

Obituaries

Dr. John G. McBee

Dr. John G. McBee loved Pendleton, his family and his ducks, the University of Oregon kind, and the kind he would hunt.

He was born on June 18, 1929 and passed away August 28. He played football, basketball and track for Pendleton High School. An accomplished musician, John won the district award for piano and played the saxophone. He graduated from the University of Oregon in 1952 and in 1958 received his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from Loyola University in Chicago, IL. He practiced dentistry in Pendleton from 1959 until retirement in 2000.

John had many friends in Heppner and accompanied his physician father on house calls there. He recalled bringing chicken, potatoes and carrots home, which was how his father was paid. He especially loved attending the Duck's Unlimited banquet at the Heppner Elks Lodge with all three sons and winning many prizes. He was honored to have many patients from Heppner and was a subscriber of the Heppner Gazette, which he loved to read, until the day he passed.

He was very active in dentistry and served as President of the Oregon Dental Association, President of the Eastern Oregon Dental Society and President of the Oregon Society of Dentistry for Children. He also served on the staff of the University of Oregon Dental School and was a Fellow of the International Academy of Dentistry and was named Oregon Dentist of the Year in 1972. He was also a founding member of the Oregon Dental Foundation. He recruited many dentists and doctors to serve rural eastern Oregon and championed many economic development initiatives for the area.

He was appointed by the governor to serve for eight years on the Oregon Board of Dentistry and the disciplinary board of the Oregon Bar Association for 10 years.

Active with the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce, he served as president 1997-2000 and was named the Chamber Man of the Year in 1985. He received the Pendleton's First Citizen Award in 2001.

He served on the Pendleton School Board for nine years and served as chairman, as well as serving as chair of the Umatilla

County Schools Board Association. His support of Pendleton educators led to a 1971 petition with 130 teacher signatures imploring him to remain on the school board, a document he treasured. He also served as chair of the Oregon 2A High School State Basketball Tournament for six years.

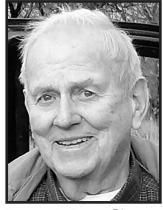
He was a 43-year member of the Pendleton Foundation Trust and served as its president several times. The Pendleton Foundation honored him for his stewardship of more than \$2 million dollars directed toward community projects with a bench bearing his name in Pioneer Park.

He was president of the Little League Association and a 60-year member of the Pendleton Rotary Club, 48-year member of the Elks Lodge and longtime member of the Knights of Pythias. He was chosen as "Tender Foot" of the Year by the Main Street Cowboys.

First and foremost were John's wife and children. He enjoyed following their activities in school, sports, careers and families. He also was passionate about sustainable hunting and fishing with his many Labrador Retriever companions and family members. He was recognized for his wildlife conservation efforts on his beloved "Tooth Acres" farm south of Pendleton.

John will be lovingly remembered for his compassion, generosity, humility, values, uncompromising principles, work ethic and enormous wit.

John was married to Carolyn for 66 years and has five children: Kathleen (McBee) Chadwell of Cannon Beach, OR; John M. and Debbie McBee of Pendleton; Patrick and Lisa McBee of Lake Oswego, OR; Richard and Alisha McBee of Dallas, TX; and Marilyn (McBee) and Randy Martell, of College Station, TX. He had seven grandchildren; Brian McBee, Kelli McBee, Patrick McBee, Katie McBee, Nichole McBee, Annie McBee and Michael McBee. He is survived by his sister, Mary (McBee) Koch of Pilot Rock and nieces Mary Ann (Koch) Low and Susan (Koch) Talbot. He was preceded in death by his father, Gilbert McBee, his mother, Birdine McBee Hollenbeck and brother-in-law, Richard Koch.



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Most HK Complex roads re-open

Forest officials have further reduced the area and road closure for the HK Complex to provide access to Umatilla National Forest lands not impacted by the wildfire or suppression efforts.

Effective Aug. 30, all Forest Service Roads (FSR) were re-opened for public access except FSR 2107-020 and 2100-122. Additionally, access into the dispersed campsite from FSR 2107-21 (which is closed to motor vehicle access) will also remain closed. The area closure will no longer be in effect. A full description of the remaining road closures is available on the Umatilla National Forest website at

www.fs.usda.gov/umatilla.

The HK Complex is estimated at 2,707 acres and 100% contained, but the fire is still active within the interior. The public is asked to avoid entering the remaining closure area, which is still in place for public and firefighter safety. Firefighters continue to conduct suppression and repair activities, including mopping up hot spots and hazard tree removal. The HK Complex is located approximately 15 miles north of Monument, Oregon.

Fire officials want to remind everyone that the current fire danger rating remains at high and Public Use Restrictions involving chainsaw use are in effect.

A View from the Hill

By Doris Brosnan

A red-letter day at the Terrace today: Bonnie Gates is 99 – yes, 99 – years old. "Happy Birthday" wishes will fill the dining room as she celebrates with one of her favorite lunch menus for family and neighbors.

The community on the hill views this occasion as especially special, and residents and staff also viewed another recent event enthusiastically: Myrtle McMillan moved into the last available apartment on the 27th. Myrtle is a familiar face to most of her new neighbors, having lived in the area for many years, and now a welcome addition to their home.

Myrtle has arrived in time to be included, if she wishes, in Heppner's First Friday event on Main Street on the 6th. The Terrace will sponsor a Trivia Booth near the Sage Clothing Co. First Friday activities will run from 4 to 6 p.m. this time because Heppner High School will play its first football game later the same evening. So, the Terrace will feature HHS Football as its trivia topic. The invitation is out: Come test your knowledge of HHS football facts. Small prizes will be available. At the Terrace, trivia is always a Friday morning feature during their "Brain Games."

Hard to believe that September has arrived. 'Tis true, and with it came the Labor Day barbecue on the patio at the Terrace. Everyone continues to appreciate and enjoy the shared produce from many friends' gardens – served and preserved – hoping to see more on menus through this transition month. NFL season also begins in September, actually tomorrow, and fans will surely be viewing games on the sun-room TV.

Next week is designated "Assisted Living Week." The theme for the week will be "A Spark of Creativity," which will become evident in the quilt that the residents will begin creating. The bed-sized quilt will feature a bird shape on each block, and every resident will have an opportunity to complete a block in colors

of fabric-ink pens and eventually tied with a variety of bright-colored yarns.

The week after, beginning on the 16th, will be devoted to "Balance Awareness," and reintroduced to the exercise program will be Tai Chi movements, which are known to contribute to mobility and balance. Tai Chi will continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays, alternately led by the two high school students who will be assisting at the Terrace as part of a work-experience program.

Soon, since school as started up again, members of the Heppner High School National Honor Society will be coming to the Hill on Fridays to play a variety of games with the residents. One favorite last year was played on the Wii program.

As usual, regular weekly activities will continue at the Terrace this month and a variety of topics will interest the morning discussion group. Among other topics, on the 25th, they will join others who acknowledge musical "one-hit wonders" on that nationally designated day. One might wonder, for instance: Los Del Rio. What one-hit wonder did he have the nation dancing to about twenty-six years ago? On the 27th they will share their appreciation of our "First Responders," the individuals who are so good at coming to the Terrace when support and rescue work are required for emergencies.

Unusual for Willow Creek Terrace have been the twelve "move-ins" that have occurred during the past eight months. This has meant almost continuous changing from week to week or month to month, with introduction of new care needs and new personalities. And administrator George Nairns commends the staff for the smooth, capable handling of these changes and success in creating a welcoming, home-like atmosphere for the new residents. Offering assistance, if needed, and making a person feel welcome are just two characteristics that the residents view as important to their life on the Hill.

Marriage Licenses

The Morrow County Clerk's office has released the following report of marriage licenses:

- August 15, 2019:** - Timothy Darrell Emmel, 24, Ione, and Jessica Lynn Masterson, 25, Ione.
- Tyler Joseph Wickham, 31, Irrigon, and Amanda Renee Reeves, 30, Irrigon.
- August 27, 2019:** - Hector Mariscal Magallanes, 37, Boardman, and Tryn Dawn Espelien, 32, Boardman.

A View from the Green

Senior golfers play at Big River

Senior golfers from Willow Creek Country Club played at the Columbia-Blue Senior Golf Association tournament on August 12 at the par 70 Big River golf course in Umatilla.

Winners from Willow Creek in the Columbia Division (handicap 17 and below) were Barry Munkers taking second in gross with a score of 78 and John McCabe winning seventh in net with 69.

Blue Division (handicap 18 to 23) winners in the gross category were Rod

Wilson and Jim Swanson in a tie for third with 86.

In the Senior Division (handicap 23 and above) Ralph Walker was seventh in gross with 101. In net Steve Rhea took eighth with his score of 71.

The next Columbia-Blue Senior Golf Association tournament will be held at the Arlington golf course on September 9 with tee times at 7:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Players should call 541-454-2000 to reserve a riding cart. Lunch information will be provided at a later date.

Over the Tee Cup

Fifteen Willow Creek Country Club ladies played in their weekly playday on August 27 under warm clear skies.

Low gross of the field went to Tiffany Clement. Low net winner was Karen Haguewood. Least putts of the field went to Sue Edson, Kathy Martin and Betty Carter.

Flight B low gross winner was Pat Edmundson and Shirley Martin got low net. Betty Burns got the least

putts and Tiffany Clement got long drive.

Bunnie Lindsay took low gross on flight C. Low net went to Kris Lindner. Least putts went to Jeanne Creswick and Kris Lindner made the longest drive. Kathy Martin got a chip-in.

Long putts went to Pat Dougherty for flight B and Nancy Arnsen for flight C.

The Edie Skow Ladies' Championship will be held September 3 and 4 starting at 9 a.m.

Men's golf holds playday

Willow Creek Country Club Men's Play hosted twelve golfers at their playday on Sept. 1.

Charlie Ferguson and Rick Johnston tied for first in gross with a score of 66. In net, Dave Creswick took first with 56 and Tom Shear was second with 59.

Scott Burreight and Jerry Gentry both got KP in special events.

The next men's play will be held September 8 and with hosts Steve Marlatt, Roger Ehrmantraut and Tommy Martin.

Golfers play for scholarships

The 2019 Holy Names Men's golf tournament was held on Saturday, Aug. 10 at the Willow Creek Country Club. with 29 golfers participating to earn money for Catholic scholarships in the area. The event, in its ninth year, was organized by Mark McElligott and Jim Swanson, with the St. Patrick's Altar Society providing the breakfast.

The first-place winning team consisted of Father Condon, Rick Johnston, Scott Johnston and Brian

Kollman. Second-place winners were Father Kumar, Jim Swanson and Mark McElligott.

The Josh and Melissa Coiner family received the Most Family Members award for participation. Janet Greenup and Rick Johnston had KP. Jim Swanson received the second shot KP award. Keaton Coiner had the longest putt and Joe Lindsay received the prize for Most Lost Balls.

Kathy Martin, Kim Carlson and Sue Edson received door prizes.

Ione Education Foundation to hold annual fundraiser

The Ione Education Foundation's 17th annual dinner and auction will be held Saturday, Sept. 28 at the Ione American Legion hall. Social hour will begin at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7. Dinner will consist of prime rib, salmon, baked potato, bread, salad, dessert and two beverages, your choice of beer, wine or soft drinks.

Following dinner will be a live auction of items donated by community members and businesses, raffles and a silent auction. Please call Joe McElligott at 541-667-7155 no later than Sept. 26 if you are interested in donating items for the live auction

Tickets are available at the Ione branch of the Bank of Eastern Oregon or at the

door, if available. Ticket sales will be limited to 250 adults and may be reserved by calling the bank at 541-422-7466. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$10 for ages 7-12 and free for ages six and under.

In addition to the dinner and auction, the annual meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. The board has one director, Joel Peterson, who has reached his term limit. Peterson will be going off the board and Jill Martin has been nominated to replace him. Another position currently held by Martin Medina is up for renewal and he will be renewing his term for three more years. A vote will take place at the meeting for these positions.

LCAC meeting scheduled Thursday

The next LCAC meeting will be held Thursday, September 5 at 9 a.m. in the upper conference room of the Bartholomew building in Heppner.

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