

OBITUARIES

Geraldine Rae Melton

Aug. 8, 1924 — Oct. 22, 2017

Geraldine Rae Melton "Geri" of Monmouth, Ore., passed away Oct. 22, 2017, at age 93.

Geri was born in Wallowa Aug. 8, 1924, to Harry and Pearl (McGinnis) Coleman. She attended school in Wallowa and graduated in 1942 from Wallowa High School. During the fall and winter of 1942-43, she attended Willamette University in Salem.



Melton

In 1943, Geri moved to Toledo, Ore., where she worked for C.D. Johnson Lumber Co., later in 1959 Georgia Pacific, and then after Cheryl was born the Georgia Pacific Credit Union.

Early in 1946, Geri met Richard Louis Melton "Dick" and later that year they were married on Nov. 10, 1946, in Portland. They lived in Toledo where they raised their three children: David, Louise, and Cheryl. After retiring, Dick and Geri moved to Monmouth to be closer to their family, especially their grandchildren.

Besides spending time with her family, Geri loved outdoor activities including time spent in her beloved Wallowa County. She also enjoyed cooking, sewing and a variety of craft projects.

She was a member of the Toledo United Methodist Church and Christ's Church in Monmouth. Geri was also a member of the Order of Eastern Star.

Survivors include a son David (Carol) Melton of Monmouth and daughters Louise (Jim) Breen of Eugene and Cheryl (Jon) Debban of Salem. Geri was proud of her children, five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Dick; her parents, Harry and Pearl Coleman; her brother, Jack Coleman; and a grandson, Thomas Melton.

Viewing will be 10a.Thursday, Nov. 2, 10 a.m. to noon at Farnstrom Mortuary, 410 Monmouth Street, Independence, Ore., followed by a funeral service at 2 p.m. at Cornerstone Church of God, 4395 Independence Hwy, Independence.

Farnstrom Mortuary is handling arrangements. Please share your messages and condolences at FarnstromMortuary.com.

Kenneth Adolph George Kraxberger

Feb. 15, 1934 — Oct. 23, 2017

Kenneth Adolph George Kraxberger died Monday, Oct. 23, 2017. He was born on Feb. 15, 1934, in Canby, Ore., to Adolph and Minnie (Edwards) Kraxberger. He had lived in Macksburg, Gladstone, Molalla, Ontario and Enterprise.



Kraxberger

Ken graduated from Molalla Union High School in 1952. His family owned and operated the Macksburg Store, a general store in Gladstone, the Elbow Room Tavern in Liberal, a Coast to Coast store in Ontario and the farm in Molalla. On the farm they raised champion race horses, purebred Angus, turkeys, beef, and sheep.

Ken enjoyed racing horses at the Canby Fairgrounds.

In 1956, Ken married Janet Summers and together they raised six children, Linda (Randy) Anderson, Synda Warren, Mark (Gail) Kraxberger, Lorinda (John) Tripp, Aaron (Jennifer) Kraxberger, and Melinda (Tom) Wanderscheid. Ken loved God and his family. He enjoyed playing his accordion, especially at family weddings.

Ken was buried in a pine box built by his sons and grandsons next to his wife, Janet, at Adams Cemetery in a private service on Oct. 31, 2017.

Celebration of life will be held at the Seventh Day Adventist church in Enterprise 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 12.

Dick Kay Nusser

Nov. 10, 1937 — Oct. 21, 2017

Dick Kay Nusser — beloved husband, father and grandfather — passed away at Oct. 21, 2017, at the age of 79, at home after a long battle with throat cancer. He was born Nov. 10, 1937, in Nyssa, Ore., to Kasper and May (Postier) Nusser and was married to Sally Hilary.



Nusser

Raised in Hermiston, he graduated from Eastern Oregon College with a degree in education. He taught math and science at Wallowa for two years before being selected as the elementary and junior high school principal in Joseph, at age 24. He also taught math and coached junior high sports at Joseph for 29 years. He was treasured by many students with several staying in contact with "Mr. Nusser" through the years.

During summer breaks from teaching, he was employed by his friend and fellow teacher, Leo Goebel, in a logging business. In 1966, Dick, Leo and engineer Bob Jackson cleared the right-of-way for the gondola up Mount Howard at Wallowa Lake. He loved hunting and fishing. In 1978, he drew a permit to hunt Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep and bagged a ram that was the largest in the state at the time.

After retiring in 1991, he and Sally moved to Salem where he stayed active fishing, remodeling two homes and building a large shop. He spent countless hours making his shop a kid funhouse with swings, slides, wires for tightrope walking, ball games and gadgets (like a backwards steering bicycle).

While raising his sons, he and Sally attended Grace Lutheran Church in Enterprise. He faced his mortality with faith and courage, often saying: "I know where I am going."

Dick was preceded in death by his parents, brother Marcel Nusser and sister Clela Schoonover and leaves behind sister Donna Bensel, wife Sally (Hilary) Nusser, son Jeff married to Linda (Baxter) Nusser, son Kevin married to Christa Helms and son Doug married to Kim (Crenshaw) Nusser.

He is survived by 12 grandchildren: (Brock, Drew, Lisa, Danielle, Sarah, Jayce, Lexi, Jessica, Marissa, Aunicka, Ember and Chloe), six great-grandchildren (Jordan, Cooper, Jackson, Stockton, Nolan, and Aubrey) and a neighbor, Luke Miller, whom he loved like his own grandson.

A celebration of life service will be held 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints chapel, 862 45th Ave. NE, Salem.

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Three events to get Enterprise funding

Enterprise City Council has awarded the maximum, \$2,000 in motel tax money each, to three events designed to develop tourism in the city in the fall round of awards.

Ryan Oberhelman, representing the Enterprise Ice Rink, requested the money to upgrade the resurfacing system, purchase items that were ruined by the weather last year and purchase more skates for rentals.

The ice rink group also hopes to purchase LED lights to save on energy and produce a well-lighted and safe experience.

The rink did not receive the hoped for grant from Oregon Parks and Recreation to build a new 100x200-foot free-span steel structure — though they still hope to fulfill that dream, which has been on the city's list of plans for more than eight years.

Wendy Stuart, representing the Enterprise Winterfest committee, asked for the maximum grant for operating costs. Winterfest is the second weekend in December.

Gwen Trice of Maxville Heritage emphasized the plan to continue combining with Wallowa Watershed to build on strengths of both events and asked for \$2,000 for advertising and marketing for a combined community event.

CORRECTION

A story in last week's edition regarding the 4-H radio auction incorrectly listed Deb Warnock as an OSU 4-H Youth Leader. She is the OSU Extension Agent for 4-H Youth Development and Family and Community Health in Wallowa County. She is a faculty member of Oregon State University, which pays her salary, although Wallowa County taxpayer dollars support the operating budget for the Extension Service. The Chieftain regrets the errors.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Brett Greenshields & Cole Farwell
This week we're having Athletes of the Week with Enterprise High School seniors Cole Farwell and Brett Greenshields, both EHS football players. In an Oct. 28 game against Imbler, it looked hopeless as the Outlaws trailed 14-12 with 50 seconds left and Imbler in possession. The two athletes didn't give up. Greenshields sacked the Panthers quarterback for a huge loss and caused a fumble, which Farwell scooped up and ran it for a 54-yard game-winning touchdown.

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Student of the Week

Shanna Rae Tillery
ENTERPRISE HIGH SCHOOL

Shanna Rae Tillery a freshman, is the Wallowa High School October student of the month.
Shanna Rae is the daughter of Richelle Gomes and stepfather Kelly Gomes and father Mike Tillery.
Shanna Rae is an exceptional student. She maintains a positive attitude and always works very hard to earn high grades. She is willing to go the extra mile to ensure that she will thoroughly understand the material taught in her classes.
She is also a significant contributor to the varsity volleyball team. Shanna Rae is in Animal Science, an advanced Ag. class as a freshman. She is also an FFA member and active in the FFA chapter greenhouse.

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	High	Low	Conditions
Nov. 1	50	35	Partly cloudy
Nov. 2	50	35	Cloudy
Nov. 3	45	30	Rain
Nov. 4	40	23	Rain/snow
Nov. 5	36	21	Cloudy
Nov. 6	36	17	Mostly sunny
Nov. 7	38	26	Partly cloudy

Phases of the moon

Nov. 26	Nov. 3	Nov. 10	Nov. 18
1st Quarter	Full Moon	Last Quarter	New Moon

WALLOWA COUNTY SUNRISE & SUNSET DATE NOV. 2-8
(from the U.S. Naval Observatory)

THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED
7:30	7:32	7:33	7:35	7:36	7:37	7:39
5:34	5:33	5:32	5:30	5:28	5:26	5:25