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# LEXINGTON WATER STUDY

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In other business at its meeting, the council heard a report from Fire Chief Charlie Sumner who said the department has been working on its participation in the upcoming town May Day Celebration. The department will be putting on a breakfast and have equipment in the parade. It was reported that the new door decals with the town jackrabbit logo have been ordered and should be applied prior to May Day on the newly acquired F550 rig. Department members have also started working on a few hall remodel proposals to allow them to park more vehicles in the

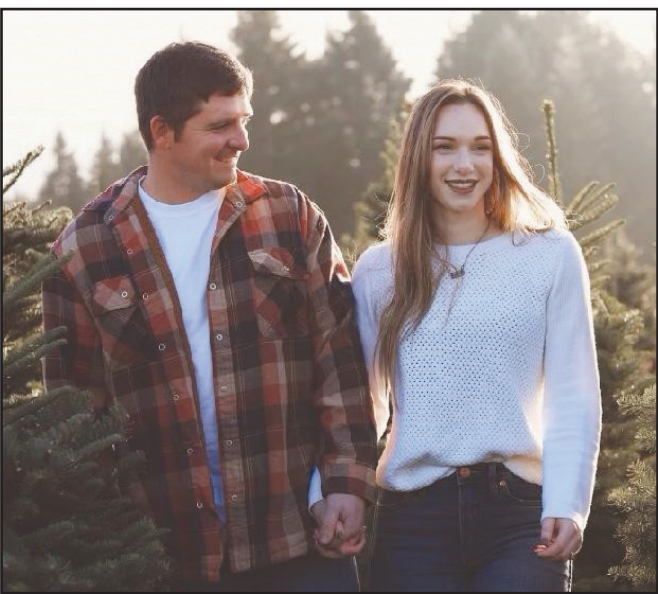
fire hall, Sumner said. They are also looking for possible grants to fund the work. He also reported that the department has had three quick response calls in the past two months.

An update report on the May Day Celebration was also given. The committee is working on collecting and making four to six raffle baskets. So far there is a summer BBQ basket, garden basket, home décor basket and a kids bike to give away. The committee is also planning a possible gun raffle and is working on obtaining a gun and will then start advertising and pre-selling raffle tickets.

## Engagements

Send engagement and wedding announcements to editor@rapidsolve.net or upload to Heppner.net.

# Kenny and Bicket to wed



Dennis Kenny and Melanie Bicket

Jim and Vickie Kenny of Pendleton are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Dennis, to Melanie Bicket of Beaver Creek. Dennis is a grandson of Billy and Margie Kenny of Heppner. Melanie's parents are Lance and Theresa Bicket, also of Beaver Creek.

Dennis is a graduate of Heppner High School. He is employed with Clackamas Fire District #1 as a firefighter/paramedic. Melanie is a graduate of Nee Covenant Christian Academy. She is employed with Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue as an administrative assistant.

A summer wedding is planned in the foothills of the Cascade Mountains.

## Ione Community Church

470 E Main Street,

Ione, Oregon

Church School & Adult Study at 10:00 am

Worship at 11:00 AM



"You will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart."

-Jeremiah 29:13

Join Us in the Search

# Donna Joan Bergstrom

Donna Joan Bergstrom, 93, died Thursday, February 17, 2022, at Willow Creek Terrace Assisted Living in Heppner. A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, February 24, 2022, at Rose City Cemetery, 5625 NE Fremont St., in Portland, Oregon 97213.

Donna was born on July 8, 1928, in Portland, OR, the only child of Lee and Fern Trumbull Marcum. She attended schools in Portland and graduated from Jefferson High School. Donna attended college at Pacific University in Forest Grove, OR. After graduation from college, she taught school for one year at Helix, OR.

On August 25, 1951, she married Roland Bergstrom in Portland. They made their home in Ione, OR for few years before moving to the Bergstrom family farm at Gooseberry. She and Roland farmed until the farm was rented to Doug and Carley Drake in early 1980's.

Donna substituted for years in the Heppner, Ione and Condon school districts. She taught sewing classes and 4-H sewing. As a member of Valby Lutheran Church she taught adult Sunday school classes. She enjoyed singing the area choirs.

# Ernest C. "Ernie" McCabe

Ernest C. "Ernie" McCabe, 97, longtime Heppner resident, died Friday, February 18, 2022, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital. A graveside service with military honors will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, February 26, 2022, at the High View Cemetery in Ione.

He was born February 3, 1925, on Rhea Creek near Ione, OR, the son of Alonzo and Lola Olden McCabe. He was raised and attended school in Ione where he graduated from high school in 1943.

Ernie was a World War II Veteran, serving four years in the United States Navy. He worked in a Munitions Depot on Guam and also on a mine sweeper.

On April 18, 1948, he married Mary Jean Bristow at Ione. The couple had four children.

He was a longtime member of the Heppner Elks Lodge #358, and an active member of the United Methodist Church. Ernie sang in their choir for 25 years during his younger years.

His occupation was a butcher, starting in Ione at the grocery store which was Bristow's Market. He was also a meat cutter at Bay City, OR, for two and a half years. He followed that career in Heppner at what was then Central Market. He custom cut many a fine Morrow County beef over

After their retirement, Donna and Roland did extensive traveling to countries in Europe, Sweden, Japan, China and Australia. The enjoyed spending time in Hawaii while visiting their daughter, Kay. Out of all their travels, Australia was her favorite.

After Roland's death in 2007 Donna remained on the family farm until 2014. She then moved into the Willow Creek Terrace Assisted Living in Heppner. Donna was a member of Hopeful Saints Church in Heppner.

She was preceded in death by her husband Roland and son-in-law Dennis Bush. Survivors include her daughters Carley Drake (Doug) of Heppner, Shaina Stroble (Ron) of Lake Oswego, Kay Bergstrom of Hawaii and Lori Bush of Salem, six grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Memorial contributions in her name may be made to Willow Creek Terrace Assisted Living, 400 Frank Gilliam Drive, Heppner, OR 97836.

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

the years. He later bought Central Market with his partner Forrest Burkenbine.

Family was foremost to Ernie. He especially loved his brothers-in-law, the famous Bristow Boys, and enjoyed many wonderful times with them and their wives. He was very fond of all his nieces and nephews. Many years of enjoyment were had through high school sports watching his son play and then his grandchildren.

Ernie enjoyed gardening, wood working (having made many birdhouses), the Oregon Coast and decorating his house with lights at Christmas.

Survivors include his wife of 73 years, Mary Jean, of Hermiston, their four children, Pam Doherty and her husband Jim, of Golden, CO, John McCabe and his wife Sonja, of Heppner, Lisa Gifford and her husband Joseph, of Hermiston, and Laurie Wilson and her husband Dan, of Newberg, twelve grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Heppner United Methodist Church, PO Box 733, Heppner, OR 97836.

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## Obituaries

# Elmer Leon Ball

Leon Ball passed away February 6, 2022, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner. He was 95 years old.

Leon was born January 12, 1927, at Ione, OR. His parents were Elmer and Nina Chrisopheson Ball. He was raised in the Ione Eight-Mile area, where he attended country schools. When he was 12 years old, his mother died of tuberculosis, so Leon, his sister Freda and brother Jack had to go to live with their aunt, Evelyn Farns, in the mountains south of Hardman at a community called Burton Valley. He lived and attended school there until his dad was able to find a housekeeper to help with the kids while he farmed. When he was old enough for high school, he went to school in Ione.

World War II was going on by then, so when he was 17 years old, he quit school and joined the Navy. He served on the battleship USS California in the South Pacific.

He came home in 1946 and married Jean Biddle of Heppner. They had three sons, Leon (Jay), Gary and Randy. Leon had planned to go to diesel mechanic school at the Oregon Technical Institute, but soon had a family and needed a job. He decided to take a job at the Heppner sawmill for a while and ended up work-

ing there 42 years. He did just about every job in the sawmill and planer, except log sawyer in the mill.

Leon had lots of hobbies. He loved to go fishing and hunting and when the boys were old enough, he took them with him. They eventually got a pickup with a camper and then a boat. Just about every weekend when the weather or fishing was good they were going somewhere.

He liked going to Ochoco Reservoir, Bull Prairie or anywhere else. When the bowling alley opened in Heppner, Leon and Jean started bowling and traveled all over for tournaments.

Leon was very handy. He liked to do carpenter work and did most of his mechanic work when he was able to. After retirement he did a lot of woodworking in his little workshop.

Leon was preceded in death by his wife, Jean, sons, Jay Ball and Gary Ball, his sister Freda Bates, and his brother Jack. He is survived by his son, Randy Ball of Heppner, grandson Stacey Murray and his wife, Rachel, two great-grandchildren, Cody and Raylin of Klamath Falls, nephews, Mike Ball of Prineville, Dennis Ball of Lexington and Steve Ball of Ione.

At Leon's request, no service will be held.



Elmer Leon Ball

# Myrtle Agnes McMillan

Myrtle Agnes McMillan, 84, of Lexington, died February 14, 2022, in Heppner. A memorial graveside service will be held on Saturday, February 26, 2022, at 2 p.m. at the Lexington Penland Cemetery at Lexington.

She was born December 20, 1937, at Geddes, SD to Henry and Audrey McCarl. At the age of one, her family moved to Harrisburg, OR. After graduating from Harrisburg High School, she moved to Heppner, where she worked at Pioneer Memorial Hospital as a nurse's aide.

Myrtle met her husband Scott "Denny" McMillan in Lexington. The couple built a house on the family wheat ranch, where they raised two children.

Myrtle worked for many years cleaning houses, and after retirement she volunteered at the Neighborhood Center in Heppner.

One of her greatest joys was spending time with family and friends.

She is survived by her children, Kenzie McMillan of Lexington and Marion (Meredith) McMillan of Lakeland, FL; seven grandchildren, six great grandchildren; a brother, Morris (Shirley) McCarl of Lexington and countless nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and brothers, Myron McCarl and Mervin McCarl.

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Myrtle Agnes McMillan

# Entrepreneur Day

A Virtual Event

Sponsored by Eastern Oregon University  
Small Business Development Center

Tuesday, April 19 from 8-5

Participate in any sessions you would like throughout the day at no charge!

- Businesses in a State of Flux
- How to Start a Business & Understand Cash Flow
- Digital Marketing
- How to Create & Understand Financial Statements
- Hiring & Retaining the Best Employees
- Opportunities for Minorities & Women in Business
- And more!

The Keynote Speaker will be Ian Galloway from the Federal Reserve.

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