

Hospital wins Top 100 award

Men’s Guild 100 Club off to fast start

By Steve Tool
Wallowa County Chieftain

Wallowa Memorial Hospital recently received a ranking among the HealthStrong Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals, an award from iVantage Health Analytics. The group chose WMH from a group of 1,300 critical access hospitals nationwide and inclusion was determined by iVantage’s Hospital Strength Index. WMH received the honor from iVantage twice in the past.

“They have a list of quality related metrics that we report to various agencies, and they rate us on those metrics. Some of those are financial performance, quality of clinical care and other metrics,” said WMH Chief Nursing Officer Jenni Word.



Rob Ruth/Chieftain
Wallowa Memorial Hospital was recognized as a Top 100 hospital from a pool of 1,300 critical access hospitals nationwide.

She explained the top 100 hospitals are not ranked, the list is given in alphabetical order.

Word said the hospital scored strongly in all the award categories, but some of its strongest points included financial stability, patient perspectives, patient outcome, quality of care as well as a number of other categories.

She added that the award brings WMH national recognition for its excellence.

Grande Ronde Hospital in La Grande also received the top 100 award. This means the local region has two top quality critical access hospitals. “We can feel good about the quality of health care where we’re at,”

Word said.

As much as the award indicates the quality of patient care rendered by WMH staff, Word said the award is a testament to the Wallowa Valley community and its unwavering support of the hospital. “The support we get from this community makes this all possible. We wouldn’t be here without them supporting us in our work,” Word said.

WMH President and Chief Executive Officer Larry Davy expressed equal enthusiasm for the award. “This is a great affirmation that our efforts are making a difference to the hospital and the local community that we serve. Being selected to receive this award from over 1,300 critical access hospitals in the nation is truly a great honor,” Davy said.

About 35 men from across the county attended the first annual meeting of the newly formed Men’s Guild 100 Club at the Lostine Tavern on April 23 to enjoy refreshments, hear a short presentation by Wallowa Memorial Hospital CEO Larry Davy, and decide on a project to fund with the \$100 membership fee each member donates. Sponsored by the Wallowa Valley Health Care Foundation, the Men’s Guild 100 is similar to the Women’s Circle 100 Club.

“It was time for us to start our own group to support local health care,” said Wallowa Valley Health Care Foundation board member John Hillock, who was instrumental in organizing the club’s first meeting.

Hillock presented the request from the hospital medical staff, which was to apply this first year’s proceeds toward new medical tools for the orthopedic department. Hillock said the group was enthusiastic about purchasing the state-of-the-art tools.

The Men’s Guild 100 Club is now 79 strong and still taking new members. If interested in joining, mail your check for \$100 to WVHCF, P.O. Box 53, Enterprise, OR 97828 or drop it off at the Foundation.

Fondest Memories



Robert Kenneth Sorweide
March 21, 1924 – November 1 2012

We keep you safe in our hearts... So that you are with us in every way!

The family of “Bob” Sorweide



Don R. Conrad
September 2, 1939 – January 6, 2010

What wonder it is to have a dad, a friend there every day. One we never had to doubt, would love us come what may.

Nate Conrad & family



Joyce Terry
January 13, 1931 – February 9, 2015

I am blessed to have had you as my twin sister for 84+ years. I’ll never forget you and will always love you.

Jean Huffman



Jean Partarrieu
April 15, 1937 – November 7, 2013

You were a light in our lives that burns forever in our hearts.

Wife Catherine & Daughter Cathy



Jean Forrest Partarrieu
January 24, 1973 – May 22, 1991

Forever missed, never forgotten, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Mother Catherine & Sister Cathy



William “Bart” Singley
July 14, 1965 – October 11, 2012

Your courage and bravery still inspire us all, and the memory of your smile fills us with joy and laughter – Always in our hearts.

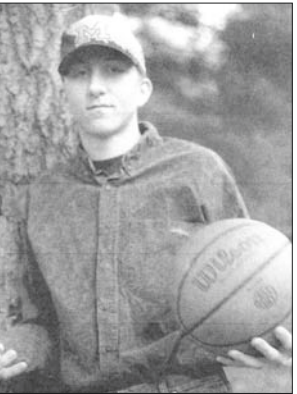
David & Maggie Singley and family



Patricia H. (Patti) Maier
December 11, 1931 – November 16, 2013

Your selfless giving, volunteer work, and love are missed by all who knew you. Always a mother who did her best. Forever in our hearts.

Steve Boyd and family



Dwayne Hansen
May 23, 1979 – April 9, 2012

In life we loved you dearly, in death we love you still, in our hearts you hold a place no one could ever fill.

Debra Hansen & family



George Hall
May 25, 1945 – August 4, 2014

We miss you every day.

Your family

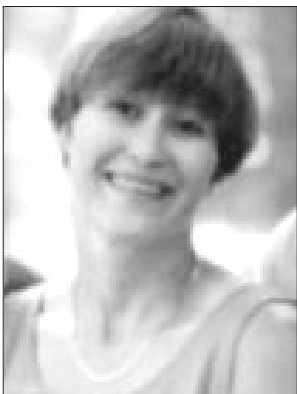


Sandy Teilmann
December 20, 1936 - February 18, 2006

Wife, Mother, Grandmother

Your courage and bravery still inspire us all, and the memory of your smile fills us with joy and laughter.

Harry, Cheryl & Kaylee



Zoeann Teilmann Perry
February 1, 1962 – November 29, 1997

Daughter & Sister

The days may come and go, but the times we shared will always remain.

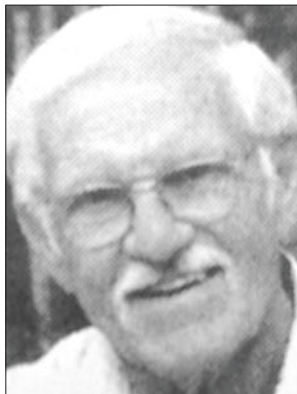
Dad & Cheryl



Colter Bronson
May 20, 1987 – September 15, 2014

You were the light in our lives that burns forever in our hearts. Forever missed, never forgotten.

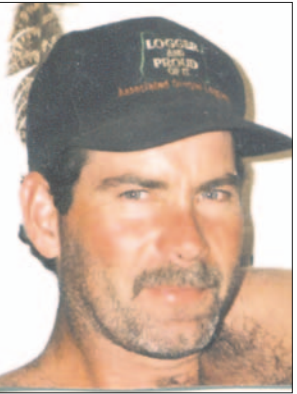
Bill & Terri Bronson and family



James W. (Jim) Maier
June 16, 1926 – February 2, 2011

Your life inspired us as a wonderful example of all a good man should be. Thank you. May God bless and keep you. Love always.

Steve Boyd and family



Scott C. Crow
May 30, 1964 – March 9, 2012

What an incredible person you were, Scott! A talented artist, a heart full of love for us, our dogs and the outdoors. You are missed every day!

Sally Crow



Nancy Lee Doty
October 12, 1939 – March 16 2014

Goodbyes are not forever - Goodbyes are not the end - They simply mean I’ll miss oyu until we meet again

Husband Bill



Sheri Rae Botts Rosenbaum
Feb 28, 1962 – October 8, 2002

You will be forever missed, but never forgotten

Mom & brothers, Richard, Bryce and Rod



Erwin F. Botts
November 26, 1915 – May 3, 2014

The memory of your smile & hugs inspire us all.

Charlie, Richard, Bryce and Rod



Edna Rae Fletcher
August 15, 1938 – April 10, 2015

You will always be in our hearts and the memories will last forever. God Bless.

The family of ER



Bob Clegg
1923-2012
Oretta Clegg
1927-1996

We know you are blessing Heaven with wonderful music! Forever missed but never forgotten!

Jim, Rose, Ron, Dave, Deb and Ron



Jack Elliott
October 17 1924 – May 3, 2013

We are so grateful for our wonderful years together; you were the “rock” in our lives. The love you shared forever remains in our hearts.

Wife and daughters, Sandy and Susie



Billie Warner
April 10, 1932 – January 31, 2006

Be loving, be kind, be generous, be thoughtful, have fun! That was Billie! We count our blessings we had her.

Clyde Warner and Family