

## OBITUARIES

## Henrietta 'Luella' Taylor

Dec. 21, 1930 — Nov. 27, 2021

## Hermiston

Henrietta "Luella" Taylor, 90 of Hermiston, died Saturday, Nov. 27, 2021, at Regency Nursing Home in Hermiston, Oregon. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 6, 2021, at the Mayville Cemetery at Mayville, Oregon.

She was born Dec. 21, 1930, at Spearfish, South Dakota, the daughter of Edwin and Leslie Knust Schmidt. On Feb. 26, 1949, she married Robert R. Taylor of Fossil, Oregon, at Goldendale, Washington. The couple had two sons and cared for two nephews.

Luella attended Multnomah College School of Nursing and University of Oregon School of Nursing with reentry at Blue Mountain Community College after her boys were grown. During her nursing career, she was employed locally at Good Shepherd Hospital, Hermiston Good Samaritan Nursing Home, Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner, the Condon Nursing Home and the medical clinics in Fossil and Condon. Early in her nursing career, 1949-1950, she recalled working at the old Morningside Hospital and Anspaugh Nursing Home in Portland.

Following her retirement from Good Shepherd, she contracted with the Department of Human Resources as a private PASSAR screener for

Umatilla, Gilliam, Wheeler and Morrow counties. As this required quite a lot of traveling, her husband was now her chauffeur.



Taylor

When they both retired, they moved to Sun Terrace in Hermiston in July 2010. Robert passed away in 2015. Luella remained there, where she kept busy sewing aprons for staff, collecting bobbleheads and pandas, working puzzles and playing pinochle.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 66 years, her parents, three stepsisters, Shirley Eddy, Arvilla Jones and Glaves Hite; and her brother, Norman Newton of Oregon City.

Survivors include her two sons, Robert R. Taylor Jr. (Darla) of Othello, Washington, and William J. Taylor (Colleen) of Baker City, four grandchildren, Traci Davis, Thad Taylor, Heidi Lagao and Casey Taylor, 11 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren and two nephews, Steve Conley and Larry Conley.

Any memorials may be sent to the Good Shepherd Medical Scholarship Fund, Wounded Warriors, or the charity of your choice.

Sweeney Mortuary of Condon is in care of arrangements. You may sign the online condolence book at [www.sweeneymortuary.com](http://www.sweeneymortuary.com).

## Charlotte Lea Portouw (Hoef) (Hoef)

Dec. 5, 1957 — Oct. 29, 2021

## Formerly Pendleton

Charlotte Lea Portouw (Hoef) passed away at home Oct. 29, 2021, surrounded by four generations of her family after a brief battle with cancer. She was 63 years old. She especially drew strength from her lovely granddaughter, Olivia Portouw.

She is survived by her husband, Larry, of Whetstone, Arizona; children, Jeffrey (wife Yeenkie), of Scottsdale, Arizona, and Laura (husband Kyle), of Marietta, Georgia; mother, Kit Hoef, of Quiburi Mission at Benson, Arizona; a sister, Debra Nordheim, Waitsburg, Washington; and brothers, Mike Hoef, Pendleton, Oregon, and Aaron Hoef, Walla Walla, Washington; and granddaughter Olivia (Olive), of Scottsdale, Arizona. She was preceded in death by her father, Charles Hoef.

Charlotte was born the second of four children to Charles and Kit Hoef on Dec. 5, 1957, in Pendleton, Oregon. She graduated from Pendleton High School and then attended Oregon State University in Corvallis, Oregon, graduating in 1980 with a Bachelor of Science in geology. She was active in Kappa Delta both while at Oregon State and after graduation.

Charlotte and Larry met at Oregon State and married in 1980 in a ceremony in Pendleton, Oregon. They embarked on a 26-year adventure with the United States Army living in many locations around the United States and in Europe to include Fort Huachuca. Charlotte and Larry cele-

brated the birth of son, Jeffrey in 1984, followed by daughter, Laura in 1986. They returned to Sierra Vista and Fort

Huachuca after her husband's retirement from active duty. Because of the ties they developed in the Military Intelligence Corps and local community throughout their Army service, they built a house and settled in Whetstone, Arizona.

Charlotte's smile and warm demeanor filled every room with sunshine and joy. People she met were instantly friends and she always rose to the occasion to help when called upon or when she observed a need. Charlotte was a giver who was always looking for opportunities to make the lives of others more comfortable, even at her own expense. She is a recipient of the U.S. Army Commander's Award for Civilian Service and Military Intelligence Corps Golden Rose. Her ability to put people at ease in any situation was cherished as was her ability to doggedly pursue and correct bureaucratic wrongs, especially when they impacted soldiers' families.

Charlotte will be interred at the Fort Huachuca Cemetery Dec. 10, 2021. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Hummingbird Stitches Quilt Guild, P.O. Box 1326, Sierra Vista, AZ 85636 or at [www.hummingbird-quiltguild.com/index.html](http://www.hummingbird-quiltguild.com/index.html), or to The Good Samaritan Quiburi Mission, 850 S. State Highway 80, Benson, AZ 85602.



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## Two M-F business organizations announce merger

By ANTONIO SIERRA  
East Oregonian

MILTON-FREEWATER — Citing declining resources and volunteer participation, the Milton-Freewater Chamber of Commerce and the Milton-Freewater Downtown Alliance announced they were merging operations.

"The now 'Milton-Freewater Chamber and Downtown Alliance' (MFCDA) envisions a future where every vacant store front has a viable business, where the streets are inviting, where empty and deteriorating lots are transformed into parklets and gathering spaces, and where regional partnerships are formed to advance all of the individual community interests," a Wednesday, Nov. 24, press release stated.

The merger has been in the works for some time. Both organizations formed a joint committee to explore the concept in 2020, which led to a joint agreement in January. But despite the signed document, downtown alliance President Mark Driver said both groups remained in a holding pattern until the boards made a renewed effort to put their plan into motion.

One of the first tasks of the merged organization is to find a full-time director and part-time administrative assistant to oversee joint operations. Driver said the chamber and downtown alliance anticipate sharing office space on Jan. 1, 2022,

and hiring staff by June.

For taxing purposes, the chamber and downtown alliance will remain separate organizations. Driver said the set-up will allow the alliance to retain its status as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, a designation that gives the group access to grants and funding that the chamber, a 501(c)(6), can't.

"It's kind of the best of both worlds," he said.

The Milton-Freewater Chamber and Downtown Alliance follows in the footsteps of the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce and the Pendleton Downtown Association, which began consolidating operations in 2018. Both organizations remain separate entities, and the Pendleton Downtown Association retained its board and executive director, but it now shares office space at the chamber and its director reports directly to the chamber CEO.

Back in Milton-Freewater, the new joint organization has plenty on its agenda. Among its goals is the launch of Freewater Square, a project to convert an old parking lot on North Main Street into an event and business incubator space. Other goals include a new marketing campaign and filling committees for business recruitment and support.

For more information, email [mfda.director@gmail.com](mailto:mfda.director@gmail.com). Donation information can be found by searching for the Milton-Freewater Downtown Alliance at the Walla Walla Valley Guide website.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

Friday, Nov. 26

12:26 a.m. — A caller asked for law enforcement contact at Americas Best Value Inn, 200 Front St. N.E., Boardman, after four or five men were playing loud music outside and one was being violent said something in Spanish about a gun.

2:17 p.m. — A caller reported an assault that occurred Nov. 19 at the Heppner Christian Church, 293 N. Gale St., Heppner.

3:18 p.m. — Stanfield police responded to East Coe Avenue on a report of an aggressive dog. An officer issued a citation.

4:07 p.m. — Pendleton police responded to the 500 block of Southeast 10th Street on a report of a burglary. Police took a report.

4:56 p.m. — The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office received a report of a burglary at Ace Mini Storage, 82270 Lind Road, Umatilla.

5:19 p.m. — A caller reported someone threw a rock through a window at an apartment at Prairie Wood Apartments, 210 Klickitat St., Umatilla.

5:28 p.m. — A driver on Highway 74 in Ione at Baker Lane hit a cow. Local firefighters and medics responded. The Morrow County Sheriff's Office took a report.

5:47 p.m. — A Morrow County sheriff's deputy on Highway 74, Lexington, was on the way to a vehicle accident and hit a deer.

9:27 p.m. — A 911 caller reported at fight at Pik A Pop, 1010 Sixth St., Umatilla.

10:14 p.m. — A caller reported two males were fighting at the Knights Inn/Village Restaurant, 100 First St. N.W., Boardman, and requested medics for a head injury.

Saturday, Nov. 27

7:24 a.m. — An Irrigon resident at Green Acres RV Park, 80542 Paterson Ferry Road, Irrigon, reported the theft of a Toyota four-wheel drive. The sheriff's office later found the vehicle and took a report.

Sunday, Nov. 28

8:03 a.m. — A resident on Northwest Washington Avenue, Irrigon, reported someone shattered the window of his home. A Morrow County sheriff's deputy took a report.

10:02 a.m. — An Irrigon resident on Kangaroo Court reported a neighbor's dog came onto his yard and attacked his dog. A Morrow County sheriff's deputy responded and issued a citation.

10:18 p.m. — Pendleton police received a report of a burglary on the 600 block of Southwest First Street.

Arrests, citations

Nov. 26

Pendleton police arrested Charles Scott Ronald G. Chapel, 28, for second-degree disorderly conduct, third-degree escape, resisting arrest, harassment and failing to appear.

Nov. 27

Oregon State Police cited Matthew Mason Lundberg for felony DUII and reckless driving after responded to a two-vehicle crash on the Highway 730 overpass in Boardman.

Nov. 28

Oregon State Police arrested Richard Sherwood, 65, for driving under the influence on intoxicants (alcohol) and reckless driving.

Nov. 29

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office arrested Nicholas Roberto Romero, 23, for DUII (alcohol), reckless driving and failing to carry or present a license.

The Union County Sheriff's Office arrested Erick Lopez Gomez, 29, for vehicle theft.

## LOCAL BRIEF

## Good Shepherd receives accreditation

HERMISTON — Good Shepherd Health Care System in a recent press release announced Good Shepherd Sleep Solutions in Hermiston recently received program accreditation from the American Academy of Sleep Medicine.

To receive and maintain accreditation for a five-year period, a sleep center must meet or exceed all standards for professional health care as designated by the AASM. These standards address core areas such as personnel, facility and equipment, policies and procedures and patient care. Additionally, the sleep center's goals must be clearly stated and include plans for positively affecting the quality of medical care in the communities it serves.

The American Academy of Sleep Medicine accredited a sleep disorders center for the first time in 1977. Today there are more than 2,600 AASM-accredited sleep centers across the country.

Dr. Jakdej Nikomborirak directs Good Shepherd Sleep Solutions, 610 N.W. 11th St., Suite E-19, Hermiston. For more information visit [www.gshealth.org/sleep-medicine](http://www.gshealth.org/sleep-medicine).

—EO Media Group

## MEETINGS

Tuesday, Nov. 30

**Oregon Wheat Commission.** 2-4 p.m.; held in conjunction with the Tri-State Convention via Zoom at [www.zoom.us/join](http://www.zoom.us/join) or call 253-215-8782; Meeting ID: 837-3323-6057; Passcode: 169620. (Tana Simpson, 503-467-2161, [tsimpson@oregonwheat.org](mailto:tsimpson@oregonwheat.org))

Wednesday, Dec. 1

**Blue Mountain Board of Education.** 4:30 p.m. work session; 6 p.m. regular meeting, BMCC, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton, or via Zoom/call-in. Login and agenda available via [www.bluecc.edu](http://www.bluecc.edu). Public comment accepted by Nov. 30, 5 p.m. to [sfranklin@bluecc.edu](mailto:sfranklin@bluecc.edu). (Shannon Franklin 541-278-5951)

**Umatilla Rural Fire Protection District,** 7 p.m., Umatilla Fire Department, 305 Willamette Ave., Umatilla. (541-922-2770)

## LOTTERY

Friday, Nov. 26, 2021

Megamillions

7-27-37-42-59

Megaball: 2

Megaplier: 2

Jackpot: \$102 million

Lucky Lines

4-6-10-13-18-23-27-30

Jackpot: \$28,000

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 4-5-9-7

4 p.m.: 4-2-5-0

7 p.m.: 4-3-1-8

10 p.m.: 1-9-0-7

Saturday, Nov. 27, 2021

Powerball

8-32-55-64-66

Powerball: 10

Power Play: 2

Jackpot: \$253 million

Megabucks

4-6-7-16-24-41

Jackpot: \$6.3 million

Lucky Lines

4-8-10-14-20-23-27-32

Jackpot: \$29,000

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 3-4-3-5

4 p.m.: 8-1-3-2

7 p.m.: 5-8-7-3

10 p.m.: 1-4-7-1

Win for Life

5-17-21-42

Sunday, Nov. 28, 2021

Lucky Lines

2-5-9-14-20-21-25-31

Estimated jackpot:

\$30,000

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 5-4-9-9

4 p.m.: 5-9-4-6

7 p.m.: 0-1-5-5

10 p.m.: 5-0-2-4



Linda Cromer/Contributed Photo

Watercolor still-life paintings by Linda Cromer are on display through Dec. 31, 2021, in the Lorenzen Gallery at Pendleton Center for the Arts.

## Lorenzen Gallery exhibit features watercolor artist

Work on display through Dec. 31

East Oregonian

PENDLETON — Linda Cromer started painting at her mother's knee, sitting on the floor dabbing at old canvas boards with her old worn brushes. While her materials have improved greatly, one thing hasn't; she finds painting to be great fun.

An exhibit of her watercolor still-life paintings is on display in the Lorenzen Gallery at Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St. Admission is free.

Cromer grew up in the Midwest dreaming of becoming an artist and living in Greenwich Village. After graduating from Carnegie Institute of Technology (now Carnegie Mellon University), Linda moved west to Arizona, traveling through Mexico and Central America. She returned to New York and eventually to Greenwich Village fulfilling the childhood dream. She painted still life and floral watercolors there until her recent move to the Pacific Northwest to

be near family. Cromer's brother, Bruce Barnes, made special arrangements for the work to be available in Pendleton.

Cromer exhibits her work at traditional venues across the country and internationally and has also participated in a large number of outdoor fairs and festivals in and around New York. Working on very thick and sturdy 100% cotton paper in large format, her pieces combine the organic forms of cut flowers with the flowing lines of rich textiles.

"Watercolor has virtues; the clarity of color being primary one, and to my mind, that is the whole point of painting," Cromer said. "It's all about color and the pleasure of the act of painting."

Cromer's work will be on view through Dec. 31. The arts center is open Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m. For more information, call 541-278-9201 or visit [www.pendletonarts.org](http://www.pendletonarts.org).

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