

OBITUARIES

Raymond Jesse French

May 18, 1927 — Sept. 5, 2021
Heppner

Raymond Jesse French was born May 18, 1927, to Rose Hirl and Herbert French at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton. He died Sept. 5, 2021, at Willow Creek Terrace Assisted Living in Heppner.



French



Raymond spent his early childhood at the family ranch on Big Butter Creek attending Lena school. His father passed away when he was 9 years old. He attended St. Joseph's Academy in Pendleton for one year following his father's death. The family moved to Heppner where he spent the rest of his school years. During high school he met a cute Condon cheerleader, Norma Denton.

Immediately following graduation, he enlisted into the U.S. Navy. Following basic training, he volunteered for the naval aviation program and was in Seattle, Washington, completing his last six weeks of bomber pilot training to ship out to the South Pacific when WWII ended. He was honorably discharged and returned home to marry Norma Oct. 26, 1946. They moved back to his childhood home and built a herd of horned Herefords. They would have been married 75 years this October.

Raymond was committed to his faith, community, his industry, state and country. Some of his contributions include president of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association, chairmanships of the Morrow County Livestock Growers, Heppner Soil and Water Conservation District, Morrow County School board and member of the Columbia Blue Mountain Resource and Conservation Development Association board and USDA Forest Service Advisory board. He served as director and then district vice president of the National Cattlemen's Association, and director of the Pendleton Production Credit Bank. He was a volunteer and served on the Heppner Rodeo Board.

He served as an Oregon State representative for District 59. He was elected as a Morrow County commissioner. He dedicated service to St. Patrick's Catholic Church from the time he was an altar boy to teaching adult Bible study classes and was eventually nominated for the Wall of Honor at the church, following in his mother's footsteps. He was a member and trustee

of the Heppner Elks Lodge, member of Heppner Chamber of Commerce, American Legion and Willow Creek Country Club.

Acknowledgements of his dedication include Morrow County Cattleman of the Year, Heppner Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Achievement Award, Grand Marshal of the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo, honorary member of the National Block and Bridle Club, and Distinguished Service Award as a charter member of the Oregon State University Withcombe Club.

With Norma's encouragement, he enjoyed learning to dance and play golf, television service was a long time coming to the ranch. His favorite programs were football and baseball games, "Star Trek" and "Jeopardy." The family also knew not to interrupt Paul Harvey on the radio. He and Norma were avid fans of Heppner High School events, still frequenting many sports games after retirement. He enjoyed meeting his friends downtown to visit and have morning coffee everyday. While living on the ranch, a Sunday tradition included mass in Heppner, a stop downtown to buy candy bars for Norma and his daughters and a Sunday newspaper for himself — all for 25 cents!

He is survived by his wife and three daughters, Karen Wood (Joe) of Tigard, Verina Schiller (Tony) of Round Rock, Texas, and Susan French (Matthew Greenup) of Heppner; sisters, Dorothy O'Rourke, Pendleton, and Francine Evans, Irrigon; nine grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. His parents and brother, Joe French, preceded him in death.

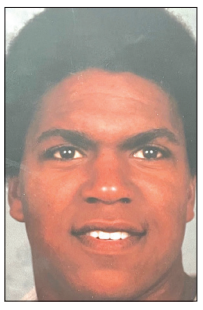
With consideration for the health of Raymond's family and community, funeral services will be held at a later date. Condolences can be sent to the Raymond French family, Susan French, 84176 French Lane, Heppner, OR 97836, or online to Sweeney Mortuary at sweeneymortuary.com.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Patrick's Church, P.O. Box 633, Pioneer Memorial Hospital, P.O. Box 9, Willow Creek Terrace Assisted Living, 400 Frank Gilliam Drive, or Heppner Elks Lodge, P.O. Box 494, all in Heppner, OR 97836.

Ordway Archibald Lipscomb

Feb. 4, 1960 — Oct. 7, 2021
Formerly Pendleton

Ordway Archibald Lipscomb, 61, died Oct. 7, 2021, at Legacy Good Samaritan Medical Center in Portland. A celebration of life will be held Oct. 30, 2021, at the Roy Raley Room at the Round-Up Grounds in Pendleton 2-6 p.m.



Lipscomb

Ordway was born Feb. 4, 1960, the son of Edward and Alma Lipscomb. He was the middle child of five, two sisters and two brothers. He was a graduate of Pendleton High School in 1978, where he played football and earned himself a spot in the Pendleton Linebacker Hall of Fame. Ordway was always a hard worker, having a few laboring jobs, working with cars, and being one of the best plumbers and handymen in town.

He was a friend to many, always someone you could call when you needed help. Whether it was a driving buddy down to Los Angeles, a babysitter, a mechanic, or just someone to talk to, Ord was that guy. He was always himself in a way that inspired others. No matter where he was he always managed to find a friend, and stop and talk for an hour or two.

Ordway was a loving and devoted father to his kids, Marcus (36), Zach-

ary (26), and Cydney (24) and grandfather to Deacon (4) and Maya (2). He shared his love of cars with his two sons, teaching both of them how to rebuild any car on their own. Taking his daughter go karting every year she asked for her birthday, and helping on her dance team. Being "Papa" to his young grandchildren was one of his favorite things in his last years. They were all the light of his life and he loved them dearly.

Loved by so many that saw him as family and took him in as so. Ord loved spending time with those close to him, family and friends, he always knew there would be a meal ready for him at whichever friend's house he was at that night.

Ordway is survived by his children, Marcus Buckley, Zachary Lipscomb and Cydney Lipscomb; his two sisters, Tracy and Sharon Lipscomb; and brother, Claude Lipscomb; and his two grandchildren, Deacon and Maya.

He was preceded in death by his mother, father, older brother, a nephew, Nicholas; and close family friends.

He will be missed dearly, Rest in Paradise, Ord.

LOCAL BRIEFING

Vaccination clinics coming to M-F

MILTON-FREEWATER — The Umatilla County health department will sponsor two drive-thru vaccination clinics for flu and COVID-19 in Milton-Freewater, both 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

The first is on Friday, Oct. 29, at the Milton Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1244 N. Elizabeth St.

A second clinic will be Oct. 30, at Gib Olinger Elementary School, 1011 S. Mill St.

In addition to first and second doses of Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson formulas, booster shots will be available.

No appointments or registration are needed. For more information call 541-278-5432 or go to ucohealth.net.

City ambulance services still OK, says mayor

ARLINGTON — Rumors that the city of Arlington's ambulance

services had been shut down due to recent layoffs are untrue, according to the city's mayor and a volunteer employee with North Gilliam Medic.

The false claims the small city in Gilliam County was without ambulance services spread earlier this week, just as Gov. Kate Brown's COVID-19 vaccine mandate went into effect.

Mayor Jeff Bufton said the rumors were just rumors. He said the ambulance services have "a full crew" of dedicated volunteers.

The rumors sparked a meeting Thursday, Oct. 21, where emergency medical staff made clear they were there to serve the community, Bufton said.

Bufton said the false claims began due to "personnel issues" within the county's health district board. He confirmed the county's health board had laid off a local administrator, which kickstarted the rumors.

He said the ordeal had nothing to do with the state's vaccine mandate.

—EO Media Group and Walla Walla Union-Bulletin

PUBLIC SAFETY

Friday, Oct. 22

7:39 a.m. — The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a burglary at Statelyne Adventist Church, 53730 Statelyne Road, Milton-Freewater.

11:17 a.m. — Hermiston police responded to a report of an assault on the 700 block of West Pine Avenue.

2:32 p.m. — Umatilla police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance on Tyler Avenue.

3:38 p.m. — A Woodburn man was injured in a rollover crash on Cabbage Hill southeast of Pendleton.

Oregon State Police reported the 38-year-old man was driving a Chevrolet Tahoe west on Interstate 84 and lost control on a curve in the rain. The vehicle fishtailed, and the driver overcorrected. The Chevrolet went onto the right shoulder of the freeway, rolled once and landed upright.

The driver suffered injuries, and an ambulance took him to St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton. The passenger, a 41-year-old woman, also from Woodburn, was uninjured.

5:38 p.m. — Umatilla police responded to a report of an assault on Eighth Street.

9:49 p.m. — The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a domestic disturbance on Birch Creek Road, Pendleton.

Saturday, Oct. 23

10:17 a.m. — The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of an assault at Napa Auto Parts, 409 E. Main St., Athena.

6:46 p.m. — Stanfield police responded to a report of a burglary at the Stanfield Stor-N-Lok, 710 W. Coe Ave., Stanfield.

9:06 p.m. — The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a domestic disturbance on East Punkin Center Road, Hermiston.

10:32 p.m. — Pendleton police responded to a report of a disturbance on the 3300 block of Southwest Ladow Avenue.

Sunday, Oct. 24

12:53 p.m. — The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a burglary on Coppinger Lane, Echo.

5:24 p.m. — Umatilla police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at Sunset Trailer Court, 900 Umatilla River Road.

Arrests, citations

Oct. 21

Oregon State Police at 9:14 a.m. stopped a Mitsubishi Galant on the northbound side of Highway 11 near Milton-Freewater for a traffic violation. The driver, Carlow Nunez Luciano, 26, of Walla Walla, was wanted on a Washington state warrant. He also was a felon. OSP arrested Luciano on the warrant, then found he had a set of metal knuckles, and also arrested him for felon on possession of a weapon and booked him into the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton.

Oct. 23

Pendleton police arrested Johnny Lee Roe, 31, for identity theft, failing to appear in court and an in-state hold.

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office arrested Christopher Rich Mollette, 48, for reckless driving, reckless endangering, attempting to elude or flee law enforcement and interfering with a police animal.

Oregon State Police arrested Billie Jo Berry, 51, of John Day, for driving under the influence of intoxicants (controlled substances), reckless driving and reckless endangering of another person.

DEATH NOTICES

Robert Dodge Witherell

March 6, 1948 — Oct. 6, 2021
Oakesdale, Washington

Robert Dodge Witherell, 73, of Oakesdale, Washington, died Oct. 6, 2021, at Avalon Care Center in Pullman, Washington. A memorial gathering will be held Saturday, Oct. 30, 2021, noon, Pendleton Eagles Lodge, 428 S. Main St. Arrangements are with Kimball Funeral Home of Pullman.

Julia LaVelle Milleson

Dec. 14, 1929 — Oct. 21, 2021
Milton-Freewater

Julia LaVelle Milleson, 91, of Milton-Freewater, died Thursday, Oct. 21, 2021, in Milton-Freewater. She was born Dec. 14, 1929. Arrangements are with Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home of Milton-Freewater.

Castulo Manuel Andrade

March 26, 1956 — Oct. 20, 2021
Walla Walla

Castulo Manuel Andrade, 65, of Walla Walla, died Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2021, at Regency at the Park in College Place. He was born March 26, 1956. Arrangements are with Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home of Milton-Freewater.

Kathy A. Davis

Jan. 7, 1957 — Oct. 20, 2021
Milton-Freewater

Kathy A. Davis, 64, of Milton-Freewater, died Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2021, at her home. She was born Jan. 7, 1957. Arrangements are with Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home of Milton-Freewater.

Ronald Wayne Zumwalt

Aug. 18, 1937 — Oct. 22, 2021
Moses Lake, Washington

Ronald Wayne Zumwalt, 84, of Moses Lake, Washington, died Friday, Oct. 22, 2021, at Samaritan Healthcare Hospital in Moses Lake, Washington. He was born Aug. 18, 1937. Arrangements are with Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home of Milton-Freewater.

MEETINGS

Tuesday, Oct. 26 Lower Umatilla Basin Groundwater, 9-11 a.m. via Zoom bit.ly/3ba06Ak or call 971-247-1195; Meeting ID: 981 7772 4808; Passcode 022906 (Tom Demianew 541-969-6282)

Ione School District, 4:30 p.m., 445 Spring St., or for Zoom login, visit www.ione.k12.or.us. (541-966-3157, 541-422-7173)

Blue Mountain Community College Special Meeting, 5 p.m. via Zoom at bit.ly/3vHHSzk or call 253-215-

8782; Meeting ID: 973 3022 0871; Passcode: 911962. (Shannon Franklin, 541-278-5951)

Umatilla County Special Library District, 5:30 p.m., via Zoom at bit.ly/3EveGiv or call 971-247-1195; Meeting ID: 844 6710 0787. (Erin McCusker 541-276-6449)

Morrow County Planning Commission, 7 p.m., Riverfront Center, Port of Morrow, 2 Marine Drive, Boardman, or via Zoom at bit.ly/3maZe4E or call 253-215-8782; Meeting ID:

369 651 7452; Passcode: 335454. (George Nairns 541-922-4624 ext. 5508)

Wednesday, Oct. 27 West Extension Irrigation District Special Meeting, 1 p.m., district office, 840 E. Highway 730, Irrigon. Executive session to discuss pending litigation. (Lisa Baum 541-922-3814)

Thursday, Oct. 28 Salvation Army Advisory Board, noon, Salvation Army, 150 S.E. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton. (541-276-3369)

Hermiston Linebacker Club, noon, Desert Lanes Family Fun Center, 1545 N. First St., Hermiston. No host luncheon with Hermiston Bulldogs football Coach David Faaeteete. (Flora Larson, 541-567-5215)

Umatilla County Special Library District, 5:30 p.m., 425 S. Main St., Pendleton, or via Zoom at bit.ly/3pCY-OpW or call 971-247-1195; Meeting ID: 899 8836 6456; Passcode: 272687. (Erin McCusker 541-276-6449)

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UPCOMING SERVICES

Saturday, Oct. 30

Lilly, Marshall — Graveside service at 1 p.m., Echo Cemetery.

Lipscomb, Ordway — Celebration of life from 2-6 p.m., Pendleton Round-Up Grounds, 1300 S.W. Court Ave., Roy Raley Room.

Witherell, Bob — Memorial gathering at noon, Pendleton Eagles Lodge, 428 S. Main St.

LOTTERY

Friday, Oct. 22, 2021 Megamillions

9-14-26-29-66
Megaball: 22
Megaplier: 3
Jackpot: \$20 million

Lucky Lines

4-5-10-15-20-23-26-29
Jackpot: \$18,000

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 9-6-3-5
4 p.m.: 5-7-8-4
7 p.m.: 8-8-9-7
10 p.m.: 1-2-8-9

Saturday, Oct. 23, 2021 Powerball

10-30-51-57-63
Powerball: 20
Power Play: 2
Jackpot: \$93 million

Megabucks

7-20-29-32-33-34

Jackpot: \$4.8 million

Lucky Lines

3-7-11-15-20-23-25-31
Jackpot: \$19,000

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 3-6-8-2
4 p.m.: 3-3-3-5
7 p.m.: 9-2-5-2
10 p.m.: 7-3-2-8

Win for Life

19-22-70-74

Sunday, Oct. 24, 2021 Lucky Lines

4-5-11-13-19-21-26-31
Estimated jackpot: \$20,000

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 6-5-5-1
4 p.m.: 5-4-7-1
7 p.m.: 0-5-3-8
10 p.m.: 5-4-7-4