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Obituaries

Gary M. Miller

Gary M. Miller, 75, died September 12, 2013 in Hermiston, OR. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, September 19, at 11 a.m. at Northwestern Livestock Commission Company (Westland Road & I-84), Hermiston, OR. Private burial will be at the Hermiston Cemetery, Hermiston.



Gary M. Miller

Gary was born April 7, 1938 in Centerville, WA to parents Milton and Velva Yeackel Miller. He was raised and attended school in Sherman County, OR, graduating from Moro High School in the class of 1956. He later attended Oregon State University and Eastern Oregon State College. Gary then worked as an ironworker on various construction projects for several years before returning to Sherman County to run the family ranch.

Gary was united in marriage to Rhonda C. Schledewitz on June 30, 1973 in Culbertson, MT. They moved to Hermiston and purchased Northwestern Commission Company in 1979 and have operated it for the last 34 years. Gary

was the Northwest Director of the Livestock Market Association for 15 years. He was an avid fisherman who enjoyed hunting, and cherished his time with his family and loved his time with his grandchildren. Gary was a past champion steer wrestler in the community.

He is survived by: his wife, Rhonda Miller, Hermiston; son, Mark Miller, Salem, OR; daughters, Tara Miller and Lexi Miller, both Hermiston, and Robin Campbell, Salem; sister, Mary Jo Lane, Grass Valley, OR; and grandchildren, Trey, Andre, Sloane, Holly and Amber.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Tonai Kirkelie.

Those who wish may make contributions in Gary's memory to the American Heart Association at 1200 Naito Parkway, Suite 220, Portland, OR 97209.

Sign the condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

Steven Ray Wagenblast

Steven Ray Wagenblast passed away on Wednesday, September 11, 2013, at Kadlec Regional Medical Center in Richland, WA. Steve, 64, was a life-long resident of the Lexington area. As per his wishes, his family will have a private ceremony, scattering his ashes over his beloved ranch.

Born on June 28, 1949, to Alvin and Lee (McLeod) Wagenblast in The Dalles, Steve was raised on his parents' wheat and cattle ranch outside of Lexington. He graduated from Heppner High School in 1967, where he played basketball and participated in track and field and was an FFA Oregon Star Farmer. Steve was an outstanding steer showman, winning livestock competitions ranging from Portland to Phoenix and Houston to St. Louis. After attending Oregon State University, he married his high-school sweetheart, Vicki Bardenhagen from Kent, OR, in 1970 and returned to Lexington to operate the family's ranch.

Steve was the president of the Morrow County Wheat League in 1985 and a member of both the Heppner Elks and Ione Lions clubs. He loved farming and being a farmer. An avid reader, Steve was interested in researching both historical methods of farming as well as keeping

abreast of contemporary innovations. Known for his wit and intelligence, Steve enjoyed hunting and fishing, rooting for the Beavers, reading copious mysteries, arguing about politics, and telling his grandchildren ridiculous and original tall tales. He loved sports of all kinds and never missed any of his children's games at lone schools. Steve could be found at every game, concert and play his children participated in throughout the state, even though this often meant making up for lost hours in the field late at night or on Sundays. His love of his family and his farm formed the core of his life.

Steve was preceded in death by his parents, Alvin and Lee, and his brother, John.

Steve is survived by his wife of 43 years, Vicki; his daughter and son-in-law, Amy and Ray Schmitt of Medical Lake, WA; son and daughter-in-law, David and Sara Wagenblast of Spokane, WA; daughter, Becky Wagenblast of Moro; and six grandchildren. He will be missed by all.

Contributions may be made in Steve's memory to the Jason Halvorsen Memorial Scholarship through any branch of the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Wilson's to celebrate 40th anniversary

April and Donny Wilson of Lexington will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on Sunday, Sept. 22.

"It's been 40 years; we've had hard times, but we've had good times, too," says April.

The couple has a daughter Tami and three grandsons, all of which are special to them, the couple says. Tami and her husband Raymond Howey's sons are Justin, 18, Trent, 13, and Dylan, 12.

Church plans bake sale fundraiser for India

Students at St. William's Catholic Church in Ione say they are excited to begin the year with a fundraiser to buy Christmas gifts for the children at Father Kumar's children's home in India. Father Kumar founded the home, where 30 children, ages five to 12, receive food, shelter and education.

The catechetical year started with a coffee hour after Mass on Sunday, Sept.

8, where Father Kumar told parishioners about his life in India and his children's home.

The following Sunday, classes began and the students in preschool through grade five organized a bake sale for Sunday, Sept. 22, following Mass. The public is invited to stop by the church at 9:45 a.m. For more information, contact Jeri McElligott at 541-422-7257.

Husum Hills senior golf results

Twenty-nine Willow Creek senior golfers played at Husum Hills Golf Course north of White Salmon, WA on Monday, Sept. 9. The challenging course plays to a par of 70, with lots of hillsides, gullies and big trees.

Results were as follows:
Columbia Division
Gross: 2. Barry Munkers - 74, 4. Ron Bowman - 79, 6. Tom Bedortha - 82, 7. Duane Disque - 83.

Blue Division
Gross: 5. Dave Pranger - 87.
Net: 2. Tom Shear - 67.
Senior Division
Gross: Gene Orwick - 92.
Net: 3. Curtis Cutsforth - 68, 6. Al Scott - 71, 7. Roger Ehrmantraut - 72, 8. Mike Sweek - 74.
The final event on the Columbia-Blue schedule will be played at Big River Golf Course in Umatilla on Oct. 14.

Over the Tee Cup

Thirteen ladies turned out for a sunny and warm day of golf at Willow Creek Country Club on Tuesday, Sept. 10.

Nancy Propheter had low gross of the field, Virginia Grant had low net and Pat Dougherty had least putts.

On flight A, Pat Edmundson held low gross and long drive, while Corol Mitchell had low net and Karen Thompson had least putts.

For flight B, Sarah Rucker and Lorraine Montgomery tied for low gross. Betty Burns had low net, Judy Harris had least putts and Sarah Rucker had long drive.

On flight C, Jennifer Jaca took both low gross and long drive.

In other events, birdies went to Nancy Propheter; Pat Edmundson, Sarah Rucker and Pat Dougherty had longest putt.

Sunday men's play results

Kelly Fox and Mike Doherty hosted 16 men at Willow Creek Country Club for Sunday morning men's play on Sept. 15.

The results were as follows:

Gross: 1. Greg Grant - 63, 2. Charlie Ferguson - 69.
Net: 1. Jim Martin - 59, 2. Bill Morris - 61.
Least Putts: Charlie Ferguson - 25.

Special Events: KP #2/11 - Jim Martin 12'4", KP# 4/13 - Barry Munkers 11'6".

Next Sunday, Sept. 22, will be the final Sunday men's play of the season and will feature the traditional Cross Country Tournament.

The event will be chaired by Dave Allstott, Dave Gunderson and Gary Watkins.

Correction—

Wednesday game nights

In last week's Gazette-Times, we mistakenly announced that game nights will be held every Wednesday at the Heppner Methodist Church. Game nights will be held the last Wednesday of every month, from 7-9 p.m., beginning Sept. 25. The editor apologizes for the error.

Guess Who's Turning 50?



She makes you look beautiful for a nominal fee, no better friend could there ever be! On weekends you'll find her rooting for her team or making meals for a sick friend along with a spot of tea.

She looks only a few days over thirty but on Sunday, September 22nd the numbers say fifty!!



The Ione Education Foundation's 11th Annual Dinner and Auction

Saturday, September 28, 2013
Ione American Legion Hall
Social Hour 6:00 PM / Dinner 7:00 PM
Prime rib and salmon
Auction to follow
The many items and services offered include a fishing trip from Bill Mullins and an iPad raffle

Tickets available at Ione Bank of Eastern Oregon or at the door
\$25 adults / \$10 ages 7-12 / free under 6
All proceeds support grants to Ione School and the endowment fund

Homecoming tailgate dinner planned

A barbecue tailgater will be held before Heppner's Homecoming game at the Heppner football field Friday, Sept. 20, starting at 5:30 p.m.

The meal, hosted by the Heppner junior high football players and their families, will feature barbecued hamburgers, dessert and a drink for \$5.

Heppner's Homecoming game against the Irrigon Knights will follow at 7 p.m.

The HHS Class of 1968 will have their 45th class reunion this Saturday, September 21 at The Heppner Elks Club Social Hour starts at 6 pm Dinner at 7 pm Anyone who would like to stop by and visit is welcome!