#) | [Living](#) | [Interact](#) | [Jobs](#) | [Autos](#) | [Real Estate](#) | [Classifieds](#) | [Shopping](#) | [Place an Ad](#)

- [Your Photos](#)
- [Your Videos](#)
- [Blogs](#)
- [Forums](#)
- [Travel](#)
- [Music](#)

- [Post a job](#)
- [Post a free classified ad](#)
- [Sell your car](#)
- [Sell/rent your home](#)
- [Apartments & rentals](#)
- [Claim your Business Listing for free](#)

- [Obits / Death Notices](#)
- [Business News](#)
- [Environmental News](#)
- [Contests](#)
- [Dining](#)
- [Movies](#)

- [Subscribe to our content \(RSS\)](#)
- [News alerts](#) | [Sports alerts](#)
- [Twitter feed](#)
- [OregonLive.com Multimedia](#)
- [View OregonLive.com mobile site](#)
- [View mobile product offerings](#)



The Oregonian - The Oregonian Business Center | Hillsboro Argus