

In Memory of...

Sylvia M. Tharp



Sylvia M. Tharp, 65, a former resident of the Vernonia community, late

of Blackwell, Oklahoma, died Tuesday evening, March 9, 2021 at her home.

Graveside Services were held on Friday, March 19, 2021 at 11:00 am at Willamette National Cemetery, 11800 SE Mt. Scott Blvd. in Portland. Burial Rites and Interment followed at the cemetery.

Sylvia Marie Tharp was born December 19, 1955 in Portland, Oregon, the daughter of the late Robert W. Turner and Betty J. (Lutz) Turner. She was raised and received her education in the David Douglas School District, having been a graduate of David Douglas High School Class of 1974.

She was united in marriage to Daniel Thomas Tharp on February 10, 1996 in a simple service at the home of

Daniel's aunt and uncle in Washington. They later married again on August 15, 2010 in St. Joseph's Catholic Church, where they were members in Blackwell, Oklahoma. Following their marriage, they returned to Oregon, settling in the Vernonia community.

Sylvia was preceded in death by her husband, Daniel, on October 28, 2019 in Longview, Washington, after celebrating over 23 years of marriage together.

She had worked as a medical transcriptionist in the healthcare industry, for 20 - 25 years, retiring in 2019.

Among her special interests, Sylvia enjoyed beadwork, writing, reading, sci-fi movies, and spending time with her family and friends.

She was also preceded in death by her parents Robert and Betty Turner.

Survivors include her sister Melody Turner, previously of Vernonia, Oregon, currently of Blackwell, Oklahoma.

The family suggests that remembrances may be contributions to the American Diabetes Foundation, 380 SW Macadam Ave, Ste 270, Portland, OR 97239, in her memory.

To sign the online guest book or to send a condolence to the family go to www.tualatinvalleyfa.com.

Tualatin Valley Funeral Alternatives in Hillsboro is entrusted with the arrangements.

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move her towards this position in her career development, maybe just not this soon. I believe by offering her an interim position, it's a choice of stability for the Board, and we have a chance to see how it works. I believe she'll get a lot of support from the other co-op managers and I know Bob will be there to support her even in retirement. It will give Billi a chance to prove herself."

"Billi worked here as a high school student, and then applied for an open spot just after I started here," said retiring GM Perry. "The people she had worked with here previously highly recommended her. I didn't know Billi, but she interviewed and was chosen. I watched her for three years – how she interacted with the members, and with her co-workers, how she asked questions. She always made good choices. And since we were going to need people to move into higher positions, and since we send people to lineman school to get trained, I thought we should do the same thing for anybody else here in the co-op. So she got herself enrolled in college and has been an A student ever since. And then we promoted her and she has excelled. Everything I've pushed at her, she's been able to tackle. She a very balanced person. So when the time came for the Board to consider this GM position, it was something I had been looking at for a while. I just thought she would be a natural for the position."

"I grew up with the co-op and

it holds a special place for me," says Kohler. "I know the Board of Directors sees that I'm the best fit for the position during what we're going through right now. While I'm not sure what decision they're going to make down the road and in the long-term, I truly just want what's best for West Oregon. If that means I step back into my current role in six months if they go in a different direction, I'm still going to do everything I can to do what's best for the co-op."

"I'm really proud of her, and how quickly she's moved up in the or-

ganization, and she fully deserves it," said Perry.

In other WOEC news, Director Brian Baker, representing District 1 which serves the Elsie, Jewell, and Necanicum areas, has resigned. At their

March 23 meeting the Board appointed Debbie Boone to finish Baker's term, which will be up for election in August. Boone is a former State Representative from Clatsop County.

NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Columbia SWCD, Columbia, State of Oregon,
(District name) (County)

on the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 20 21 to June 30, 20 22, will be held at 35285 Millard Rd. St. Helens, OR
(Location)

The meeting will take place on 04/27/21 at 5:30 ☐ a.m. ☒ p.m.
(Date)

The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place.

An additional, separate meeting of the Budget Committee will be held to take public comment. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. The meeting for public comment will be on

05/19/21 at 4:00 ☐ a.m. ☒ p.m., held at 35285 Millard Rd. St. Helens, OR
(Date) (Location)

A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after 04/28/21
(Date)

at 35285 Millard Rd. St. Helens, OR, between the hours of 8:30 ☐ a.m. ☒ p.m. and 4:30 ☐ a.m. ☒ p.m.
(Location)

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Vernonia School District 47J, Columbia County, State of Oregon, on the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, will be held at 1000 Missouri Street, Vernonia Oregon.

The meeting will take place on April 22, 2021 at 6:00 PM

The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place.

An additional, separate meeting of the Budget Committee will be held to take public comment. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. The meeting for public comment will be on:

Date: May 13, 2021 Time: 6:00 PM Location: 1000 Missouri Street, Vernonia Oregon in the library upstairs

A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after April 22, 2021 at 1000 Missouri Street, Vernonia Oregon, school district office, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM

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Due to restrictions related to COVID-19 this meeting will be conducted digitally and by phone. Details will be posted on the Vernonia School District website, vernoniak12.org, prior to the meeting date.

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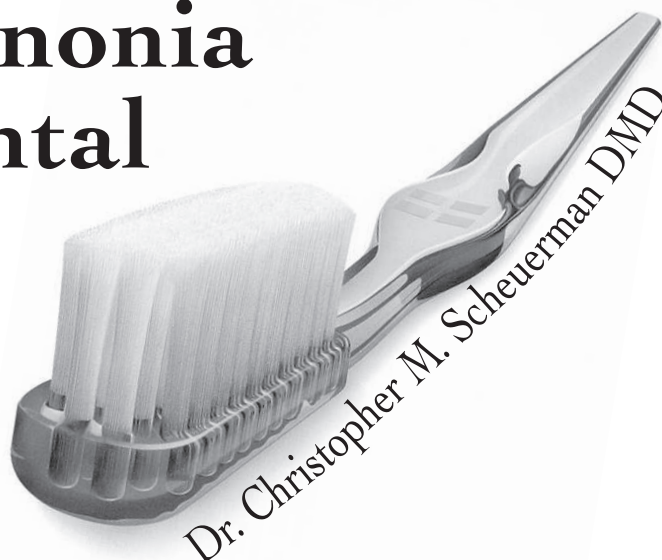
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