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Boardman community trunk or treat planned

The Boardman Chamber of Commerce is coordinating a community trunk or treat event on Oct. 31 from 5 p.m. "until the candy runs out." The event will be held in the parking lot of the SAGE Center, 101 Olson Rd., Boardman.

Participating businesses or individuals must provide their own candy and decorations and should be prepared to provide items for 800 children. Setup must be completed by 4:30 p.m.; no power is available at the site.

For more information or to register, contact the Boardman Chamber of Commerce.

Columbia Basin fields questions on home solar panels

Columbia Basin Electric Co-Op says it has recently noticed an increase in the number of members interested in installing residential solar panels and would like to remind members that independent solar companies do not always provide enough information on member-specific circumstances for prospective customers to effectively assess the installation of home-solar. Members should contact their utility provider prior to committing to installing solar panels to better understand how the panels will impact their electric bill.

Columbia Basin remains a proponent of renewable energy, including the installation of residential solar panels, but says it believes its members should have a complete understanding of the co-op's circumstances prior to beginning the installation process. CBEC offers solar application forms for members to begin the residential solar process. Once members produce solar power, the co-op will reconcile produced and purchased power monthly, and purchase any excess power from the customer at the co-op's avoidable cost, meaning the amount CBEC would have paid Bonneville Power Agency for the same amount of power (not the retail rate of \$.07941). Additionally, the cooperative is only required to serve one-half of one percent of

its historic single-hour peak load, which is instituted on a first-come, first-served basis. This means that if the co-op has reached its quota on solar services, there would be no net metering for the installation.

"It is important that members interested in home-solar do not approach the installation of panels as a money-making opportunity, but rather as a means of reducing their energy costs while also contributing to the renewable energy movement," the co-op said in a statement.

The other factors to consider when making a decision is the direction the utility industry is moving toward billing. Electric vehicles (EV) will force utilities to start charging a demand charge, which will mirror how Columbia Basin Electric gets charged from BPA. Demand is basically tied to capacity and how much electricity is available; thus, people will get charged based on how much capacity they are using during certain periods of time. This change will also have an impact on solar customers.

The main take-away is for consumers to make sure they know all the costs, rates and the future prior to jumping into a long-term contract.

Anyone with questions regarding the installation of residential solar panels, contact Columbia Basin Electric at 541-676-9146.

Archie C. Ball, Jr.

Archie C. Ball, Jr., 77, of Heppner, died at home on Sept. 23, 2022. A celebration of his life will be held Oct. 14 at 1 p.m. at the Heppner Elks Lodge.

The mold was broken when Arch and Doris (Mahoney) Ball welcomed their second son and last of their seven children, Archie C. Ball, Jr. on Oct. 1, 1944. Archie spent his childhood living on Rhea Creek, attended Heppner Elementary and Heppner High School and graduated with the class of 1962.

He served as student body president, participated as a track athlete and earned the degree of automotive and autobody repair at Blue Mountain Community College.

Archie married Diana Fulleton on Sept. 5, 1964, and they recently celebrated 58 years together. They raised their two children, Andrea and Duane, in Heppner.

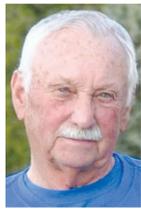
More than anything else, Archie felt great satisfaction ensuring his family was well taken care of, and he should have no worry that they certainly were. It was particularly important for him to create experiences that gave them life-long memories, and he loved them more than could be expressed in words. He experienced the greatest joy providing unabashed support to his grandkids Jacob, Carter, Ali, Casey and Cody throughout the many sports and activities they participated in.

Archie was employed by Pendleton Grain Growers, Padberg Machinery, Morrow County Grain Growers and Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative. Whether occupation or hobby, he took extraordinary pride in his work, strived for his own perfection, and was captivated by life-long learning.

He was proud to call Heppner his hometown, appreciated the quality of life he lived and took advantage of the short drive to the mountains where he loved to spend time for any reason. While he valued living in a small town, he also had special interest in experiencing new places with his family and cherished long-time friends, creating many years of memories traveling and celebrating with them.

Archie was known for his uncanny ability to solve mechanical problems, could repair nearly anything and most insistently constructed or made repairs with rebuilt parts. His creativity inspired "upcycling" before it became hip for taking crummy old materials and giving them a new purpose.

Archie was a man who was happy to quietly contribute to the community he lived in and inclined to provide help to someone in need. He was immensely proud, as was his dad, to be a member of the Heppner Rural Fire Department #69 and the Tri-County Al Kader Shriners. He was a 50-plus-year member of B.P.O.E. #358 and served as a charter member of Morrow County Emergency Medical Technicians and Ambulance Drivers and Morrow County Search and Rescue. He was a volunteer firefighter during his young adult years and served as a member of the Heppner Masonic Cemetery, Water Control District, Heppner



Rural Fire and Morrow County Museum and Farm Foundation boards.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Archie Ball, Sr. and Doris Ball; brother, Bobby; and sisters Laurel VanMarter, Harriet Hall, Eileen Steiger, and Beth Hughes.

He is survived by his wife, Diana; children, Andrea Fletcher (Andy) and Duane Ball (Stephanie); grandkids Jacob, Carter, Ali, Casey and Cody; and sister, Nancy Ekstrom.

If you would like to share a contribution in Archie's memory, please consider his wish to support the Shriner's Hospital for Children or Pioneer Memorial Hospice. Arrangements are with Sweeney Mortuary.

Donald Lee Bennett



Donald Lee Bennett, 95, of Heppner, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner surrounded by his family. A graveside service will be held at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery at 11 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 17, followed by a celebration of life luncheon at the Heppner Elks Lodge.

Don was born on June 29, 1927, at Preston, KS to Nehemiah and Lillian May Wiltse Bennett. He graduated high school in Preston in 1945 and shortly after joined the United States Army Air Corps. He was deployed to Germany during World War II and was honorably discharged from the service on Aug. 17, 1947.

Just a month after getting home from war, he ventured to Oregon, where he worked for Bill and Bonnie Barrett on Hinton Creek and met the love of his life, Clarice "Jean" Hanna. The couple married on Feb. 8, 1950 at Heppner. He then went to work at Morrow County Grain Growers before moving to the family ranch on Hinton Creek in 1962 where he would live and work for the remainder of his life.

He was a member of the Heppner Elks Lodge #358 for more than 70 years, as well as the American Legion. He served as the Heppner Rural Fire Department president from 1963 until 2020. He was also on the Heppner Water Control board for many years. He won Man of the Year award and also was a winner of the Morrow County Soil Conservation award. Don and Jean were awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Heppner Chamber in 2012.

In 1958, Don and Jean bought a small cabin in the blue mountains with 40 acres for \$1,000. He was always proud of that land, and never went there without being ready to do a project. He loved elk hunting in the mountains, deer hunting on his ranch and fishing. Don and Jean never missed any sporting event that involved their children, nieces or nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jean; his parents, Nehemiah and Lillian; brother, Vernon; and sister, Vivian.

Survivors include his three daughters, Deborah (Paul) Sumner, Judith (Don) Barber and Sandra (Skip) Matthews; six grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Wil-

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low Creek Assisted Living, 400 Frank Gilliam Drive, Heppner, OR 97836 or to Pioneer Memorial Hospital, PO Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836 or to Heppner Rural Fire Protection District, PO Box 1010, Heppner, OR 97836.

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

Lowell Lee Turner, Jr.

Lowell Lee Turner, 83, died at his home in Kelso, WA on Sept. 13, 2022. He was 83 years old. Upon his request,

his ashes will be dispersed at the old Winchester cabin site in the Blue Mountains.

He was born Sept. 14, 1938, in Portland, OR, the son of Lowell Turner, Sr. and Lois Winchester. He was raised in and attended school in Heppner. After high school he attended Portland University and Willamette University in the U.S. Air Force ROTC and graduated in 1960. He joined the air force as a fighter pilot. He was the first super-sonic student pilot in the T-38 headquartered in San Antonio, TX. He flew F-100 fighter planes while headquartered in Luke Air Force Base in Phoenix, AZ. During his enlistment he spent most of his time in the Strategic Air Command and served many TDY's in Turkey, India, Italy, Saudi Arabia and Libya. He was a really great pilot. While in the service he earned his nickname "Little Bear" due

to his feistiness.

Once his enlistment was completed for the air force, he was hired as a commercial airline pilot for American Airlines. He made a career with them first as a co-pilot, then pilot and, finally, captain. During his career he flew seven different aircraft and flew routes in the U.S., Asia, Europe, and Central and South America. He retired at the mandatory age of 60 and enjoyed his time in retirement.

Lowell was an avid fisherman and hunter and was always going somewhere and doing something. Moss did not grow under his feet. He loved to make his famous "Turner Taters" for his friends on these outings. He especially enjoyed the annual trips to Alaska to go salmon fishing with his brother, Mike. In recent years he enjoyed playing weekly poker games at the Eagles club in Longview, WA.

Lowell always had a joke to tell with a sparkle in his eye—slightly inappropriate jokes were his favorite. He loved handing out \$2 bills and getting a kick out of people's reaction, not knowing if it was legal currency or not.

His favorite companions were his dogs. You could find him most days walking them around the park or on the walkway behind his house. He enjoyed snuggling with them on the couch.

Lowell is survived by his wife, Mary; daughters, Kim and Kisha; stepsons, Jeff and Greg; four grandsons and two granddaughters; brother, Mike; and sister, Annie. He is also survived by multiple friends who will miss him immensely.

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