

### Thadd's Place golf tourney set

JOHN DAY — The second annual Thadd's Place Golf Tournament will be held June 25 at the John Day Golf Club, 27631 Golf Club Road.


Sign-in begins at 7 a.m., with an opening program at 7:45 and tee-off at 8. A dinner and silent auction follow the tournament at 5 p.m.

Individual registration is \$125, team registration is \$500 and hole sponsorships are available for \$100. Dinner is by donation and is open to anyone.

Participants can also enter a golf ball drop with a top prize of \$500, and anyone who hits a hole in one can win a Polaris ATV.

Proceeds from the event benefit Thadd's Place, the grief counseling center in John Day.

**Linda K. Malloroy Woolfolk**  
June 28, 1937 ~ May 6, 2022



Linda K. Malloroy Woolfolk passed away Friday, May 6th, surrounded by family at her home in Little Valley. She was born June 28, 1937, in Eugene, OR, to Spike and Dorothy Malloroy of Roseburg. Linda spent most of her childhood in White City, OR, on their family's small farm with her younger sister, JoAnna. She enjoyed berry picking, hunting and fishing, and had a love of animals.


Linda attended Eagle Point High School where she participated in band and honor society. During her 10 years in 4-H, she was able to travel to State Fair, PI and Cow Palace in San Francisco. She won numerous awards in showing, style revue and leadership, including a trip to National 4-H Congress in Chicago. It was during these years that she got to know Dave, who she would later marry on November 15, 1958.

Dave and Linda began their life in Brownsboro, OR, on the family ranch. In 1969, they moved to Winnemucca, NV, with their three daughters, Sheri, Carman and Mary Jo. Later they had other ranches around Eastern Oregon and Northern Nevada. They semi-retired in 2008 in Little Valley. Linda loved being a rancher's wife. Her highest honor was being a faithful, loving wife and partner to Dave and working hard alongside him. She cherished her family and loved the Lord Jesus.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Dave Woolfolk; her sister JoAnna (Dean) Crechriou of Dixon, CA; her daughters Sheri (Lyn) Akers of Richland, OR, Carman Lovell of Little Valley and Mary Jo (Mike) Barraza of Adrian, OR; her grandchildren Kelly (Marissa) Akers, Amanda (Jory) Hearne, Sam (Lena) Akers, Joe (Bri) Akers, Mariana (Wyatt) Warnock, Wyatt Akers, Brady (Kinzee) Lovell, Vanessa Lovell, Nathan (Kristi) Barraza, Megan (Zac) Lowder, Kellie (Chris) Lamkins, Lauren (Andrew) Stevens and 31 great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at Butte Baptist Church on Thursday, June 16, 2022. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Shiloh Bible Camp, PO Box 654, Donnelly, ID 83615 in her honor. Paid for by the family of Linda Woolfolk.

**Robert "Bob" Pollock**  
May 17, 1934 ~ May 17, 2022



Robert "Bob" Pollock, 88, died at his home in Halfway on May 17, 2022. A Celebration of Bob's life will be held June 11th at Pine Valley Fairgrounds in Halfway, OR at 11:00 am. Please come and join us as we share good food and stories.

Robert L. Pollock was born in Shelton, WA on May 17, 1934 to parents Milton and Ellen Pollock. Raised in Pierce, Idaho, he spent a lot of his time with Albert and Mabel Frazier and his lifelong friends Bob Richel, Jim Dundas and Darrol Frazier. He graduated from Pierce High School in 1952. After serving a tour as a medic in the Army in the Korean War, he returned home to the woods.

Logging was the bond of all. He started his logging years at the age of six, assisting his father in skidding logs with horses. His childhood friendship turned to a business partnership with Bob Richel and family. The company flourished and operated in the Pierce area until 1969 then they relocated to Cambridge, Idaho. Bob went his own way in the 1980s and then took up a forestry contracting business for the Forest Service for a number of years. He finally settled in as a timber manager for Widows Creek Ranch in the Mt. Vernon area.

His fondest memories included a time of outfitting guided hunts and flying for Moose Creek in the Bitterroot Mountains. There was never any place to be but in the woods for Bob. Hunting, fishing and work all happened in the same place... If he was working, he was watching big game; if he was fishing he was studying the trees. If he was hunting, he was spotting fishing holes...

One of his favorite sayings was "Anything over 24 hours is too far to plan!"

After 70-plus years in the woods he finally retired to Halfway, Oregon where he enjoyed his family and friends.

He married his soul mate Sharon Carpenter in 2005 and was able to share many wonderful adventures traveling throughout the country.

Bob is survived by his loving wife Sharon, daughters Susan and Peggy and son Dan; stepchildren Ron, Damon, Stuart and Carrie, as well as a long list of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, in-laws and outlaws. His list of "family" and friends is too long for print but one of his most prized possessions.

A long full life ended quietly at his home in Halfway, Oregon on his 88th birthday. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister Jean Fisher.

Those who would like to make a memorial donation in memory of Bob may do so to the charity of your choice through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, PO Box 543, Halfway, Oregon 97834. Online condolences may be shared at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com). Paid for by the family of Bob Pollock.

### LOCAL BRIEFING

To register, call 541-620-2572 or email [thaddspace@blue-mountainhospital.org](mailto:thaddspace@blue-mountainhospital.org).

### Local student makes dean's list

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire — Jason Leighton of John Day has been named to the winter term dean's list at Southern New Hampshire University.

The academic recognition is accorded to full-time students who earn a grade point average between 3.5 and 3.7.

### ODFW: Leave young wildlife alone

SALEM — This is the time of year when many wild animals give birth — and many humans try to "rescue" young animals they think have been abandoned but most likely are doing just fine, thank you.

Removing an animal from the wild is a violation of wildlife laws, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife noted in a news release, and can result in a warning or citation.

Despite that fact, springtime brings a flood of calls to ODFW, wildlife rehabilitation centers and the Oregon State Police from people who have picked up a deer fawn, elk calf or fledgling bird in the mistaken belief that the animal has been abandoned, the news release said.

More likely the animal's mother had gone off to feed or was

waiting nearby for humans or pets to leave so it could come back and care for its young.

ODFW urges people to keep pets away from wildlife this time of year and keep dogs on a leash when recreating outdoors. Pets can stress wildlife, especially if there are young in the vicinity.

If you are certain a young animal has been orphaned because you saw its parents die, call ODFW, OSP or a licensed wildlife rehabilitator for advice.

With the recent detection of avian flu in Oregon, ODFW also warns people to avoid close contact with waterfowl this spring and summer and not to feed ducks and geese. Feeding wildfowl causes susceptible animals to congregate, making it easier for the disease to spread.

### United Way hosts golf tourney

PENDLETON — The United Way of the Blue Mountains will host the 13th annual United Way Charity Golf Tournament on July 22 at the Wildhorse Resort Golf Course in Pendleton.

The event kicks off at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start and wraps up with a post-tournament luncheon.

Sponsored by Pepsi, the event will include tournament prizes, a raffle drawing, contests throughout the course and an online auction.

Registration is \$100 for individuals or \$400 per team. Register online at <https://www.uwbluement.org/uwgolf>.

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### DEATH NOTICES

#### Mary Ellen Brooks

Mary Ellen Brooks, 84, of Mt. Vernon passed away on Friday, May 20, at her residence. A visitation will take place on Thursday, June 2, at Driskill Memorial Chapel from noon until 4 p.m. A graveside ceremony, with vault interment, will be held on Friday, June 3, at 1 p.m., followed by a memorial service at the Grant County Fairgrounds Pavilion beginning at 2:30 p.m. with Mitch Mund officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the Keerins Hall Renovation Fund through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845. To light a candle in Mary Ellen's honor or to offer online condolences to her family, please visit [www.driskillmemorialchapel.com](http://www.driskillmemorialchapel.com).



A graveside service and celebration of life for **Al Cummings** will take place Saturday, May 28 at 1:30 p.m. at the Canyon City Cemetery. Reception to follow at the Canyon City Park, Highway 395 and Park Street.

### Monument students visit Texas

By JUSTIN DAVIS  
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ultimately chose San Antonio as their destination.

The trip provided a host of firsts for the 14 Monument students who made the trip. "Probably half of our students had never flown before," Thomas said. "We took them to Corpus Christi and saw the Gulf Coast. I would say the majority of the students had never been to the Gulf Coast. They just came back in awe."

Students also spent a day at Six Flags and toured the Holocaust Memorial Museum of San Antonio, the USS Lexington, San Antonio Mission National Park and the Alamo.

"It was interesting asking them, what was your favorite part? I don't know that there was one student that could say this was the favorite. I had one parent say their student would call and say today was their favorite day and then they'd call the next day and say that was their favorite day," Thomas said.

SAN ANTONIO — High school students typically have one destination in mind when choosing a school trip.

Monument High School students bucked that trend, opting for San Antonio, Texas, over Washington, D.C., as this year's destination. The trip took place between Saturday, April 23, and Saturday, April 30.

Monument Superintendent Laura Thomas said the reason for opting not to go to D.C. was the political climate in the town, which Monument students didn't think was appropriate for high school students.

Monument students began brainstorming following the realization that D.C. wouldn't be a good fit for a trip this year. The students considered Pearl Harbor and a road trip to a number of national parks, but

### Vern S. Mecham

September 17, 1931 ~ February 21, 2022

Long time Mt. Vernon resident, Vern S. Mecham passed away suddenly on February 21, 2022, in Redding, California. A graveside service will be held June 4th, 2022, at the Canyon City Cemetery at 10:00AM.

Vern was born at home in Moreland to Alma & Caroline (Schiess) Mecham on September 17, 1931. He was the fifth of eight children.

Vern's early years were working with his family on farms in Idaho and eventually in Adrian, Oregon. Some of his early stories about farming dealt with working the fields with workhorses.

Vern graduated from Adrian High School in 1950. While in high school, he participated in sports which he claimed kept him in school which was why he was adamant that kids be able to be involved in sports or other school activities.

After graduation, Vern enlisted in the United States Air Force with thoughts of seeing the world. Although putting in for overseas duty, Vern's "overseas" duty found him stationed at Luke Air Force Base in Arizona. Vern wanted to fly but due to being color blind, he was grounded and instead became a hydraulics mechanic working on the "birds" he would have loved to have flown. Vern swears that having to always wear a cap while working in the Arizona heat on the tarmac caused him to lose the hair on top of his head.

Vern finished his four-year stint and was deciding whether to re-enlist when he came to Mt. Vernon to visit his family. This is where he met the love of his life, a young lady by the name of Marie Hall. He asked her to marry him, and on July 29, 1956, their love story officially began for the next 49 years.

Vern worked a variety of jobs throughout his life. Early in their marriage, he was offered a position working on jets in San Diego, California. While living there, their daughter, Carolyn, was born. The ill health of his father brought the young family back to Oregon and eventually Vern went to work in the sawmill in Mt. Vernon and worked there until the late '60s. He went to work for Dean and Betty Elliot at the Union 76 Oil Bulk Plant in John Day and drove fuel truck for them until early 1970 when a position with the U.S. Forest Service on the road crew was accepted. He would tell the story of how he was hired as a laborer but on his first day he was promoted to backhoe operator, a position he loved doing until he retired in 1996.

Vern and Mary were very family/kid-oriented. Although they wanted more children, they were only blessed with Carolyn. However, when it came to kids, Vern and Mary never said no to giving their time or finding an extra dollar for any kid in Mt. Vernon throughout their lives.

A firm supporter of sports, Vern and family faithfully attended Mt. Vernon games at home and on the road. Vern was asked to run the basketball score clock in the 60s and you saw him sitting calmly behind the score table for many years. He even helped out at other schools or at the District and State tournaments he loved to attend.

Vern served on the Mt. Vernon School Board for 25+ years. When the sports team bus needed a driver and no one applied for the position, Vern volunteered to drive the bus as long as Mary and



Carolyn were allowed to travel with him. Many memories were made on those trips.

Vern served as the Boy Scout leader for several years in the 60s sharing his love of the outdoors. There were many fun trips in Vern's old blue pickup to the mountains for a weekend campout.

Vern also served as fire chief of the Mt. Vernon Volunteer Fire Department for several years. One thing he was very proud of was the young men who had been Boy Scouts who volunteered as high school firefighters and worked hard to learn the proper technique of firefighting.

Vern helped Mary (who was the school librarian) after retiring. You would also find him helping with the kids in any capacity he could, whether sitting and listening to their reading, or helping with math.

When Mary retired in 2003, the plan was for them to travel but due to health issues, Vern became Mary's healthcare provider which he lovingly did until her death in July 2005. Before she had passed, Mary knew Vern needed to get back into the world outside their home. She urged him to go to a basketball game at Grant Union one night. The rest as they say is history. After her death, Vern watched Grant Union play football, volleyball, basketball, baseball, and softball. One basketball night he was asked to fill in on the ticket table, which led him to volunteer to take tickets at G.U.'s sporting events for several years so that parents could watch their kids play because he knew it was important for them to do so. When he needed to live with Carolyn, this was one of many things he missed doing.

Vern was a SUPER and loving dad and grandpa. He taught his grandchildren how to camp, fish and handle guns safely like he had with so many other kids throughout his life. When he helped Carolyn with projects at her home, he always had two little helpers (and older ones as they grew up) right at his side. He never tired of answering questions or showing them how to do things.

Vern spent the last four years living with Carolyn. Although he missed life in Mt. Vernon, he did love being with his daughter and Bill and being around his grandchildren. When his great-granddaughter joined the family, he was totally smitten with her, holding her every chance he got.

Vern is survived by his daughter Carolyn (Bill), two grandchildren, Tim Winship and Kristina (Tim) Schell and great-granddaughter Elleri Schell, as well as 21 nieces and nephews who loved their Uncle Vern and rubbing his bald spot. He is preceded in death by the love of his life, Mary, parents Alma and Caroline Mecham, brothers, sisters and their spouses, Rone & Norma Mecham, Elden & Iris Mecham, Alice & Dick Ashcraft, Roy & Arlene Mecham, Audrey & Jessie Stoker, Ethel & Charlie Cauthron, and Eva & Dale Osborn, as well as three nephews.

In lieu of flowers, his family urges you to give what you can to any Veteran organization, charity, or youth program of your choice through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845. Paid for by the family of Vern Mecham.

### Last Week's Temps

John Day	HI/LO
Wednesday .....	65/37
Thursday .....	48/33
Friday .....	60/37
Saturday .....	65/44
Sunday .....	67/46
Monday .....	66/38
Tuesday .....	70/47

#### 24/7 FORECAST








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### WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 25-31

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
						
Mostly sunny	Cloudy	Showers	Partly cloudy	Showers	Partly cloudy	Mostly sunny
<b>79</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>69</b>
<b>50</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>46</b>