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Obituaries

Ida Kelty

Ida D. Kelty, 74, formerly of Irrigon, died Friday, Aug. 13, 2004, at Evergreen Vista Health Center in La Grande.

At her request, no service will be held. Disposition will be by cremation.

Kelty was born Sept. 16, 1929 at Portland, to Willard and Alice Crall Keeney. She grew up and attended schools at Condon where she graduated from high school in 1949.

She met her husband-to-be, Edward O. Kelty, while he was working as a lineman for an electrical utility company. The couple married on July 11, 1949 at Walla Walla.

Mr. Kelty's occupation took the couple to locations throughout the Northwest and Alaska, where they lived for many years. They had also been residents of Heppner and The Dalles before retiring to Irrigon. Mr. Kelty died on Sept. 20, 2003.

Kelty enjoyed snowmobiling, riding horses and crocheting.

Survivors include a son, Larry Kelty in Idaho; a grandson, Billy Kelty; sisters, Bessie Lamoreaux of Renton, WA and Billie Lacey of Heppner; brothers, Ralph Keeney of The Dalles and William Keeney of Klamath Falls. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward; a sister, Loa Snyder; and brothers, Jack Keeney and Harold Keeney.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, directly or through Sweeney Mortuary, P.O. Box 97, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Floyd J. Hobbs

Floyd J. Hobbs, 90, of Irrigon, died Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2004, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston.

A funeral service was held Aug. 21 at Burns Mortuary Chapel. Burial followed at Desert Lawn Memorial Cemetery in Irrigon.

Hobbs was born April 11, 1914, at North Powder to Frank and Georgia Knowlton Hobbs. He lived most of his younger years in the North Powder area, working for farmers on local ranches. He moved to the Hermiston area to help build the Umatilla Army Depot.

He married Bessie Dexter at Weiser, ID on Aug. 11, 1941. They had five sons and a daughter. After a brief illness, Bessie died in July 1959.

Hobbs returned to work for the depot until he retired in 1972.

He married Gladys Hughes, an Irrigon school teacher, on March 14, 1962. They added two daughters to the family.

Hobbs was active in sports during his high school years, playing football and basketball. He continued his interest in sports as his children participated during their school years.

In recent years, he had been active in the Stokes Landing Senior Center Rest Area project, making sure the trailer used for the project was well stocked and ready.

He continued his interest in sports during his retirement through the media. He seldom missed a Mariners or Blazers game and enjoyed watching football, golf, auto racing and more. He had been looking forward to the Olympics.

In April, family and friends surprised him with a 90th birthday party.

Survivors include his wife, Gladys, of Irrigon; sons, Daryl Hobbs and wife, Ginny, of Colorado Springs, CO, Lynn Hobbs and wife, Cheryl, of Irrigon, Allyn Hobbs and wife, Glenda, of Shoshone, ID, and Byron Hobbs and wife, Terri, of Portland; daughters, Vicky Mesteth and husband, Vern, of Umatilla, Jyl Hobbs of Irrigon and Becky Hobbs of Canby; sister, Leora Nice of La Grande; nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Georgia; his first wife, Bessie; three brothers, Kenneth, Raymond and Eldon; a sister, Alene; and a son, Lyle.

Donations may be made to Stokes Landing Senior Center of Irrigon.

Burns Mortuary in Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

Arlene Evelyn Correa

Arlene Evelyn Correa, 86, of Big Buttercreek near Echo, died Aug. 19, 2004, at home.

Recitation of the Rosary was held Aug. 23, with a funeral mass held Aug. 24. Burial followed at Echo Cemetery in Echo.

Correa was born Nov. 12, 1917, in Medford to Edward and Leone Southward Nunn. She was raised and attended schools in Hermiston and later in Echo.

She married John B. Correa on Sept. 16, 1936 in Echo. They ranched near Echo and Starkey.

She was a member of the Starkey Cattle and Horse Association. She enjoyed farming and ranching with her husband, canning, yellow roses and loved spending time with

her family. She was also a member of the Catholic Church.

Survivors include sons, John E. Correa of Buttercreek, Bob Correa of Pendleton and Bill Lozier of Pendleton; daughters, Peggy Correa Hays of Echo and Betty Correa Thompson of Union; sister, Naomi Myers of Union; 18 grandchildren and 43 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, John B. Correa in 1998; son, Bill Correa in 2004; and sister, Ruth Hall in 1991.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Peter's Catholic Church in Echo, c/o Burns Mortuary of Hermiston at P.O. Box 289, Hermiston, OR 97838.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

Clarence D. "Tiny" Gerard

Clarence D. "Tiny" Gerard, 71, of Hermiston, died on Aug. 20, 2004 at his home.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, Sept. 5, at 2 p.m. at the Hermiston Eagles Lodge #2909.

Gerard was born Jan. 16, 1933 in Lexington to Ernest and Wilma Morris Gerard.

He joined the United States Army and served with the rank of private in Korea. He worked as a diesel mechanic at Bonneville Dam for the US Army Corps of Engineers for 30 years. Gerard also sold Watkins Products for many years.

Gerard had lived in Hermiston for the last 15 years. He enjoyed socializing, traveling, his family and his friends. He was a member of the Ocean Park Eagles and Hermiston Eagles #2909, where he was a trustee for several years.

Survivors include his brothers, Lawrence Gerard of Goldendale, WA, Walter Gerard of Irrigon and Robert Gerard of Hermiston; stepdaughter, Robin Toavas of Pasco, WA; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, LaVonne Gerard and his parents.

Those who wish may make contributions to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

Sally Lois Klukkert

Sally Lois Klukkert, 63, of Hermiston, died Aug. 11, 2004 of natural causes while vacationing in Tok, AK.

A celebration of life service will be held on Saturday, Sept. 11, 2004, at 10:30 a.m., at the Hermiston Arc Building, 215 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston, with a potluck to follow. Private inurnment will be at a later date.

She was born May 18, 1941 in Stanfield, to Charles and Opal Geer. She was raised and attended schools in Fossil, graduating from Fossil High School in 1959.

Klukkert worked for First Interstate Bank at several branches in Oregon including Hermiston.

She was united in marriage to James "Jim" Klukkert on Oct. 11, 1975 in Vancouver, WA. They moved to the Hermiston area in 1978 and have lived there since.

She owned and operated S and J Ceramics in Hermiston in the mid 1990s. She then worked at Bank of America until retiring in 2001.

Klukkert loved bowling, quilting, camping, fishing, crafts and spending time with her family.

Survivors include her husband, Jim of Hermiston; daughter, Sherry Hill and her husband, Bill; son, Ken Combs and his wife, Barb, all of Redmond; two stepdaughters, Dee Sears of Portland and Cindy Friend of Long Beach, WA; three grandchildren, Ty, Sophia and Will; brothers, John Geer of Fossil, Bud Geer of Clackamas and Harry Geer of Echo; sisters, Carol Mannlein of Springfield, Barb Skinner of Florence, Ruth Garber of Bedford, TX, Donna Sue Starkey of Arlington, WA and Marian Senteney of Indianapolis, IN. She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Charles and Pete Geer; two sisters, Mary Geer and Klukkert's twin, Jean MacPhearson; and stepson, Kent Klukkert.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Klukkert's memory to the American Diabetes Association at P.O. Box 2680, North Canton, OH 44720 or the American Heart Association at 1425 NE Irving St., Suite 100, Portland, OR 97232.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of local arrangements.

Kevin Rader

Word was received that Kevin Rader, a former Lexington and Pendleton resident, died recently. While living in Lexington, Rader was known as Kevin Chick.

A service will be held Tuesday, Aug. 31 at 3 p.m. at Burns Mortuary in Pendleton.

Call Your Dog Contest winners announced

The Call Your Dog Contest was held during the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo in Heppner on Friday, Aug. 20. Prizes were trophies sponsored by HM Ranch, created by Randall Peterson of Peterson's Jewelers. John and Celia Moyer sponsored an additional prize of \$25 for each category.

Winners in the large dogs category were: 1st- "Bess," a border collie, owned and handled by John and Celia Moyer of Heppner; 2nd- "Cody," a golden Labrador retriever, owned and handled by Phil and Kim Bach of Heppner; and 3rd- "Buddy," a golden Labrador retriever, owned by Bob Mahoney and handled by Lane Bailey of Heppner.

Winners in the small dogs category were: 1st- "Ellie," a border collie, owned and handled by John and Celia Moyer of Heppner and 2nd- "Page," a dachshund, owned and handled by Steve and Linder Proctor of Kennewick, WA.

If you own a dog, mark your calendars for next year and you can be part of this fun event. All you have to do is show up at the rodeo with your dog and a \$10 entry fee. Winner takes all.

Correction

Ione School District Chairman Joe McElligott was incorrectly identified as Joe Rietmann in the Aug. 18 Ione School District story.

DA's Report

Gregg Robert Bitgood was convicted of three counts of Assault-4, Sec. 3, a Class-C felony and one count of Criminal Mistreatment-1, a Class-C felony. Bitgood was sentenced to three years supervised probation, 90 days in jail, 80 hours community service, completion of an Anger Management program and payment of \$2164.

Jeffrey Macomber was convicted of Child Neglect in the Second Degree, a Class-A misdemeanor. Macomber was sentenced to 24 months bench probation, completion of parenting classes, completion of a misdemeanor alcohol treatment package to be administered by Morrow County Behavioral Health and payment of \$474 in fines and fees.

Kenneth Marion Stookey was convicted of Felon in Possession of a Firearm, a Class-C felony reduced to a Class-A misdemeanor. He was sentenced to 180 suspended days in jail, two years bench probation, 40 hours of community service and payment of \$626 in fines and fees.

Brent Michael Smith admitted to violation of probation allegations for Rape in the Third Degree. Smith's probation was revoked and he was sentenced to 180 days in jail and 24 months probation.

Marriage Licenses

Aug. 17: Tomas Hernandez, 18, Boardman and Edith Adriana Marquez Pena, 19, Boardman.

Justice Court report

James Michael Prock, 68, Heppner, DUII Diversion.

Dmitri Waite, 26, Heppner, Maintaining a Dog as a Nuisance, fine \$73.

Kyle Donald Hill, 27, Pilot Rock, Driving while Suspended-misdemeanor and VSL 75/55, fine \$1133, with 180 suspended days in jail and three years probation.

Jonathan R. Crane, 18, Hermiston, Minor in Possession of Alcohol, fine \$259.

Marcus Glen Collier, 33, Ione, VSL 76/55, fine \$180.

Joshua Lewis Hill, 22, Lexington, VBR 68/45, fine \$239.

Jennifer Lee Dumont, 32, Hermiston, Disorderly Conduct (Violation), fine \$378.

Kenneth Stookey, 41, Heppner, Maintaining a Dog as a Nuisance, fine \$111.

David W. Evans, 50, Heppner, Failure to Register, fine \$73.

Troy Michael McGowan, 55, Salem, VBR 66/45, fine \$239.

2005 MC Chronicles now available

The 2005 edition of the Morrow County Chronicles is now available for purchase. The cost is \$5 and they can be found at the Morrow County branches of the Bank of Eastern Oregon- Heppner, Ione, Boardman and Irrigon; at Murray Drugs in Heppner; and at the Morrow County Museum in Heppner.

IMPORTANT GROWERS MEETINGS

BASF/CLEARFIELD WHEAT SYSTEMS GROWERS MEETING
Thursday, Sept. 2nd from 8-10 a.m.
Wasco Parish Hall
2004 Results, Questions and Answers and Beyond Herbicide - What to expect in 2005

SYNGENTA SEED TREATMENT GROWERS MEETING
Wednesday, Sept. 8 from 8-10 a.m.
Ione Grange Hall
Wireworm issues in 2004 - will they be an issue in 2005?
and Dividend Wheatpack Update

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2nd Annual Fund Raising Dinner
to benefit the Ione Education Foundation

Saturday, September 25
Social hour at 6 p.m. / Dinner at 7 p.m.
at the Ione American Legion Hall

Menu: Prime Rib, Crab, Shrimp, Salad, Baked Potato, Bread, Dessert. Two drinks included with meal (choose from beer, wine and soft drinks)

Ticket Prices:
Adults - \$25.00
Children 12 and under - \$10.00
6 and under - free

Tickets available at Bank of Eastern Oregon, Ione

Come enjoy a fun evening and help support the Ione School. There will be an auction after the dinner, music, and raffle tickets for various items on sale also.

The Ione Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation