

In Memory... Elsie E. Taylor

Elsie E. Taylor, 81, a resident of the Vernonia community, died Thursday afternoon, May 29, 2008 at her home.

A Celebration of Elsie's Life will be held on Saturday, July 5, 2008 at 11:00 AM at the Vernonia Community Church, 957 State Avenue in Vernonia with Pastor Grant Williams, officiating. Private Interment will be held.



Elsie Elnore Taylor was born May 10, 1927 in North Powder, Oregon, the daughter of Joseph A. "Weise" Nice and Mattie (Smith) Nice. She was raised and received her education on the North Powder community, having graduated from high school in 1945.

She was united in marriage to Lyle L. Taylor on June 4, 1945 in Baker, Oregon. Following their marriage they lived in Baker until 1962 when they moved to Sherwood, later living in St. Paul for a time before returning to Sherwood. In 1978 they moved to Jewell where they made their home for eight years until moving to the Vernonia community in 1986. Elsie was preceded in death by her husband, Lyle, On April 8, 1999, after celebrating over fifty-three years of marriage.

Elsie began her working career at the Woodburn Post Office and later for an Insurance Agency in Woodburn. She later worked in the Marketing Department at GAF in Tigard as an Administrative Assistant until she retired in 1989. She later owned and operated "Pretty Gifts and Things" in Vernonia which was her dream come true.

She was a member of the Vernonia Senior Center as well as several Rock Clubs.

Among her interests, Elsie enjoyed rock hounding and jewelry making. She also made and sold Christmas wreaths for many years. Throughout her lifetime, Elsie always lived on a farm and had a great love for animals, especially cows, sheep, chickens and horses.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Charles Nice.

Elsie is survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, Lloyd L. Taylor of Montana and Galen L. and Alicia Taylor of Forest Grove, Oregon; a sister, Virginia Henderson of North Powder, Oregon; three grandchildren, Christina Taylor of Forest Grove, Oregon; Brian Taylor and Jennifer Taylor both of Vancouver, Washington; two great-granddaughters, Amber Taylor and Ashley Taylor; numerous nieces and nephews; and her 4-H daughter, caregiver and friend, Kerri Constance and her husband, Wes, of Vernonia, Oregon.

The family suggests that remembrances may be made to the Hospice of Washington County, 900 SE Oak St. #202, Hillsboro, Oregon 97123 or to the Vernonia Community Church and Senior Center, in her memory.

Tualatin Valley Funeral Alternatives in Hillsboro is in charge of the arrangements. 503 693-7965.

More Donated Quilts

The Tualatin Valley Quilt Guild generously donated an additional thirty-two quilts of many sizes to Vernonia flood survivors; they donated over sixty in December. With TVQG's encouragement, two of the quilts will be raffled at First Friday events in July and August; half of the proceeds will go to Vernonia Cares Food Bank and the other half to the Vernonia Hands-On Art Summer Youth Music & Arts Camp.

If you were affected by the flood and did not get one of these or other donated quilts, please contact Tobie Finzel at 503.705.2173 (mobile phone). The supply is limited to this recent donation.

Lions Club Donations Get Canine Unit Back Together

The Vernonia Lions Club recently spearheaded an effort to re-equip the Vernonia Canine Unit which suffered serious damage during the Flood of 2007 and had to be totaled.

Vernonia Police Sergeant Michael Kay recently showed off the newly equipped vehicle, a 2000 Ford Expedition that was purchased from the Portland Police Department. Insurance covered the cost of the vehicle and the standard equipment for a patrol car, but there was a shortage of funds to equip it as a Canine unit.

The Vernonia Lions raised funds and solicited donations from other area Lions Clubs and private individuals. They raised \$2,500 in two weeks which was used to outfit the vehicle with a K-9 Platform that protects the dog from injuries and allows the vehicle to be more effectively and safely used for prisoner transports. The platform and equipment installation was designed by Officer Kay and features an air conditioning vent into the back of the unit, three exits for the canine, and a removable platform that could be used in other units in the future.

"Without the Lion's Club stepping up again and enhancing the safety of our K-9 Kruger, I don't believe our program would be in the position it is in today," said Sergeant Kay in a prepared statement. "It is important that the Lions be recognized for their dedication."



We cannot live for ourselves alone. Our lives are connected by a thousand invisible threads, and along these sympathetic fibers, our actions run as causes and return to us as results.
~ Herman Melville ~

The Sanskrit word **Kula** translates as "community" and **Seva** as "string". Seva refers to how we are all connected in the thread of existence. To engage one is to engage the whole. To serve one is to serve the whole. Currently seva is known as a practice of selfless service, finding its roots in Bhakti Yoga.

On December 3, 2007 the town of Vernonia was devastated by flooding. The food bank was a total loss. Many stepped up and helped in the recovery process and the food bank reopened its doors the following week. Since then the monthly average of 12+ families assisted increased to 640, while families struggle to return to their homes. Recovery continues but it has been a turbulent year and Vernonia Cares Food Bank is in need of your help.

Connect with members of the Vernonia community. Embrace the teachings of Bhakti Yoga as you experience yoga sadhana through a creative backbending flow; celebrate life through poetry, song and dance; embody compassion through the act of giving...

All proceeds from Kula Seva go to Vernonia Cares

When: July 9th, 2008, 4-8 PM

Where: Portland State University, Smith Memorial Hall, The Grand Ballroom

What to Bring: Mat, Towel, Blocks, Strap, Blanket, Meditation Pillows. At light repast and water will be provided

Contribution: \$35.00

Raffle: One non-perishable food item for each ticket

Registration: www.aletheia-hti.com

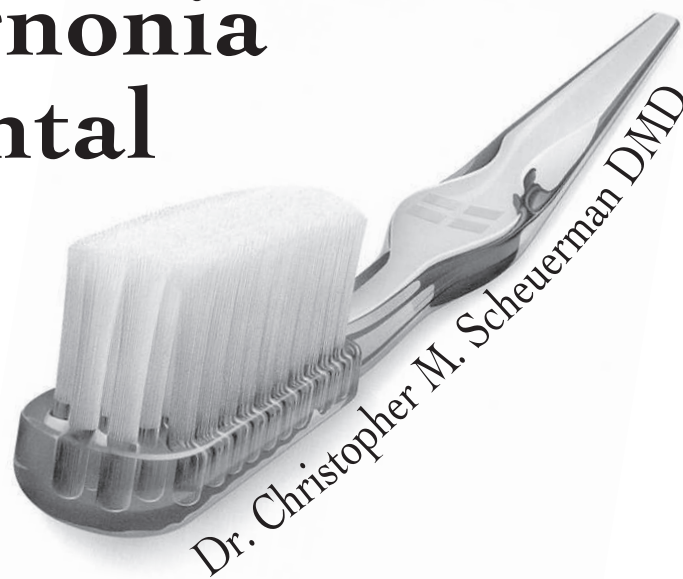
Join us in welcoming...

Andrew McAuley LMT, RYT

He was so moved by the need of our community that he has come from the D.C. area to generously donate his time and experience so that as much as possible may go directly to Vernonia Cares to provide for families in need. Andrew has recently received his 500 hr. certification in Prana Flow through Samudra: Global School of Living Yoga, cultivated by his teacher Shiva Rea. Andrew's first rule for teaching is compassion. If you want a class where you can explore your infinite potential from the safety and security of your yoga mat, Andrew is the perfect guide.



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