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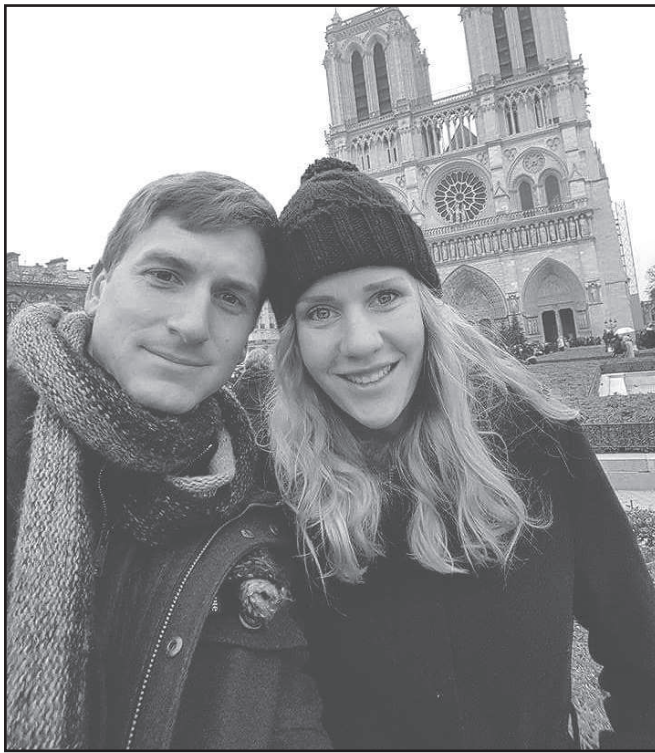
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**Engagements**

**Rauch, Jones plan July wedding**



**Andre' Julian Christian Rauch and Morgan Nicole Jones.**

Chris and Kathy Rauch of Lexington, OR would like to announce the engagement of their son, Andre' Julian Christian Rauch of Vancouver, WA, to Morgan Nicole Jones, also of Vancouver, WA.

Morgan is the daughter of Gary and Shannon Kelley of Las Cruces, NM and Bill and Fran Jones of Newburg, OR.

The future bride has a Bachelor of Science in psychology from Portland State and is currently working on a Master of Science degree in athletic administration at

Concordia University. She is currently employed at Lake Oswego School District as youth sports director and head water polo coach at Lakeridge High School.

The prospective groom has a degree from the University of Oregon in Spanish and business administration. He is currently employed at Daimler in Portland, OR as a IT analyst.

The wedding is planned for July 15th 2017 at Windy Hills Winery in Ridgefield, WA.

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**Obituaries**

**Gail Elaine Burkenbine**

Gail Elaine Burkenbine, 77, passed away peacefully at her home in Walla Walla, WA on January 26, 2017, surrounded by her two loving daughters and beloved son-in-law. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 4, at 1 p.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church in Heppner.

She was born May 19, 1939 in Hillsboro, OR to Bosko Bugarsky and Dorothy (Matteson) Bugarsky.

She soon moved to Pendleton where she lived until she graduated from Pendleton High School.

She married Reese Forrest "Forrie" Burkenbine on June 16, 1957 in Heppner, where they lived until 2013, when they relocated to Walla Walla. They owned Central Market in Heppner from 1975 until their retirement in 1999.

Gail and Forrie loved going to Ajo, AZ for the winters and spent summers

in Heppner. Gail was a member of the Ajo Quilt Guild as well as the Walla Walla Quilt Guild. She was active in the Lions Club in Ajo and Heppner, as well as other community service-based organizations over the years. She also enjoyed volunteering for the food pantry and at the Walla Walla Senior Center.

She is survived by daughters, Lisa (Paul) Leonard of Walla Walla and Connie LaFarge of Sa-

lem, OR; granddaughters, Jennifer Hammons, Monica Madsen, Stephanie Burkenbine, Samantha Burkenbine, Amy McRoberts Ruppnow, Amanda Heimbigner, Sara Pinkerton and Allyson Wise; and eight great-grandchildren.

Her sweetheart Forrie predeceased her in 2014, and her son Allen in 2015.

Memorial contributions can be made to Walla Walla Community Hospice or the Heppner Fire Department.

**William D. 'Bill' Tews**

William "Bill" Douglas Tews of Lone died December 26, 2016 in Richland, WA at the age of 58. Bill's family invites the community to a Celebration of Life at the American Legion Hall in Ione on Saturday, February 11, 2017 at 2 p.m. Private inurnment will be held at a later date at Valby Lutheran Cemetery.

He was the son of Paul

and Rikka (Trangsrud) Tews of The Dalles, OR.

He attended Ione schools—kindergarten through high school—graduating in a class of nine. Following high school he attended Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton, OR, and Portland State University, and was employed in Libya with an agricultural assistance program. Bill graduated



**William D. Tews**

from Seattle University in 1988 with a degree in public policy. At that time he returned to the family farm near Ione to begin farming with his father.

In addition to being a caring and giving individual, Bill enjoyed restoring old cars and pickups, as well as literature, history and music. He created welded art pieces, wrote poetry and short stories, and had a lively sense of humor.

Bill was preceded in death by his grandparents,

an infant brother Gregory Tews, and an infant sister Jennifer Tews.

He is survived by his parents, sister Natalie Tews of Seattle, WA, sister Rondi Jeans (Mike) of Sherwood, OR, and nieces Hannah, Maddie and Audrey Jeans of Sherwood, OR.

Contributions may be made in Bill's memory to the Ione Ambulance, Morrow County Health District, Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836, or to the charity of your choice.

**Dennis Michael Gronquist**

Dennis Michael Gronquist, 69, of Arlington died Monday, January 23, 2017, at a hospice facility in Kennewick, WA. A funeral mass was held Sunday, January 29, at 1 p.m. at the Arlington Grade School gymnasium. Concluding service and burial followed at the Arlington Cemetery.

He was born February 16, 1947, at Pendleton, OR, the son of Raymond John and Francis Geraldine Healy Gronquist. Dennis attended Riverside High School where he met his soon-to-be wife, Penelope Louise Fossey. Dennis and Penny were married on June 4, 1966, at Hermiston, and the couple had two children, Megan Gronquist Proctor and Kelly Gron-

quist.

Dennis ran the Texaco Station in Arlington for many years, but was always active in local politics. As Arlington's mayor he was instrumental in siting Columbia Ridge Landfill, which today employs 70 people. During his time as mayor he worked closely with the Gilliam County Court.

Following his stint as mayor, Dennis became a commissioner on the Gilliam South Court on which he served for nearly 20 years until his death. During his time as commissioner his focus was on the people and economic development. His quick wit, fairness and ability to work with anyone, despite

party affiliation, made him popular amongst all who knew him.

The passing of Dennis leaves a huge hole in many hearts; in fact, Dennis lived such a full and accomplished life it is too difficult to condense it all onto a small section of paper. He was the best father, brother, son, grandfather, husband, friend and partner in crime any of us could have wished for. He touched so many lives in such a positive way. The world is a better place because of him.

Survivors include his longtime love Colleen Nuttbrock; son Kelly Gronquist

and his wife Shanna; daughter Megan Proctor and her husband Bill; grandchild-

dren Taylor Bauman, Jake Bauman, Casey Proctor, Kellen Gronquist and Colt Gronquist; sister Karen Clough; brother Keith Gronquist and his wife Barbara; numerous nieces and nephews; and his gray cat.

Dennis was predeceased in death by his wife, Penny, and his parents.

Memorial contributions may be made to the hospice of your choice, or to the Gilliam County 4-H.

Sweeney Mortuary of Condon is in charge of arrangements.



**Dennis Michael Gronquist**

**Deaths**

**Jim Barclay**—Jim Barclay, 68, formerly of Heppner, died January 19, 2017 at Magalia, CA. He was born August 7, 1948 at Walla Walla, WA. Funeral arrangements are pending.

**Grief support group to meet Thursday**

The Heppner grief support group meeting will be held at Peggy Connor's home on Thursday, Feb. 2, at noon. Lunch will be provided before the group hears from guest speaker Ray DeLoe.

DeLoe is pastor of the Heppner Christian Church. He came to Heppner in July 2016 from California. DeLoe went back to school at age 35 and has been a pastor for the last 28 years. Although he has a wide variety of experiences from being a pastor, he will share with the group two grief stories from two people who are from opposite ends of the spectrum.

All are welcome to attend and to bring a friend.

**Correction**

In last week's front-page story in the Gazette, the headline mistakenly stated that the Ione inauguration occurs annually.

Like the U.S. Presidential inauguration, the Ione school event takes place every four years.

The editor apologizes for the error.

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