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Obituaries

Ellen Webb Conboy

Emma Ellen Webb Conboy, former Condon, Arlington and Goldendale resident, died on November 22, 2016 in Hermiston, OR at the age of 85 years. A family gathering is planned at a later date and her ashes will be spread on the family ranch.



Ellen Webb Conboy

Ellen was born February 24, 1931 in Condon, OR, to George and Veda Dyer Webb. She was raised on the family ranch east of Mayville, OR. A proud graduate of Mayville Grade School, she went on to

graduate from Condon High School in 1949. While a high school student, during the annual Sadie Hawkins Day race, she tagged Bill Conboy, who had recently transferred to Condon from Glenwood, WA. Bill and Ellen were married on June 2, 1951, in Condon, OR. They moved to Glenwood, WA in 1955. She was an avid 4-H leader, sharing her sewing and knitting knowledge with the community. She then lived in Arlington, OR. Upon retirement she moved to Goldendale, WA.

Deaths

Robert A. "Bob" DeSpain—Robert A. "Bob" DeSpain, 92, of Heppner, died Monday, December 5, 2016 at his home. He was born February 8, 1924. Arrangements are pending at Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner.

She is survived by daughters Kathy Proctor and her husband Lucky, Grand Coulee, WA., Lynn Wilkins and her husband Bruce, living on the family ranch in Condon, and son Scott Conboy of Goldendale. Eleven grandchildren also mourn her passing: Shanna Gronquist and husband Kelly, Arlington; Hud Wilkins and Jenny of Tacoma, WA; Gibb Wilkins, Condon; Marne Curtis and PJ of Gooding, ID; Kaycee Ferguson and Ryan of Kennewick, WA; Shane

Proctor and Jessi of Troutman, NC; Cody Proctor of Kennewick; Matt Loomis and Jailin Conboy of Ellensburg, WA; Seth Conboy of Rattan, OK; and Luke Conboy of Walla Walla, WA. She also leaves behind 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Jim Webb.

Please sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

Community Bank's annual charity drive collecting until Dec. 20

Community Bank is currently conducting its annual charity drive. The program is an effort to collect funds from the community, to be used within the community during the holiday season. The Heppner branch has again chosen to support the Neighborhood Center food pantry, while the Hermiston branch will

collect funds for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) of Umatilla Morrow County.

The Heppner branch received a special boost with a \$1,000 donation by the Howard and Beth Bryant Foundation to go toward the Neighborhood Center food pantry.

Branches will have

donation jars available through Dec. 20. All types of monetary donations are accepted, such as personal checks, bills and coins. Anyone with questions about the charity drive can contact the local branch manager.

Funds collected will be matched at 50 cents on the dollar up to a maximum

of \$500 in matching funds per branch. Last year, more than \$24,000 was dispersed to more than 10 charities in the region.

Since the Community Bank Charity Drive began in 2010, the total amount given to area charities now exceeds \$119,500—an average of almost \$20,000 per year.

Artifactory held Saturday



Jolene O'Neal holds son Ezekiel O'Neal at the Artifactory in Heppner Saturday. Despite the cold, a nearly steady stream of shoppers browsed through St. Patrick's parish hall, which was packed with vendors during the Heppner Day Care's annual fundraiser. -Photo by April Sykes

Hardman center sees good turnout for open house

Hardman Community Center had a good turnout of around 60 people for its open house and potluck Sunday, with guests coming all the way from the Portland area—one HCC member said they expected that even the "ghosts" were pleased and enjoyed the afternoon.

Several people contributed hard work to make the day successful, including the cleaning and set-up crew of Diana Stone, Janice Weis and Claudia Smythe; Chuck LeDoux with heavy lifting, filling the wood box and starting the fire; and Mel McDaniel getting the water going. Ruggs Ranch and Snow-McElligott provided the main dish, and Dan and Rita Van Schoiack provided the celebratory cake. Not to be forgotten is the kitchen cleanup crew: Mel and Rick McDaniel, Greg and Beth Pierce, and Frank and Cara Osmin. The Palmer girls ran the "store."

"It was wonderful to see the full dining room and hear the laughter and listen to the stories—some of

which may have even been true!" said HCC secretary Claudia Smythe.

The Palmer girls played a couple of tunes on the old piano, and everyone perused the photos on the walls and looked through the scrapbooks. Those who could hike the stairs to the upper room agreed that it will be a "wonderful and worthwhile endeavor" when the center members get to it in a couple of years.

At the end of the day, the donation jar contained more than \$200 towards the purchase of window coverings. The store also sold several items. Dick Paris has donated some of his homemade bolo ties with the full proceeds going to the Hall.

Mel McDaniel and Scott Smythe got the baseboards in prior to the potluck, and the wood is on hand for the rest of the trim. It was donated by Mel McDaniel, as were a stove, roaster and punch cooler for the kitchen. John Breidenbach donated a roaster in memory of his mother-



HCC president Mel McDaniel doing dishes after the Hardman Community Center open house last Sunday. -Contributed photo

in-law, Mary Reade, and Sandi Richardson donated a microwave to replace the one that quit working. The HCC received a donation from Brenda Hoxsey for painting the women's bathroom hall, as well as a donation from Bruce and Linda Rigby.

The group's latest project is getting the piano

tuned. A tuner is coming through the area in January and gives discounts for multiple pianos. The community center group would like to raise the \$100-\$150 to have him include theirs in his sweep of the area.

The next event that is planned in the Hall is Creth Harris's 100th birthday in February.

Fair board to meet next week

The Morrow County Fair Board monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 6 p.m. at the SAGE Center in Boardman.

This meeting is open to the public and interested citizens are invited to attend. The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to Ann Jones, 541-676-9474.

Park district to meet

Willow Creek Park District will hold a regularly-scheduled meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 13, 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, Dec. 14, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. Lunch will include oven-fried chicken, potato medley, sunshine carrots, green salad, hot rolls and chocolate cake. Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

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