

## Obituary

### Taylor Grace Nieri

March 26, 1995 – July 16, 2017

Taylor Grace Nieri has accepted an offer she couldn't refuse. Her invitation included a trip to climb the highest and grandest mountains. In exchange; offered her infinite, eternal views of those who weren't ready to make the trip quite yet. Those she loved most in this world, her family and friends.

She is survived by those responsible for her glistening blue eyes, her parents, Bob and Tammi Nieri; her older brother Dominic (27), who encouraged her tenacious drive to not conform; her older sister Tianna (23), who was her first best friend and number-one fan; her baby brother Kamron (9), who she inspired to live wild.

Amongst her family, Taylor would also leave behind her beloved husband, eternal soulmate and lifelong adventure partner James Thorp.

Her grandparents: Connie Nieri, John Ries, Stephanie Alba and Jim Garrison; her aunts, uncles, and cousins — she cherished her time spent with each of them.

Her in-laws: David & Rosie Thorp; Ben David Thorp (40); Amanda Jo Thorp (38); Megan Joy Thorp (34); her adopted family: Troy and Veronica Hewkins; Scarlett (8); and Delilah all of Australia.

She will be offered chances to kayak the most beautiful rivers and she will be able to pass by all of the many lives she has touched in her short but full 22 years of life. She will continue to bring light and radiate joy even if it is without the pleasure of seeing her physical smile.



Taylor, most widely known for her eccentric wardrobe choice, bright blue eyes, competitive spirit that turned to a wandering soul has left her journey here in wild pursuit of another. Those who could not join her just yet wait anxiously to be with her again. Wherever she is, wherever the wind took her, we are confident she is barefoot and smiling with the ever-so-famous "beer hat" in hand.

Climb high our sweet, beautiful gypsy soul, stay wild.

We ask you Tay, that for many of us who will spend our days missing you, join us under the full moon and continue to bring us light in a sometimes dark world. We'd say "Rest Easy," but we know the truth. Adventure in peace our beautiful daughter, sister, wife, granddaughter and FRIEND.

In honor of Taylor Grace Nieri, please join us in her Celebration of Life to be held on Sunday, August 6. The service will take place at 2 p.m. at Sisters High School. Immediately following the service, there will be a time for socializing, with refreshments served. In addition, there will be an intimate gathering at The Belfry soon after for our immediate family, extended family, and friends.

Information provided by The Nieri Family

## Cellphone service could be spotty for rural eclipse-watchers

By Jim Salter  
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) — If you plan to livestream next month's solar eclipse from one of the prime viewing spots, here's a thought: Stick the cellphone in your pocket, put on your paper glasses, and enjoy the celestial wonder.

Otherwise, frustration is possible since the best places to see the eclipse on Aug. 21 are largely in rural areas with spotty cell coverage. Even as the major cellphone companies temporarily upgrade service, there are no guarantees you'll be able to post to social media as quickly as you'd like.

The solar eclipse will be seen first in Oregon and cut diagonally across 14 states to South Carolina. It will be the first seen coast-to-coast since 1918.

Cellphone companies plan to bring in temporary towers to boost connectivity at some of the big eclipse-watch events.

## Planning underway for senior health fair

Sparked by a commentary in *The Nugget* by Joann Power in May, many conversations in the community are addressing the issues of Sisters' senior citizens. In that article Power urged that coordination of the services already available in Sisters be coordinated in one office by one knowledgeable person. She did not know that Central Oregon Council (COCA) on Aging has a publication, *Directions*, available at the library and other places that is a senior services directory for Deschutes County. It was her perception that seniors meeting difficult times find it difficult to know where to turn. Many seniors do not now know the existence of *Directions*.

Several meetings have taken place since July encouraged by COCA, Sisters Park & Recreation District (SPRD), Robyn Holdman of Citizens 4 Community, Chief Roger Johnson and

Heather Miller of Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District, Father Joseph Farber of the Episcopal Church of Transfiguration and other clergy.

At the same time Shannon Mokuahi Rackowski of SPRD, and others of COCA, and Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District are preparing for a Senior Health Fair on October 15. This will be an event combining fun, information, participation and opportunity.

A meeting is planned for Thursday, August 24, 2 p.m., at Sisters Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration. It will be facilitated by Terry Buchholz, a trained and experienced group leader. The purpose is to bring together a representative of each organization that gives services to seniors and to prepare for an all-inclusive city process later for needed action to ensure the success of living well in Sisters past the age of 70.

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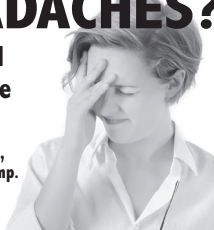


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• Rechargeable batteries	• Fuels & thinners	• Pool & spa chemicals
• Fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides	• Aerosols	• Mercury items
• Fluorescent light bulbs/tubes	• Oil filters & antifreeze	• Paints & stains
• Cleaning products & poisons	• Automotive chemicals	• Propane tanks

**Items NOT accepted:** BUSINESS-GENERATED HAZARDOUS WASTE, explosives, fireworks, ammunition, gas cylinders, radioactive and medical waste.

Deschutes County encourages persons with disabilities to participate in all programs and activities. This event/location is accessible to people with disabilities. If you need accommodations to make participation possible, or to request this information in an alternate format please contact:

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(541) 317-3163 [www.deschutes.org/sw](http://www.deschutes.org/sw)

