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**Obituaries**

**Delton 'Del' 'Coach' LaRue**

Delton LaRue, 78, of Ione died Saturday, July 23, 2016 in Idaho Falls. A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, August 6, at 1 p.m. at the Ione Community School gymnasium.

He was born March 26, 1938 in Freewater, OR to parents Ernest and Jennie Modlin LaRue. Del grew up in Freewater, graduating from McLoughlin High School in 1956. Siblings were brother, Gilbert LaRue, and sisters, Irene Freeman and Eeva Hoggatt.

Following graduation from Mac High, Del attended Pacific University in Forest Grove, OR, graduating in 1960. His long teaching career began at Lostine High School, where he taught from 1960-1964. In 1961 Del married Linda Winters, and May 25

marked their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. From 1964-1966 Mr. LaRue taught at Wallowa High, and then spent the next four years at Wheeler High in Fossil, OR, from 1966-1970. Moving to Ione in the summer

of 1971, Del spent the next 26 years in the classroom, the gym, the football field and the track of Ione High School until retiring in 1997. Following Del's retirement, Del and Linda stayed in Ione, but headed for the warmer climate of Yuma, AZ during the winter for the past eight years. Coach LaRue always returned to Ione in plenty of time for the track season, as he continued to lead the track program until 2009, and earned the award for National Girls Track Coach of the Year in 2003.



**Delton 'Del' 'Coach' LaRue**

Mr. LaRue was dedicated to his students and athletes, whether in the classroom or on the playing field. He brought out the best in each of them, always encouraging young people to stretch to do their very best, and to always believe in themselves. Lessons taught went far beyond the skills of the game, with Coach always instilling teamwork, sportsmanship, hard work and dedication in each of his athletes.

Of course those same attributes were stressed with Del and Linda's own three children, Robin (Melissa) LaRue of Ione, Shawn (Denise) LaRue of Oregon City and Michelle (Jerry) Buczynski of Sheridan. Bringing great joy to the family were grandchildren Jacoby, Cayben, Zach, Kayla, Kevin, Joshua, Katie, Kyle and Gracie, and great-grandchildren Finley, Stella

and Quin. Del's family was his pride and joy, and the LaRues spent much time together. It seems only appropriate that at the time of his death Del and Linda were on holiday with Michelle and her family in Yellowstone.

The community of Ione will miss seeing Del waving from his 1934 Ford coupe as he drove the town, stopping to chat with his many friends. The daily ritual of getting the mail often turned into a long visit with whoever he happened to meet.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Coach LaRue Scholarship in care of the Bank of Eastern Oregon, Ione Branch, PO Box 106, Ione, OR 97843

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

**Local churches team up for VBS next week**

"Growing in God's Garden," a vacation Bible school to celebrate God's creation, will be held in the evenings from Sunday, Aug. 7, through Wednesday, Aug. 10. Several local churches are teaming up to sponsor the event for all children ages four to 12.

A kick-off barbeque dinner for parents and children will begin at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 7, on the lawn at Hope Lutheran Church on Alfalfa Street, below

the dam in Heppner. Registration can be completed during the dinner hour, 5-6 p.m. Then, from 6-8 p.m. there will be music, art, Bible lessons, science and games for the children. There is no cost to attend.

The remaining three evenings will begin with a light supper at 5:30 p.m., and conclude at 8 p.m. If you have questions, please call the Shared Ministry office at 541-676-9970.

**Catholic men to hold first Friday meeting**

The men of St. Patrick's Catholic Church of Heppner and St. William's Catholic Church of Ione will hold their first Friday of the month meeting on Friday, Aug. 5, at the parish office in Heppner. The meeting will start at 6:45 a.m. and will be followed by First Friday Mass at 7:30 a.m.

**Father-daughter dance this Friday**

A daddy-daughter dance is planned for this Friday, Aug. 5, from 7 to 10 p.m. at St. Patrick's Parish Hall. The event, hosted by Joe Lindsay and his daughter, is free; all ages are welcome.

**Floella E. 'Flo' Connor**

Floella E. "Flo" Connor, 80, of Albany, died Saturday, July 23, 2016 at the Hospice House in Albany, OR, surrounded by her daughters. A graveside service was held on Saturday, July 30, at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Flo was born on July 21, 1936, in McMinnville, OR, the daughter of Floyd W. and Mary Edna Gillock Hutchens. The family lived in the Burnt Woods area

on the Oregon Coast. They later moved to Umatilla, where she attended school, graduating from Umatilla High School. After moving to Heppner she raised her family in Goldendale, WA, then returned to Heppner in 1985. Flo then settled in Albany, where she has resided for the past seven years.

Flo was a very caring and giving person who loved unconditionally. In her earlier years she en-

joyed water skiing, bowling and sewing. She was a 4-H leader and also taught Sunday school for many years. She collected chicken-themed items and had over 1,000 in her collection.

Survivors include her daughters, Tina Alamar and Tracie Fields; her two sisters, Bobbie Angell

and Punk McDaniel; four grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association at 1650 NW Naito Parkway, Suite 220, Portland, OR 97209.

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**Floella E. 'Flo' Connor**

**Dakota Brown Band performs Aug. 8 at Irrigon**



**Dakota Brown Band**

The Dakota Brown Band will perform for the Music in the Parks free outdoor summer concert series at 7 p.m. on Aug. 8 at the Irrigon Marina Park, located off Highway 730 in Irrigon.

The Pendleton band is made up of band members Dakota Brown, Luke

Basile, Frazer Wambeke, Tim Coronado and Chris Newbury. In June of 2011, Dakota Brown Band recorded and released their EP titled "Find Your Way," which proved to be a strong first release for the group. A new full-length studio release is currently underway with three-time Grammy

nominated producer Brook Floyd. The band recently traveled to Hawaii to film a music video for their single, "How Far We Can Go." With their mix of pop and soul, Brown and his mates continue to play throughout the Pacific Northwest.

The Music in the Parks concert series is held each

summer alternating between Boardman and Irrigon marina parks. The concerts are free to the public and begin at 7 p.m. on Mondays through Aug. 22. Visitors are encouraged to bring chairs and blankets. Concessions will be available for purchase at the event, courtesy of Judy's Chuck Wagon. The Music in the Parks series is funded by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District and Portland General Electric and sponsored by the North Morrow Community Foundation.

Additional dates and performers during the season include Jamie Nasario in Boardman on Aug. 15 and the band Fallout in Irrigon on Aug. 22.

**Park district to meet next week**

Willow Creek Park District will hold a regularly-scheduled meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 9, at 5:15 p.m. at Heppner City Hall. This meeting will be the regular monthly meeting to discuss park district business. It is open to the public.

**Community lunch menu**

Willow Creek Baptist Church volunteers will serve lunch on Wednesday, Aug. 10, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. Lunch will include shepherd's pie, orange-kissed beets, sliced tomatoes, French bread and melon salad.

Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

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