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Engagements

Jepsen, Matthews announce engagement



Rebecca Jepsen and Richard Matthews.

Bill and Nancy Jepsen of Heppner are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Rebecca Jepsen to Richard Matthews, son of Pastor Tom and Tami Matthews of Juneau, AK.

The bride-to-be is a 2012 graduate of Ione High School and a 2015 graduate of Whitworth University in Spokane, WA. She is starting her final year in the Doctor of Physical Therapy program at the Eastern

Washington University campus in Spokane.

The groom-elect graduated in 2007 from Juneau-Douglas High School and from Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA in 2011. Matthews is also in the Doctor of Physical Therapy program at EWU. They will both receive their degrees in June of 2018.

The couple plans to exchange vows on Sept. 2, 2017 at Bethel Church of the Nazarene in Spokane.

Births

Emma Joan Kintz—Janet and Jourdan Kintz of Portland, OR welcomed their firstborn girl, Emma Joan Kintz, on June 18, 2017. Emma weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Pete and Nancy McElligott of Ione. Maternal great-grandparents are Eunice McElligott of Ione and Joan Wade of Condon, OR.

Paternal grandparents are Victor and Karen Kintz of Stayton, OR. Paternal great-grandparents are Cliff and Sylvia Coleman of Stayton.

Grief support group suspends meetings during summer

Due to vacations and schedules, the Heppner grief support group will not hold meetings this summer. Monthly meetings will resume in October. Although the group has some ideas for future meetings, they say they would appreciate ideas and suggestions for upcoming meetings, as well.

Please call Jean Ann Adams or Mary Ann Elguezabal with any questions or ideas.

We've made some changes. 

Come check out our new **Hallmark** section and inventory...

Save the Date! 

Wine & Beer Tasting
Aug. 17th
"Pre-Eclipse Party"

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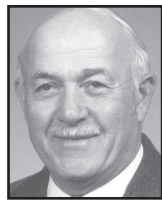
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Obituaries

George John Luciani

George John Luciani, 91, of Echo, OR passed away peacefully at his home on Butter Creek surrounded by his family on June 23, 2017. A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, June 28, at 11 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 485 W Locust Ave., Hermiston, OR. Burial with military honors will



George John Luciani

follow at 2:30 p.m. at the Echo Cemetery, Echo, OR.

George was born in Echo in a Union Pacific section house on October 2, 1925, to Giovanni "John" Luciani and Rosina Dimico Luciani. George was raised and attended school in Echo, where he excelled at basketball. He graduated from Echo High School in 1943. A year later he enlisted in the United States Army. During that time George met the love of his life, Beatrice Haugen, a sweet Norwegian girl from South Dakota

whom he was introduced to by his sister Carmelita and her husband Fiore Borghese. After basic training at Camp Roberts, he and Beatrice were married February 4, 1945 in Pendleton, OR. He served in the Philippines at an Army hospital and later was sent to Japan, where he achieved the rank of Staff Sergeant. Shortly after he was honorably discharged and returned to Echo.

George's love of farming started 70 years ago working for local farmers. A lease partnership was formed with Leo Ashbeck at Pine City until he purchased his own farm in 1965, which is still located on Butter Creek.

Committed to the community, George was active in many activities and organizations over the years, including Morrow County

Fair and Rodeo Board, where George was honored as grand marshal in 1990. George was involved in various community activities including: member of the Echo School Board, an Echo Quarterback Club founding member, life member of the VFW & Heppner Elks Lodge, Oregon Wheat Growers Association, Morrow County Grain Growers, McNary Yacht Club charter member and longtime member of the Lutheran Church. His hobbies included being a rock hound, and he enjoyed motorcycles, fishing, hunting and boating. George lit up whenever friends and family would visit—the hospitality was abounding no matter who walked into the room. He absolutely cherished time with his family and supported the numerous activities of his children and grandchildren.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 72 years

Beatrice "Bea" Luciani, Echo, OR; children Karla Anderson (Doug), Sheila Cozad (Bob), Patty Matheny, and John H Luciani (Karen); 10 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren with one more to come any day; and numerous nieces and nephews.

George was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, Carmelita Borghese, Dorothy Brown and Marion Hibbard; beloved niece Pam Haugen Fishman; and son-in-law David Matheny.

Those who wish may make contributions to George's memory to the Echo Historical Society or Vange John Hospice Veterans Honor Program c/o Burns Mortuary, P.O. Box 289, Hermiston, OR.

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

Bill J. Reed

Bill J. Reed, 84, of Pendleton passed away on June 25, 2017 in the loving company of his wife and children. A memorial service will be held on Friday, June 30, at 10 a.m. at Sun Ridge Retirement Community, 3234 SW Nye Ave in Pendleton.

Bill was the youngest of seven, born to Clarence and Ethel (Keller) Reed on November 5, 1932. During his youth Bill worked at a local dairy and, after graduating from Boone High School in 1951, he joined the Navy. During his time in the Navy he was stationed in Hawaii and a short time in Tokyo, where he served on an aircraft carrier as a postman.

After being honorably discharged he met and married, and they adopted two daughters. He moved to

Minnesota to take a desk job for his employer, found he was not an office person, and soon left that for self-employment as a candy vendor. The family enjoyed many vacations together, Bill's favorite being Hawaii. He also enjoyed baseball games, gambling, golf, fishing and constructing model airplanes and cars. Later in his life he began writing fiction books (close friends and family provided much inspiration for characters.)

Once Bill retired he bought a lake home to share with friends and relatives. He also traveled, which brought him to visit his sisters in Sun City, AZ. Now a single man, it was during one of these visits that Bill met the love of his life, Jean. Shortly after meeting

her he proclaimed to his sister that he was "going to marry that girl one day." On March 10, 1998 in Reno, NV the two were wed. Their living arrangements on a golf course year-round in Woodburn, OR and Surprise, AZ allowed for the two to indulge in all the golf they wanted. Bill also found a lot of joy as Jean played the piano and sang songs. They enjoyed all of the time they were able to spend together, and among their family and in their travels together.

He is preceded in death by four siblings, Charles (Betty) Reed, Robert (Francis) Reed, Fearl (Stanley) Richmond and Marie Seiler.

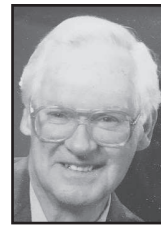
Bill is survived by his siblings, Donald (JoAnn)

Reed and Marilyn Crohan; wife, Jean (Turner-Runnion) Reed; children,

William (Kelly) Runnion, Steven (Vicki) Runnion, Todd Runnion, Janet (Ray) Koch, Teresa Strong and Barbara (Adam) Lofgren; 11 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and multiple nieces and nephews.

Contributions in the memory of Bill may be made to Sun Ridge Adult Care Facility c/o Cheryl Newsom, 2810 SW Nye Avenue, Pendleton, OR 97801.

Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is handling the arrangements. Sign the online condolence book at www.burnsmortuary.com.



Bill J. Reed

Local students make honor roll at OSU

CORVALLIS—Four South Morrow and four North Morrow students were among those who made the Scholastic Honor Roll for spring term, Oregon State University announced this week.

Earning a straight-A average were Garrett K. Robinson of Heppner, senior in agricultural sciences, and Oskar M. Peterson of Ione, senior in pre-mechanical engineering.

With a 3.5 GPA or better were Caitlynn N. Bailey of Heppner, sophomore in pre-business information

systems, and August H. Peterson of Ione, senior in agricultural sciences.

North Morrow students on the honor roll are Sonia A. Barrera of Boardman, senior in Human Development and Family Science; Erick Rodriguez of Boardman, senior in biohealth sciences; McKenzie L. Byrd of Irrigon, junior in public health; and Adriana Sanchez of Irrigon, senior in accountancy.

To be on the honor roll, students must carry at least 12 graded hours of course work.

Community lunch menu

St. Patrick's Catholic Parish volunteers will serve lunch on Wednesday, July 5, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. Lunch will include hamburgers, jo-joes, coleslaw, cucumbers and onions, and lemon snow for dessert.

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

 **BURNING BAN**

Effective June 29, 2017, the Fire Chief of the City of Heppner is imposing a **CLOSED SEASON** for open burning based on local fire safety concerns. **This burning ban is for the City of Heppner. A reminder that open burning also includes a "burn barrel."**

The closed season will remain in effect until further notice this fall as per **ORS 478.960**.

Neighborhood Center bag sale next week

Center closed for July 4 holiday

The Neighborhood Center's monthly \$15 bag sale fundraiser will be held Wednesday, July 5, from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. The bag sale includes all clothing items and shoes. All other merchandise is 50 percent off this day only.

The Neighborhood Center is located at 441 N Main Street in Heppner.

Store hours are Monday - Friday 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.; the food pantry closes every day at 4 p.m. Donations of brown bags and plastic bags always needed and appreciated.

The Neighborhood Center also has announced it will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, for the Independence Day holiday.

Chamber lunch meeting

The next lunch meeting of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce will be Thursday, July 6, in Heppner City Hall conference room. Chamber members are invited to arrive a few minutes early if possible; lunch will be served at 11:45 a.m. with the meeting to begin as close to noon as possible to get through all discussions by 1 p.m. The chamber will receive a legislative update by Oregon State Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Alison Hart, as well as discussing the up-

coming solar eclipse taking place Monday, Aug. 21. The next all entities report will take place Aug. 3.

Cost of lunch is \$10; Two Old Hags Pizza will cater. Because of the upcoming holiday, chamber lunch attendees are asked to RSVP at 541-676-5536 by June 30, but no later than July 3, to guarantee a lunch.

A request for accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to Sheryll Bates at 541-676-5536.

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