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## A View from the Green

# Golfers compete in playday

The men's club held their weekly playday July 19 at Willow Creek Country Club.

First place gross was a tie between Charlie Ferguson and Dave Pranger with 65. Greg Grant took second with 66.

Gary Propheter and Delbert Binschus tied for first in net with 56. Jerry Gentry and Rick Johnston tied for second with 59.

In special events, David Allstott had a long put

of 14'3" on #8-17. Charlie Ferguson got a 12'7" KP on #4-13.

The next play will be the men's club championship on July 25 and 26. The event will begin at 5 p.m. on Saturday and will conclude on Sunday at 8 a.m. The men's club board, John Edmundson and Ron Bowman will be hosting the event. The cost is \$20 for both days or \$10 for just one day.

# Over the Tee Cup

The July 14 playday hosted 15 ladies at the Willow Creek Country Club on a sunny day.

Low gross of the field went to Nancy Propheter. Low net of the field winner was Pat Edmundson. Karen Thompson had the least putts of the field.

Low gross for flight B was Pat Dougherty. Judy

Harris had low net and Karen Haguewood had the least putts.

Sharon Harrison took low gross for flight C and Jean Creswick had low net. Bunnie Lindsay, Mary Riggs and Lorene Montgomery tied for the least putts.

Nancy Propheter got a birdie on number eight.

# Help available for dislocated workers

Training and Employment Consortium (TEC) currently has funding available for dislocated and adult workers. Funded services include, but are not limited to, on-the-job trainings, short-term vocational or post-secondary educational training, ABE/GED and employment assistance.

Funding is also available for young adults, ages 14 through 24 years. Funded services for young adults include, but are not limited to, paid work experiences, ABE/GED services, pre-employment and life

skills training and employment services. Funding is limited. Registration must be completed and eligibility must be determined before funds can be awarded.

TEC also offers, free of charge, assistance with resume development, job search, career and training exploration. For more information, please contact the Training and Employment Consortium office at 541-564-5685, TEC is an EOE/Program. Auxiliary aids and services available upon request to individuals with disabilities. TTY dial 711.

# Chamber cancels meeting

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce announced that the lunch meeting scheduled for August 6 has been cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. Governor Brown announced increased re-

strictions on July 15 to slow the spread of COVID-19 after the increase in cases throughout the state.

The chamber also noted they have a new email address, heppnerchamber@gmail.com.

# Morrow County now reports 205 COVID-19 cases

Morrow County Emergency Management reported a total of 205 cases of COVID-19 throughout the county as of July 20. The update reported five new cases that day, with two new cases in Boardman and three new in Irrigon.

The county population is currently 12,683, which equates to approximately 1.6 percent of the popula-

tion who have been diagnosed with COVID-19. At this time there are 120 cases in Boardman, 76 cases in Irrigon and 10 in the south end of the county.

For additional information, please visit the Morrow County Health District Facebook Page, Oregon Health Authority Website or the Centers for Disease Control Website.

## Obituaries

# Robert Lewis "Bob" Hire

Robert Lewis "Bob" Hire, 73, of Heppner died Thursday, July 16 at Heppner. At his request, no service will be held.

Bob was born in Caldwell, ID on November 16, 1946, the son of Elaine "Kitty" and Maurice C. Combs Hire. His family resided in Baker City, OR until he was five-years old. He was raised mostly in Camp 5 and Kinzua, OR with his mother and stepfather, Harvey Spivey and siblings.

He graduated from Wheeler High School in Fossil, OR in 1965 and moved to Bates, OR in 1966 where he met and married the love of his life, Laura Davis Hire, in August of 1968. The couple had two children, Raymond and Kathleen.

Bob went to work for Kinzua Corporation in 1968 where he started out as an electrician's apprentice and followed the company to Heppner when it moved in 1978. He worked for the company until they sold to another company in 1993/1994. After that he dabbled as a bread route delivery master for a year and was eventually recruited back to be an electrician for Lamb Weston in Hermiston

where he stayed until his retirement in 2005.

According to his family, Bob really loved camping and going to the woods to cut and haul wood most of all. He dearly loved his grandchildren Cassie and Katie Hire, Paul, Lizzy and Ella Vore.

Survivors include his wife, Laura, of Heppner; son, Raymond Hire, his wife, Lori and granddaughters, Cassie and Katie all of Prairie City; a daughter, Kathy Vore, her husband, Sam and grandchildren Paul, Lizzy and Ella all of Hermiston; and a brother, Frank Spivey.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Elaine and Maurice as well as his stepdad, Harvey; brother, Bill Roberts; and sisters, Lois Coleen Hire and Claire (Suzy) Orr.

Bob loved his time in Kinzua and Camp 5 and wishes to be returned there for his final resting place.

Memorial contributions in his name may be made to Pioneer Memorial Hospice, PO Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in care of arrangements. The online condolence book is available at www.sweeneymortuary.com.

# Val Marton Bailey

Val Marton Bailey, 66, of Lexington passed away at his home July 12 after a yearlong battle with cancer. A celebration of life will be held at his home July 31 at 1 p.m.

Val was born July 16, 1953 at San Francisco, CA to Giles and Joan Bailey. He moved to Weston, OR in 1966. Val served in the United States Navy from 1971 to 1974. In April of 1975, he married Brenda Chevront and the couple had a daughter in 1976. They separated in 1977.

In December of 1980 Val had a son. On October 23, 1982 he married Anita Davis and they had three children. They adopted their three great nephews on October 20, 2019.

Val's last employment was at JVB Dairy in Lone and he retired in May of 2019. He loved fishing, music, rock hunting and spending time with his friends and family.

Survivors include his wife, Anita at their home in Lexington; daughters,

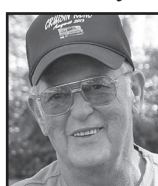
Kiesha Lankford (Mark) of Albany, OR, Heather Ash-bridge of Heppner and Al-isha Serrano of Lexington; sons, Bryan Pawley of Louisville, Kentucky, Joshua Bailey (Cynthia) of Echo, OR, Bryson Bailey, Mathew Bailey and Julius Bailey all of Lexington; 18 grandchildren and

two great-grandchildren; sister, Aldana Potter (Gary) of Cloverdale, OR; brother, Allen Bailey (Lavita) of Eureka, MT; sister-in-law, Katrina Mattila (John) of Weston, OR; and brother-in-law, Lee Davis of Pendleton, OR.

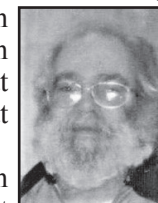
He was preceded in death by his parents; ex-wife, Brenda Chevront; brothers, Jack Bailey and Jimmy Bailey and a sister, Carol Bailey.

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# Morrow County residents urged to enroll in statewide COVID-19 study

Participants in OHSU-led study will help protect their communities

About 10 Morrow County residents have signed up to report their temperature and other COVID-19 symptoms for up to one year.

Why? To provide state and local officials information that will help them make decisions about how to keep Oregon open and safe.

Since it was announced in May, the Oregon Health and Science University-led Key to Oregon study has been measuring COVID-19 prevalence throughout the state. So far, nearly 9,000 Oregonians have enrolled statewide.

The study aims to enroll up to 100,000 randomly selected Oregonians, who will spend less than 10 minutes a day to report their temperature and other symptoms on a secure website. Up to 10,000 of those enrolled will also be selected for asymptomatic testing, or testing those who do not have symptoms, to better measure an often-invisible source of COVID-19's spread.

Those who take part are helping protect their families and communities. OHSU will share study findings with state and lo-

cal decision makers, who can use the data to make decisions to meet the state's economic and social needs – including reopening or closing local businesses and schools – while also protecting human health and lives.

"We are deeply grateful to those willing to volunteer their time to this important work," says the study's lead researcher, Jackie Shannon, Ph.D. "Each person who spends less than 10 minutes a day on this study will help us better understand how the virus is affecting Oregonians. If you were randomly selected, please consider taking part to help your community stay open."

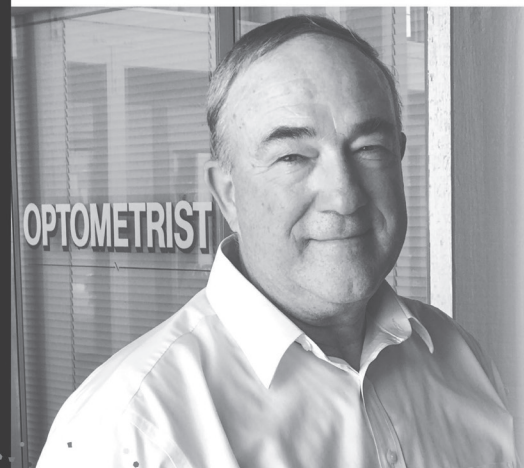
About 650 Morrow County households have been invited to participate in the study and should have received mail notices in May. Those mailings included instructions about how to enroll online. If you lost your invite but are interested in enrolling, please send an email to KeyStudy@ohsu.edu.

Those interested in following the study's progress can learn more at <https://www.ohsu.edu/key-to-oregon>.

## Death Notice

**Wilma Marlatt** – Wilma Marlatt, 78, a former Heppner resident died Monday, July 20 at a care facility in Hermiston. She was born December 20, 1941 at Heppner, OR. A graveside service will be held Saturday, July 25 at 11 a.m. at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery. Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in care of arrangements.

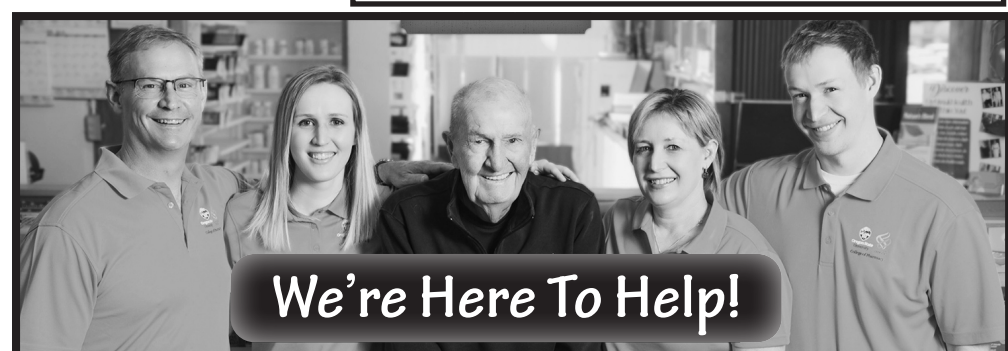
# Wishing you a Happy Retirement Dr. Rolen!



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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