

Motorcycle, 1; Deer, 0



Celebrating Bill Farnsworth's successful recovery after a run-in with a black-tailed buck are (L-R) Lori Jones, EMT; Sheryl Angell, RN; Donna Sherman, Lab; Farnsworth, patient; Cari Scrivner, receptionist; Dan Kenny, Diagnostic Imaging; Tina Davidson, EMT; and Dr. Russ Nichols. —Contributed photo

Deer-versus-motorcycle crashes don't usually end well for the cyclist.

It was around noon on Thursday, July 17, when Bill Farnsworth of Redmond, WA, experienced this first-hand. Farnsworth and several of his friends were on Harleys for their annual tour of the Northwest when, near Ruggs Ranch, a young black-tailed buck jumped directly into his path.

Farnsworth estimated his speed at 45 mph at the collision. Farnsworth slid, tumbled and rolled down the highway as the deer staggered away. Other than helmet, gloves and boots, Farnsworth was not wearing protective clothing. That proved to be a painful decision as he sustained multiple scrapes, severe abrasions and a sprained ankle, as well as tooth marks on his arm from the impact with the buck's head—all-in-all, a very sore Farnsworth.

Morrow County Health District Ambulance brought him to Pioneer Memorial Hospital's (PMH) Emergency Department, where he was assessed and repaired by the trauma team, led by Dr. Russ Nichols. Farnsworth was "treated and released," which means he was stitched, bandaged and wrapped, and able to leave as soon as his son arrived from Woodinville, WA to transport him.

Less than three weeks later, Farnsworth drove back to Heppner (in his truck this time) because he wanted to "thank everyone" who was involved in his care. Along with his sincere appreciation, he walked into PMH carrying a case of wine. Farnsworth greeted each of his "rescuers" with a smile and a handshake.

Farnsworth proudly told the staff that his son earned his degree in viticulture and enology at Washington State University and works as the assistant

winemaker at JM Cellars at Bramble Bump near Woodinville.

Morrow County Health District staff that were involved with his care included the eight pictured with Farnsworth, as well as Lauren Crum, RN; Carl Lauritsen, paramedic; Delia Robinson, EMT; Evelyn Carroll, Diagnostic Imaging; Diana Sharp, Lab Technician; and Natalie Rauch, CNA.

Farnsworth also delivered a case to Jay Keithley of the Heppner Volunteer Fire Department to distribute to the crew that assisted with the transport, as well as a couple of bottles to the Northwestern Motel for their kindness and concern.

Farnsworth stated he has been riding street bikes since 1969; this was his first wreck, and he feels fortunate, both because of his good outcome and the wonderful people he was able to meet during his unplanned foray into Heppner.

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ges Times as a distributor, overseeing around 30 newspaper carriers.

After 15 years in California, Don said he, "had enough of the newspaper business and the concrete city," and returned to Estacada, where he went to work for Tree of Life, a gourmet food distributor out of Clackamas, OR. It was after his return to Oregon that he and Willa met online. They were married 11 years ago on Aug. 17—ironically, on his own son's wedding anniversary.

When the Woolery House in Ione came up for sale a few years later, the Coes took the chance on the purchase.

"I always wanted to come back here and, especially, to live in Woolery House," said Willa. "It was kind of a long shot but we were finally able to do that."

They bought Woolery House from Faith Jordan in 2006 and began operating it as a bed and breakfast. Willa ran the Woolery House while Don continued to work for Tree of Life, driving a supply route that extended through northeastern Oregon. Then, in 2009, Ione Market owners Markus and Lisa Collier decided to sell out. The Coes bought the local grocery store and have been running it successfully ever since.

While the couple is nearing retirement age, their decision to sell now has much to do with Willa's health. Willa has been undergoing cancer treatment, and that has made the couple want to experience life to the full while they have the opportunity.

"Part of it had to do with losing his first wife to cancer, and then me (being sick), and we decided it was just time to enjoy life," said Willa.

"Willa's health is actually better," added Don. "It got good enough that we can travel."

And traveling is what they plan to do. While Don's son—his one living child—is in California with his family, and Willa has

children, grandchildren and a great-grandchild in Ione and the Salem area, their plans extend to more than visiting family.

"When I was in the hospital all that time, Don asked me, if I could do anything, what would it be," said Willa. "I told him, 'I want to see all the national parks'...except for Hawaii. I don't want to fly over that much water."

Though they had never discussed it, it turned out that was also Don's dream.

"That's when I said, 'Let's just sell everything and go on the road,'" he said.

And that's what the couple plans to do, touring America's national parks in their RV.

But that's only the first half of the story.

While the Knops and their daughters, Frances and Sarah, move here from east Texas, their roots are buried deep in Eastern Oregon. Todd, 54, grew up in Pendleton, graduating from Pendleton High School in 1978. Kate, 44, grew up Kate Doherty, born and raised in the Sand Hollow area and a 1989 graduate of Ione High School. While Todd attended Oregon State University on a football scholarship and then graduated from Southern Oregon University in 1984 with a bachelor's degree in business management, Kate attended Gonzaga University in Spokane, WA, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history in 1995. They both went on to complete graduate degrees, he a Master of Business Administration from SOU in 1987 and she a post baccalaureate certificate in accounting in 2007 from Linfield College in McMinnville, OR.

After college, Todd went to work as a plant supervisor, working for companies like Iowa Beef in Wallula, WA, Hermiston Foods, Blount, and Contact Industries. Kate worked in the financial field, starting with a Spokane stockbroker before moving to Pendleton and working in accounting for the State of Oregon. The

couple met in Pendleton and was married in 1997. They then moved to the Portland area, where she also worked for Blount as an accountant. In Prineville, while Todd worked for Contact Industries, she was first a risk analyst for Les Schwab and then went into public accounting.

When the economy started to get shaky, the family moved to east Texas in search of more stable employment. Todd took a job as a manager with Georgia Pacific while Kate worked as senior accountant for a grocery chain, overseeing inventory at more than 100 stores.

"I haven't worked in the operations side (of grocery)," she said, "but I know a lot of the behind the scenes."

Texas turned out not to be a good fit for the Knop family, though, so they were intrigued when they heard of an opportunity via "Arlynda Mail." Ione woman Arlynda Gates has for years sent out an informal email newsletter to the Ione community, and the Coes had used it to spread word that they were looking for buyers for the store.

"When we first decided to sell the house and store, we weren't optimistic," Willa said, "but it wasn't long before we had people interested in the store through 'Arlynda Mail,' and then they were interested in the house. It was amazing. It was just meant to be."

"We have received her (Arlynda's) email distributions for, I don't know, 20 years," added Kate. "One Friday in April she sent out an email about Don and Willa. I called my brother Brian and said, 'Hey, can you stop by the store and talk to Don for me?'"

Both Todd and Kate agreed that the purchase of the house and store were "the whole package."

"Kate and I have always wanted to work, to run a business, together. Coming back to Ione in Eastern Oregon is like coming home. We're closer to family," said Don.

"It was really the whole package of returning home, running a business together and raising the girls in Ione," added Kate. "We like the idea of being part of the community, and that we can give back."

The couple said their daughters are also excited by the move. Frances will be a junior at IHS this fall, where she will also continue her habit of taking college classes. Sarah, who will be a seventh-grader, is already planning her year in athletics. Both girls will also help around the store.

"They're both excited to be a part of the community and go to school here," said Todd, adding that the small school size opens more options for them to participate in activities. "This is great for them to be able to get a real diverse experience."

As far as changes, the Knops said the Woolery House will be now be a private residence rather than a B&B. As far as the store goes, though, they plan no changes to the name, the phone number or the operations.

"Don's been very successful here and we want to keep doing what he's been doing," said Todd. "As we see the opportunity to change and serve the community better, I think we'll do that."

"We're just really excited to be a part of the community and serve people as well as we can and raise our kids here."

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Hermiston business 'ticket' to night out for Morrow Ag youth

Again this year, Elmer's Irrigation & Supplies of Hermiston has purchased tickets to Friday evening's performance of the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo in Heppner, and FFA members who are showing or exhibiting in the Morrow County Fair

this year. When owner Lou Lyons began the tradition in Morrow County last year, he said it didn't matter whether they show livestock or home ec projects; what mattered was giving these hard-working kids a night off.

Community lunch menu

Heppner Church of the Nazarene and Seventh-day Adventist church members will serve lunch on Wednesday, Aug. 20, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The meal will include pork roast, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, cran-applesauce, hot rolls, and strawberry shortcake. Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

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