

Obituaries

John M. Skuzeski

John M. Skuzeski was born in Heppner on March 7, 1924 and lived in Portland where he raised his family. John was a WWII Navy veteran, graduated from OSU and retired from Jantzen Swimwear as an engineer. He passed away May 21.



John M. Skuzeski

John is survived by his granddaughter, Nicole. He was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years,

Marge and two sons, Steve and Tom. According to his family, John was an amazing man who was loved by all.

A service will be held at 10 a.m. June 10 at Gethsemane Lutheran Church. A military honor service follows at 2 p.m. at Willamette National Cemetery. His full obituary may be found at: www.crowncremationburial.com/obituaries/obituary/17173.

Phillip G. Baker

Phillip Gordon Baker, loving husband of Anna Maria (Piva) and beloved father, passed away May 31. Baker was born in Jonesville, MI to Lyle and Ruth (Kroh) Baker August 28, 1934. He was the third child of five, and at the age of 84 was the oldest sibling to live to adulthood.



Phillip Gordon Baker

Phil grew up on a farm in Osseo, MI with his parents and siblings. He used to round up the cows on a tractor. One of his brother Mike's favorite memories was of his older brother Phil out in the barn, switching out the transmission from one vehicle to another to impress an important date.

Phil was a very private person during his younger years and remained so throughout his life. Though he kept to himself, he was one to help when help was needed. When the time came, Phil stepped up and taught Mike how to drive.

He graduated from Pittsford High School in Michigan in 1952, where he played football and the saxophone. His love of music never stopped and he was very active with the Toledo Barbershop group while living in Toledo, OH in the early 1970's. He later became a member of the Fabulous Phoenicians, singing in a quartet in Phoenix, AZ. Phil was a judge with SPEBSQSA (Society for the Preservation of Encouragement of Barbershop Singing in America).

Baker attended Michigan State University and became a blue-print designer. He also worked for the Ford

Motor Company and Clark Equipment and retired in 1997 as a Tool Mechanical Design Engineer III from Honeywell International (previously Allied Signal Aerospace) in Scottsdale, AZ.

He was very proud and honored to have served as a Private First Class with the United States Marine Corp Reserves from 1956 to 1960. After retirement, he and his wife Anna Maria ran a Mailbox Etc. business in Chandler, AZ. Not one to sit idle, after selling their successful business, he continued working part-time as a home delivery driver for Minute Man Dry Cleaning and as a security guard for the retirement community where they lived.

He is survived by his loving wife Anna Maria, his four children Randall, Jaki Jo, Ronald and Daniel and three step daughters of Anna Maria; Dolores (husband Steve), Theresa (husband Jeff) and Gabriella (husband Tom), two grandchildren; Chantel (husband John) and Rachelle (husband Casey) and five great grandchildren, along with his two younger siblings, Mike (wife Karen) and Cara (husband Frank Osmin).

He was an avid golfer and passed quietly watching the 2019 Memorial golf tournament with family members in Gilbert, AZ. Phil will be memorialized at Valley of the Sun Mortuary and Cemetery in Chandler, AZ. He will be missed by everyone he touched throughout his many years.

Catholic men schedule 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, June 7 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.

Willow Creek Water Park to open

The Willow Creek Water Park will open Saturday, June 8 and will stay open late depending on weather. Normal hours are from 1 to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Daily admission for adults 18 and up is \$4, students ages 5-17, \$3 and children and seniors, \$2. The daily family rate is \$14. Family summer passes are available for \$140 and a

single summer pass is \$75.

Swimming lesson sessions will be June 17-27, July 8-18 and July 29-August 8. Each session will last two weeks and will be held Monday through Thursday. Each session is \$40 with a \$5 discount for season passholders.

For additional information call the Willow Creek Water Park at 541-676-5752.

A View from The Hill

By Doris Brosnan

A view of this "month of the longest day" can see a nice variety of activities coming to the Willow Creek Terrace. And, actually, the longest day, June 21, warrants a good look because that will be a busy, productive day on the hill and around the world.

"Rocking the Longest Day" is sponsored throughout the globe as an opportunity to raise awareness of Alzheimer's disease and raise funds to assist with the search for a cure. At the Terrace, several rocking chairs will be available in half-hour segments from 5:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. for individuals who want to rock and donate to the cause. Interested persons can sign up at the Terrace or by calling 541-676-0004. Volunteers will also be welcome for any of the several efforts involved in this event, which will also include door prizes, food and distribution of information. The "Willow Creek Terrace Rockers" will be rocking in honor of Suzanne Jepsen, who was instrumental in the establishment of the Terrace. Some businesses on Main Street will also be featuring rocking chairs and donation containers on that day, so "Rocking on Main" and/or at the Terrace will be an option. Everyone young or older is invited to be a participant on the 21st.

In the meantime, the weather has taken a turn, so lunch on the patio has been a feature a couple of times and will be again. June always marks the beginning of several days designated to a variety of ice cream treats, so ice cream will be a feature on several menus through the summer.

Several residents have been enjoying the weather while they socialize on the front porch and in the grassy front yard. Visitors are always welcome to join them. Warmer days have also stimulated interest in the colorful blooms now gracing the flowerbeds and the several planters at the Terrace. Ernie "Green Thumb" McCabe has been especially busy contributing his know-how to the planting and continued grooming of the planters. One of the most beautiful plants in the beds is the rose bush donated in memory of Kathleen Hisler by her family and it usually escapes the pruning by the deer that

keep the other roses from blooming. Roses will be a topic of discussion on the 12th, which is "Red Rose Day."

Ron Peck will celebrate his 88th birthday this Friday, so he will share a favorite meal with his neighbors and family. The next day should begin with some optimistic attitudes, as it is "Upsy Daisy Day," which means arising gloriously, gratefully, and gleefully, which might be a stretch for some. And that day will also be the last horse race in the Triple Crown, the Belmont, so residents will be invited to participate in the Terrace's horse-race game.

June 13 is dedicated as "Kitchen Klutzes Day," for the not-so-accomplished cooks in this country. Everyone will be encouraged to speak kindly of the cooks who do their best and are still learning. Leslie Cross has recently joined the staff as head cook, so she is now planning menus, shopping and directing other staff members in the ins and outs of tasty dishes.

Also new to the Terrace staff are Heidi Craft, Denise Garcia and Serena Garrett. Soon on board will be Jasmine Haak. These four ladies are a welcome addition at the Terrace, especially as all the apartments will be full this month, meaning an increase in the need for added trained staff.

Some of that staff will be pampering residents at a pedicure party on the 28th and they invite readers with interest and know-how to join them by calling 541-676-0004 to sign on. This party will fall the day after some of those feet have been placed just right by participants in the putting-green competition, on the 40th USA Senior-Golf Opening Day, which some residents will follow on TV.

June will wind up on the birthday of the Corvette, which was born in 1953. Surely discussion that day will include reminiscences of Corvettes owned, wished-for, dated in or somehow remembered. Earlier in the month, discussions will have touched on D-Day, the anniversary of the 1935 founding of AA, family histories and forgiveness.

This variety of activities is one reason some residents view each day on the hill as an opportunity to be stimulated mentally and physically.

Currin named to honor roll

Kolby Currin, Heppner, was named to the honor roll at Montana State University for the 2019 spring semester.

Students must complete a minimum of 12 credit hours to be on either the President's List or Dean's List. The 1,163 students with a perfect 4.0 grade point average for the semester were named to the President's List. The Dean's List includes the 3,301 students earning grade point averages of 3.5 or above for the semester.

LCAC to hold meeting

The Local Community Advisory Council (LCAC) and Early Childhood Partnership Team (ECPT) will hold a joint meeting Thursday, June 13 at 9 a.m. at the Port of Morrow Well Springs room.

Bag sale scheduled

The Neighborhood Center of south Morrow County will hold a clothing bag sale Wednesday, June 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The first bag is \$15 with second bag purchased at a reduced rate of \$10. All household merchandise is 50 percent off that day.

Proceeds from the sale help purchase food for the pantry. The Neighborhood Center is located at 441 N Main Street, Heppner and is open Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m. For additional information call 541-676-5024.

A View from the Green

Over the Tee Cup

Nineteen of the Willow Creek Country Club ladies enjoyed some good weather when they played in their playday on May 28.

Low gross on the field went to Nancy Propheter, low net to Shirley Martin and least putts of the field went to Virginia Grant.

Flight A long drive winner was Virginia Grant.

Flight B low gross went to Karen Haguewood and low net to Betty Burns. Pat Doherty got the least putts and Betty Burns managed the longest drive.

Sharon Harrison took

low gross on flight C and low net was a tie between Betty Carter and Lorrene Montgomery. Least putts went to Kris Lindner and Betty Carter got the long drive.

The longest putt for flight A was Nancy Propheter. Betty Burns took flight B and Sue Edson got long putt on flight C. The two-member blind team score winners were Sharon Harrison and Shirley Martin.

The Jo Pettyjohn 9-hole Invitational will be held this weekend.

Men's golf group competes

Twenty-four Willow Creek Country Club Men's Club members participated in the event on Sunday, June 2. Dave Pranger won the good of the order drawing.

Ron Bowman won KP and Dennis Peck took the prize for longest putt.

First place net was Delbert Binchus with 56. There was a three-way tie for second between Rick Johnston, Steve Johnson and Dave Creswick, all with a score of 58.

Charlie Ferguson took first in gross with 62. Greg Grant's 63 was second and Erin Mason got third with 66.

There will be no play next Sunday as the ladies will be holding their annual Jo Pettyjohn tournament. The next regular play will be held on Father's Day, June 16 and will be hosted by Dave Pranger, Mike Bergstrom and Jerry Gentry. The WCCC Men's Invitational will be held the weekend of June 21-23.

Hopeful Saints to celebrate 20th anniversary

Hopeful Saints Ministry will be celebrating the 20th anniversary of its partnership between Heppner Lutherans and Episcopalians on Pentecost Sunday, June 9. The Rt. Rev. Patrick Bell, Bishop of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon and the Rev. David Brauer-Rieke, Bishop of the Oregon Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, will be joining the Rev. Katy Anderson in leading a worship service that celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit and its role in preserving the vitality of this ecumenical relationship.

For the first 19 years of this partnership, Sunday services alternated weekly between Hope Lutheran Church near the dam and All Saints Episcopal Church at the corner of

Church and Gale. One year ago, on June 3, the two churches began worshipping in the Episcopal building every Sunday, blending Lutheran and Episcopal resources and traditions while maintaining their separate denominational affiliations. The Lutheran building remains available for special events, such as the ecumenical Vacation Bible School held there annually. The dates this year are June 17 to 21.

The June 9th celebration will take place at the Episcopal building. Worship begins at 10 a.m. After the service, there will be a meal hosted by the leadership team. All are welcome and more information is available by calling the church office at 541-676-9970.

Decorations to be removed from cemetery

Decorations from Memorial Day at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery will be removed on Friday, June 7 in order to resume mowing. Everyone is asked to please remove flowers and decorations they wish to keep.

Glass objects are not allowed in the cemetery due to damage it may cause if it breaks.

STEP HIGH COW PIE 5k TRAIL RUN

Saturday June 8 starts at LDS Church in Lexington 8:30am
Sign up morning of 7:45am - \$10 - fun prizes and treats
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