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A View from the Green

Golfers add skins game to playday

Willow Creek Country Club Men's Play hosted 14 golfers at their playday on July 5. Due to the lack of golfers, the two-man event was cancelled and the men played regular stroke play with an added skins game. Gene Orwick won the good of the order drawing for the second time this year.

John Edmundson took first in net with 60 and Dave Pranger was second with 62. Charlie Ferguson and

Joe Pranger tied for first in gross with 66.

In the skins game, Dave Pranger got two in gross. Charlie Ferguson and Joe Pranger each had one. In net John Edmundson had two. Scott Burright, Charlie Ferguson, Dave Pranger, Joe Pranger and Gene Orwick each had one.

The next Sunday play will be held July 12 with Gene Orwick, Dave Mitchell and Dale Boyd as hosts.

Over the Tee Cup

Only eight lady golfers came out to play in the cool, breezy weather at the playday held June 30 at Willow Creek Country Club.

Low gross of the field went to Virginia Grant. Low net of the field was split between Karen Haguewood and Kathy Martin. Jeanne Creswick and Bev Steagall had the least putts of the

field. Low gross for flight A was Karen Thompson. Virginia Grant had the longest putt.

Low gross for flight B was Judy Harris-Betts. Pat Dougherty had low net and Judy Harris-Betts had the longest putt.

Jeanne Creswick got a chip-in on hole six.

Irrigon man arrested on assault and weapons charges



Jay Dee Keel

Jay Dee Keel, 61, of Irrigon was arrested by the Morrow County Sheriff's Office after receiving a 911 call on July 1 regarding a man with a knife.

The caller stated that a

man with a knife was chasing him and making threats towards him at approximately 6 p.m. last Wednesday. Two responding units were on the scene within three minutes and detained the suspect. According to the press release, deputies covered three different crime scenes and three different victims.

After the investigation, Keel was charged with Attempted Assault I, Unlawful Use of a Weapon (x3), Menacing (x3), Reckless Endangering of Another (x3), Felon in Possession

Gwen M. Healy

Gwen M. Healy, 91, of Heppner, passed away at her home on Thursday, June 25 with many family members by her side.

Gwen was born November 28, 1928 in Fergus Falls, MN, to Ida Coleman and Melvin Gaarsland. The family moved west in 1935 and eventually settled in Ione. Gwen graduated from Ione High school in 1946. In that same year she was on the Morrow County Rodeo court.

In 1948, Gwen married Jack Healy. They raised their five children in Heppner: Jean Marie, Jerry, Jim, John and Judy. Family meant everything to Gwen and she could never spend enough time with her five children, 11 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren. The home of the "Healy Hotel" was always open with a place at the dinner table and an extra bed.

Her family was her life. In the past 60 years it would be impossible to count the times she spent at her "kids'" sporting events, school programs and helping out wherever needed.

Gwen was also always available to her community. To Gwen, "Volunteering is just a part of life." In 2001 she was honored by St. Patrick's Catholic Church for all her years of service including designing and making banners for the church and altar cloths. She also designed and made the original banners for the annual St. Patrick's celebration in Heppner. Gwen received the Town and Country Lifetime Achievement Award in 2006, has delivered Meals on Wheels, participated in the SMART reading program, been a 4-H Club leader and was involved with the Wranglers Riding Club. She was always ready to plan a fundraiser,

a church dinner or help a person in need.

On Mondays, for over the past 20 years, you could find Gwen at the Catholic Church Parish hall with her "quilting ladies." She has given many beautiful quilts to her family and friends, Veteran's organizations, Children's Services and fundraising raffles. In addition to her quilting, she was an excellent seamstress and made numerous prom gowns and wedding dresses.

Gwen loved to travel. A few of her favorite places were return trips to visit family in Minnesota, Ireland, New York, Hawaii and the Dominican Republic. Gwen always looked forward to the annual family trip to Eagle Crest and the Oregon Coast.

According to her family, "Gwen was a great mother, fantastic grandmother and friend to many. She will be missed."

The family noted that Gwen's niece, Marianne Fosmark, who wanted to come to Heppner, made it possible for Gwen to spend her final days in her home.

Memorial contributions can be made to Heppner Elementary School Parent Teacher Club, PO Box 367, Heppner, OR 97836; Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 7000 SW Hampton St., Ste. 101 Portland, OR 97223 or Morrow County Home Health and Hospice, PO Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836.

Gwen's family graveside service was held Thursday, July 2 at Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in care of arrangements. You may sign the online condolence page at sweeneymortuary.com.

Chamber Chatter

Saturday, July 25 at 6 p.m., Dueling Piano Concert and dinner sponsored by the Heppner Chamber at the Gilliam and Bisbee Building. Tickets will be limited to allow for six-foot distancing. Dinner will be prepared by Alvin Liu of Gateway Café, with additional information available soon.

Thursday, August 6 at 12 noon, Heppner Chamber lunch at the Gilliam

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of a Firearm, and Criminal Mischief II (x2). Keel's bail is set at \$330,000 and he is lodged in the Umatilla County Jail.

Obituaries

Billy Joe Rietmann

Billy Joe Rietmann, 91, of Ione, passed away peacefully at home on July 1. Bill was surrounded by loving family in the days leading up to his passing. He was born October 8, 1928 at the family farm. He attended school in Ione and following graduation in 1947 he worked on his father's farm until May 1953, when he entered the military. After 21 months in the Army he returned to the farm in 1955.

On September 18, 1955 Bill married Marilyn Ann Hurst.

Bill was known as Papa Bill to his children, grandchildren and the community. Papa Bill loved attending his children and grandchildren's sporting events. He enjoyed family time at Hat Rock on the Columbia River and was always up for a boat ride. He enjoyed family road trips and his daily ritual was to go out for drives to see the wheat fields. He was always available to drive kids anywhere or pick up parts; "Papa's Taxi Service" was always open.

Bill was a member of the Oregon Wheat League, Ione Community Church, American Legion Post #95 and Heppner Elks Lodge. He was an Ione City Council Member and served as Mayor of the City of Ione. He was an original director of Ione Rural Fire Department and retired from his

position at the age of 80. He also served on the South Morrow County Scholarship Committee. Bill was honored with the Town and Country Lifetime Achievement Award in 2002. He was also honored as Grand Marshal of the Ione 4th of July Celebration.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Victor and Vera Rietmann; his wife, Marilyn; his brother, Robert Riet-

mann and sister, Ruby Ann Rietmann Rhode. He is survived by sons, Mark Rietmann (Tami), Brian Rietmann (Sharon) and Gregg Rietmann (Shelly); grandchildren Shelley McCabe (Adam), Shanna Sallee (Michael), Andrew Rietmann (Erin), Alyssa Brown (Tyler), Alan Rietmann (Nikoa), Alex Rietmann, Anthony Rietmann, Tanner Rietmann, Evan Rietmann, Ola Rietmann and 11 great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held Monday, July 6 at the Ione Highview Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Ione Community Church Capital Campaign Fund, PO Box 346, Ione OR 97843.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in care of arrangements. You may sign the online condolence book at sweeneymortuary.com.

Kimberly Ann Eldridge

Kimberly Ann Eldridge (McConnell) passed away in La Grande on June 30 after fighting a valiant battle with brain cancer. She was born September 5, 1992 in Pendleton to Richard McConnell and Mary Connor-Morehouse.

Known for her gregarious personality, hilarious sense of humor and sincere heart for others, Kim was loved by all she came into contact with. Some of her favorite activities included reading, watching movies and quoting lines from films. Her family was continually awestruck by her ability to strike up friendships with others almost instantaneously.

She was also known for her spontaneous antics, such as serenading her mom with the song "You're My Inspiration" by Chicago and randomly calling her sister Jessica so they could sing Panic at the Disco lyrics at the top of their lungs. Her brother Jeff also credits her with helping him find the love of his life, Heather. At an early age, Kim approached Heather and confidently said, "You're going to marry my brother someday."

Although her time on earth was short, she lived a very full life. She was an active member of the

Awana organization in her youth and enjoyed attending both Camp Elkanah and Young Life's Washington Family Ranch. She graduated from La Grande High School in 2011, where she sang in choir and participated in many other extracurricular activities.

After graduating, she lived on the Oregon Coast for a brief stint

before returning to eastern Oregon. It was during her time away that she met her husband, Nathan Eldridge. The two were married in October 2018. She later worked for Apple Eyecare in La Grande and was training to fulfill her dream of becoming an optician. She cited her job and co-workers as the source of a great deal of pride and joy in her life.

Kim is survived by her husband, Nathan Eldridge; father, Richard McConnell; mother, Mary Connor-Morehouse (Robert); grandmother, Lois Connor; brother, Jeffrey McConnell (Heather Thornton); sister, Jessica Bozeman (Robert); nieces, Karsyn and Alice; nephew, Raze; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Her family will hold a private memorial service at a later time.

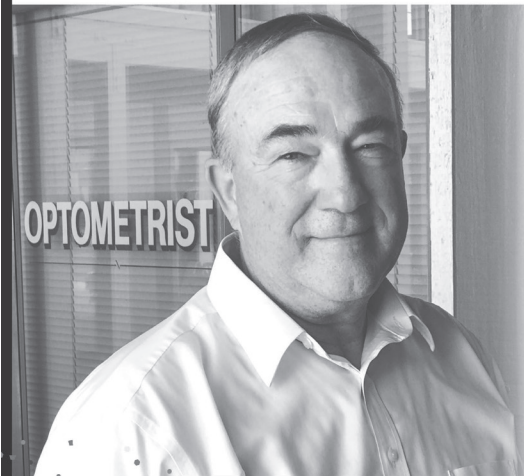


Billy Joe Rietmann



Kimberly Ann Eldridge

Wishing you a Happy Retirement Dr. Rolen!



Dr. Dave Drotzmann and Dr. Kollan Arritt would like to congratulate Dr. Rob Rolen for over 35 years of service to his profession. May all the years ahead bring you great joy and relaxation with family and friends.

For Dr Rolen's current and past patients, Lifetime Vision Source has your files. They'd like to build on the quality care you've come to expect from Dr Rolen for over 35 years

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