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**Obituaries**

**Joseph Patrick "Joe" Kenny**

Joseph Patrick "Joe" Kenny, 65 of Heppner, OR, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by family, on Sunday, January 30, 2022. A funeral service will be held Saturday, February 5, 2022, at 11 a.m., at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Heppner, recitation of the Rosary will be on Saturday, at 10 a.m. February 5, also at St. Patrick Catholic Church. A celebration of life will follow at Heppner Elks Lodge, 142 N. Main Street in Heppner.



Joseph Patrick "Joe" Kenny

He was born November 13, 1956, to parents, William J. "Billy" and Marjorie T. "Marj" Mahoney Kenny at Heppner. He attended school in Heppner and graduated from Heppner High School in 1975. Joe and his good friend, Kelwayne Haguwood, then decided to enroll at Eastern Oregon State College in La Grande, Oregon. It was here that he met Linda Kay Sieler who would become his beloved wife.

They were married November 23, 1978, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner. Joe and Linda made their home on the family ranch nine miles northeast of Heppner. They considered themselves blessed to welcome three children to their family: Kathryn Anne Kenny, Christine Marie Kenny and Matthew Patrick Kenny.

In 1980 Joe was hired by Mike and Marlene Gray to work at the Union 76 bulk plant in town. This was the start of a 29-year career in the oil business, ten years with the Gray's and then 19 more years with Glen and Dick Devin, and crew, of Devin Oil Co. He said he was fortunate to work for such good people. They did a lot for Joe and his family, and they were also his friends.

Joe was an active 44-year member of the Heppner Elks Lodge #358. He

served as Exalted Ruler in lodge years 1998-1999. He strongly believed in the Elks major objectives: Never forget our veterans, always honor and respect our flag, and support the youth of our community through scholarships and many other ways. He also enjoyed sports, keeping track of the Mustangs and other local teams, as well as the Beavers, Ducks and pro sports teams.

Joe's life revolved around his dearly loved family, his faith, the ranch and the many friends he made during his time. Joe is survived by his wife of more than 43 years, Linda Kay Kenny, of Heppner; daughter, Katie Elithorp, and her husband Bret of La Grande; daughter, Christy Kenny of Pendleton and son, Matt Kenny and his wife Carmel of Heppner; grandchildren, Nathan and Emma Elithorp, Lilian, Cora and Logan Kenny; Joe's mother, Marj Kenny, of Heppner; siblings, Kathy Fisher and husband Ed of Pendleton, OR, Jim Kenny and his wife Vickie of Pendleton, Bill Kenny and his wife Amy of Lewisburg, PA, Karen Bartlett and husband Jeff of Lake Oswego, OR, John Kenny and his wife Judy of West Linn, OR and Tom Kenny and his wife Nicole of Walla Walla, WA. Joe was preceded in death by his father, Billy Kenny and infant brother, Dennis Kenny.

Family suggests memorial donations be made to Pioneer Memorial Hospice, PO Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836, or Heppner Elks Lodge #358, PO Box 494, Heppner, OR 97836, or to the charity of your choice in memory of Joe.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in care of arrangements. The online condolence book is available at [www.sweeneymortuary.com](http://www.sweeneymortuary.com).

**Cemetery district to meet**

The Heppner Cemetery Maintenance District will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 8, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. Agenda items include minutes of previous meeting, financial report and cemetery operations. The meeting will be held at the Ag Service Building conference room at 430 W Linden Way.

Meetings of the Heppner Cemetery Maintenance District are open to the public according to ORS 192.640(1). For questions, contact Janet Greenup at 541-561-6768.

**NEW DOCTOR**

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a second interview with Jennifer Follwell, DO, for the Irrigon Medical Clinic and has an accepted offer for the Pioneer Memorial Clinic/ICC clinic director position, contingent on an on-site visit.

Allstott said the human resources department was still recruiting for a full-time RN for Pioneer Memorial Hospital, a full time or part time Home Health and Hospice RN, an information technology technician, one EMT Intermediate or paramedic and one EMT Basic for the Boardman Ambulance Station, and a fill-in cook for PMH.

Chief Nursing Officer Kathleen Greenup, RN, announced that Pioneer Memorial Clinic and Irrigon Medical Clinic are now seeing patients during extended hours, from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Greenup also noted the district has "adequate PPE (personal protective equipment) and testing supplies at all MCHD locations." She said that the district has "been able to offer multiple community members the Regen-CoV monoclonal antibody treatment for COVID-19. We have ample doses available to continue this treatment option." She added that Pharmacist Laurie Murray "has worked hard to obtain the Sotrovimab infusion treatment and Paxlovid oral treatment for our community."

Greenup reported the Oregon Health authority granted MCHD three contract RNs, which they are "hoping to get oriented and working ASAP."

Also at the meeting, the board approved a draft of a "Physician Compensation Model" which delineated physicians' payment for: clinic/hospital patient contact hours, clinic/hospital hours with emergency room call, evening and weekend emergency/hospital call and emergency/hospital call on holidays, depending on the physician's contract years. Payment rates start out at \$120/hour for one-three contract years (\$250,000 annually); \$124/hour for four-six years (\$257,920 annually); \$128 for seven-nine years (\$266,240 annually); and \$132/hour for 10-12 years (\$274,560 annually). Physicians'

hourly rate for clinic/hospital hours with emergency room call range from \$135 an hour for one-three years, \$139/hr. for four-six years, \$143/hr. for seven-nine years and \$147/hr. for 10-12 years. Compensation for evening and weekend emergency/hospital call remains at \$90 per hour for all contract years, as does \$135 per hour for emergency/hospital call on holidays.

The board received the following profit and loss statement from CFO Nichole Mahoney through December with \$1,165,693 in gross patient revenue, less \$8,840 in provision for bad debts and \$59,214 in contractual and other adjustments for \$1,322,709 in total operating revenue; \$1,430,996 in total operating expenses, \$40,532 for a non-operating gain, for a loss of \$67,755 for the month and a \$116,963 average monthly year-to-date loss."

The board also discussed employing a licensed clinical social worker or a psychologist for the district.

In other business, the board:

-approved an agreement with Pipeline for Remote Pharmacist Services with "a very small price increase," said CEO Emily Roberts.

-received the following MCHD report: five admissions to PMH for observation in December, with 600 outpatient admissions with ER, 100 total ER encounters, three swing-bed admissions, 1,456 lab tests, 126 x-ray/ultrasound tests, 39 CT scans, four MRI scans, 24 EKG tests, two respiratory therapy encounters. Pioneer Memorial Clinic had 202 patient visits in December, Irrigon Clinic-299, Ione Clinic-65, with 123 provider encounters at the hospital; Home Health had 146 patient visits; Hospice had one admission and four deaths; Pharmacy had 3,316 drug doses for \$169,514 in revenue.

-received the following ambulance report: Heppner Ambulance had 26 transports for \$46,576 in revenue; Boardman Ambulance, 25 for \$56,478; Irrigon Ambulance, 22 for \$39,378, with no transports for the Ione Ambulance.

**Good News Only**

**By Doris Brosnan**

Though reports in this column follow a format different from, more verbose than, Delpha Jones's column of many years ago, similarities sometimes exist. And mention of the similarities recently brought a little smile to Adam Doherty's face. He could clearly see himself in middle school, teasing Delpha's grandson Chris about something in her column. (Of course, remembering exactly what the teasing could have been targeting is impossible, since this was among middle-school-aged kids.)

Adam's good news is his promotion with the Farm Services Agency (FSA). He is now the Gilliam County Executive Director, which adds supervision of two employees to his new responsibilities in Condon. Congratulations, Adam.

Charlie Harrison really likes his new baby brother and checks on him often, says his grandmother, but he did seem a bit disappointed at first by the fact that "His name is Jack, not Rusty." Charlie had been campaigning for the name that is also the name of a favorite TV show character. Jack Everett Harrison and Charlie are the sons of Brett and Jane, grandsons of Travis and Kirsten, and great grandsons of Bob and Sharon.

Jan Huddleston enjoyed a pre-birthday weekend in Walla Walla with about fifteen family members, enjoying the ambiance of downtown Walla Walla and the tasting of some wine varieties native to the valley. Jan's birthday fell on last Monday, so the celebration could continue.

Another "Big O" for Keith Lewis last week when he turned 90 certainly called for a celebration. So, his Heppner family invited his Baker City and Bend families to help him celebrate for a couple of days last weekend. His daughter Teresa's children and grandchildren came for walks down memory lane with Keith, great Gilliam and Bisbee overnight accommodations and tasty menus for twenty, prepared by Keith's stepdaughter Kim Armato.

The return of Colt basketball to Heppner has been good news for 60 young-

sters in second-through-sixth grades. Six teams started play last month and will complete their six-week program this month. Each team contains the five grade levels, and play is divided between a second-third-grade combination and a fourth-fifth-sixth combination. Jeremy Rosenbaum and Petra Payne oversee the program made possible because of volunteer coaches, Shane and Stephen Matheny, Josh Coiner, Jeremy Wilson, Adam Doherty, Tim Dickenson and Anna Wedding. Spectators can enjoy the action at HES on Sundays from 1 to 4, and they will hear some team names familiar to college-football followers, since the HES teams borrowed from the PAC12.

The sound and sight of the suction machine being used on Main Street will soon disappear, at least until next year or unless needed for cleaning out the sewer system. This is good news about the multi-purpose machine, but even better news is that this summer and next fall some beautiful colors will be gracing our Main Street as "acer crimson century" Norway maple trees that have been planted as replacements for the trees that had reached the end of their longevity. So far, the machine has been used last year and this in the replacement process for about a dozen trees, and next year, the project will be completed in one more round.

Good news for the Murrays is that the remodel of the pharmacy has been planned and is ready to begin with a new floor. When completed, the pharmacy will have more space for the pharmacists and the technicians and will feature a room to be used for vaccinations.

Contributors hope that their tidbits have brought smiles to readers' faces, brought a small positive interlude to their days. If you have something positive to share, please send your tidbit to [dbrosnan123@gmail.com](mailto:dbrosnan123@gmail.com), or call 541-676-5382 or 541-223-1490.

Thank you to our contributors this week. Here's hoping that some good news comes to everyone reading this.

**Marriage Licenses**

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

**January 3, 2022:** - Joseph William Milder, 73, Ione, and Ann M Londres, 64, Ione.

**January 12, 2022:** -Kai Albert Arbogast, 24, Hermiston, and Ashley Christine Sears, 24, Hermiston.

**Death Notices**

**Armond E. Britt**, 88, of Prineville, died November 18, 2021, at his home. He was born December 31, 1932, at Spray, OR. A memorial graveside service with military honors will be held June 4, 2022, at 11 a.m. at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery. Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in care of arrangements.

**Ryan D. Neal**, 40, of Boardman, died Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at a Portland medical center. He was born September 30, 1981, at Clarkston, WA, the son of Gary and Kathy Neal. A celebration of life will be announced at a later date. Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in care of arrangements.

**Betty L. Wilhelm**, 90, of Heppner, died Sunday, January 30, 2022, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital. She was born October 2, 1931, at Sweet Home, OR. Arrangements are pending at Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner.

DEADLINE:  
MONDAYS  
AT 5PM

**Chamber meeting**

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce will hold their regular lunch meeting on Thursday, February 3 at noon at the Gilliam and Bisbee building. The all entities meeting will be catered by Breaking Grounds for \$10 per person. Lunch will consist of tomato basil soup, grilled ham and cheese sandwich and a cookie.

For additional information, contact JoAnna Lamb at [heppnerchamber@gmail.com](mailto:heppnerchamber@gmail.com) or call 541-676-5536.

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