

# THE RECORD

## OBITUARIES

**BAGULEY** — Brittany Margaret Baguley, 38, of Reno, passed away Sunday, July 10, 2016, from a cardiac arrest while camping with her beloved husband, Jeff.



**Brittany Baguley**

She, along with her twin brother, Tristan, were born to Arlene Adair and Lyle Layton Hartzell on June 7, 1978, in Florence.

Brittany attended Siuslaw High School and was homecoming queen, as well as a true student athlete. She was valedictorian and excelled in long distance running. She went on to attend her dad's alma mater, Linfield College, on scholarship, where she met her future husband, Jeffrey Baguley.

At Linfield College, she ran cross country and was a member of Alpha Phi sorority. She was a brilliant student and scientist, completing her PhD in Analytical Chemistry at Ohio University and doing post-doctoral research in forensic analytical chemistry at the University of South Carolina.

Ultimately, Brittany channeled her lively curiosity and intellect into her dream job. Since she was a young child she had wanted to work in law enforcement, and by high school had decided to become a forensic chemist. She fulfilled her dreams by joining the Washoe County Sheriff's Office as a criminalist, and ultimately

rose to the rank of senior criminalist and DNA technical leader.

She amazed her family and friends with real life "CSI" stories. Once cases became public, she loved to convey how crime scenes and forensic evidence were pieced together. She especially loved to work cold cases using the latest advances in DNA typing technology. Under her lead, she helped bring closure to many recent cases, as well as cases that had remained unsolved for decades. Her work was often featured in local and national news, at one point even appearing on a Dateline NBC special.

Brittany's family and friends were her passion and delight. Regarded as an angel on earth by the rest of her family, she was the person everyone turned to in times of difficulty.

She spent countless hours babysitting and playing with nieces and nephews, who regarded her as the "best aunt ever." She had a lively sense of humor and a talent for drawing family members close together.

She was very active and loved being outdoors with her husband, Jeff, and their dogs.

She is survived by her husband Jeff; her parents, Arlene and Lyle; brothers Tristan and Scott; her sister Gail; as well as multiple nieces and nephews: Cambrie, Zack, Mykah, Madeleigh, Eva, Jonathan, and Caitlyn; her mother-in-law, Jan; her brother-in-law, Tim; and sisters-in-law Maryanne and Terry.

Brittany was the best of all

of us, and we honor her by trying to be more like the unbelievably good person she was.

A memorial service will be held Friday, July 22, at 1 p.m. at Reno Christian Fellowship, 1700 Zolezzi Lane, Reno, Nev., 89511.

Flowers may be sent to the memorial service or charitable donations can be made to the Scleroderma Foundation or to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

**PHELPS** — Betty Louise Van Riper Phelps, of Florence, beloved wife of Delbert Phelps, passed away June 16, 2016, in her home with her husband, Del, at her side.



**Betty Phelps**

Betty was born in Tillamook, Ore., and spent her early years there. She then lived in the greater Portland area until 1991, when she moved with her sister and husband to Florentine Estates. Her careers included modeling, pay master for Pierce Freight Lines, owner of Betty's Little Acre, a nursery in N.E. Portland, and lastly owner of Ace Fence.

After moving to Florence, she volunteered at the gift shop at Peace Harbor and drove the LaPaLoma. Betty loved flowers and gardening. She could look at any plant and tell you its name.

Betty loved traveling and was escorted through most of the western states by her hus-

band, Del, after they were married on Nov. 15, 1998.

Betty is survived by her loving husband, Delbert Phelps; her sister, Nita Koford of Eugene; her sister, June Hooker, and husband Norm, of Waldport; her sons: Bruce Temple and his wife Sue, of Long Beach, Wash.; David Riker of Portland, Gerry Van Riper, who preceded Betty in death, and the mother of his children, Colette Moore, and their grandchildren; and Jim Van Riper and his wife Sam, of Eagle Creek; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and cousins.

Betty is also survived by her husband Del's children: Clifford Phelps and his wife Debbi, Cathy Dietz and husband Frank, Lisa Thomas and grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Betty will be greatly missed for her love of life and her fight for it, and her love for all those around her.

She was interred at Pacific Sunset Cemetery on the hill overlooking the Siuslaw River Bridge and Dunes.

There will be a celebration of life gathering for love and remembrance of Betty on Sunday, July 24, at the Florentine Estates Club House's Florentine Room, from 2 to 4 p.m., for family and friends.

At her request, donations in her memory can be made to the Siuslaw Pioneer Museum. These can be left at the celebration or with Burns's Riverside Chapel Florence Funeral Home.

## Florence, RAIN start new business website

Oregon RAIN (Regional Accelerator and Innovation Network) is working with Startup Florence and the City of Florence to encourage and equip local entrepreneurs.

RAIN and the city started www.florencebusiness.org to help economic development as people start businesses in the area, expand current business opportunities and relocate to the Oregon coast.

For more information, go



to the new website or www.ci.florence.or.us.

## WEATHER DATA

DATE	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
July 12	66	52	0.00
July 13	70	45	0.00
July 14	68	45	0.00
July 15	68	43	0.00
July 16	67	48	0.00
July 17	66	52	0.00
July 18	65	53	0.02

**Rainfall** Week: 0.02"  
Month: 1.19" Year: 40.54"

Courtesy of Roger Cunningham

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## POLICE LOG

### Florence Police

July 14

Alarm was reported in the 1800 block of 15th St.

Death investigation was reported in the 1600 block of Rhododendron Drive.

Accident, hit and run, was reported in the 1400 block of Xylo St.

Motor vehicle theft was reported in the 3700 block of Highway 101.

Fire was reported in the South Jetty area.

Theft of services was reported in the 900 block of Highway 101.

July 15

Burglary was reported at Ivy and First streets.

Accident, hit and run, was reported at Highway 101 and Rhododendron Drive.

Animal abuse was reported in the 1400 block of Ninth St.

Dispute was reported in the 1700 block of Pine Court.

Accident, unknown injury, was reported at milepost 186 on Highway 101.

Theft was reported in the 4700 block of Highway 101.

Illegal camping/lodging was reported in the 400 block of Laurel St.

Accident, without injury, was reported at Heceta and Rhododendron Drive.

Accident, without injury, was reported in the northeast sector on Xylo St.

July 16

Criminal mischief was reported in the 5600 block of Highway 126.

Disorderly subject was reported in the port campground.

Dispute was reported at Beachcomber Pub.

Assault was reported in the ER at Peace Harbor Medical Center.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1800 block of 37th St.

Electrical problem was reported in the Florence area.

Fire alarm was reported in the 2400 block of Kingwood St.

Dispute was reported in the 1300 block of Spruce St.

Intoxicated subject was reported behind Dairy Queen.

Illegal fireworks was reported in the 88900 block of Shoreline Loop.

July 17

Assault was reported in the ER at Peace Harbor Medical Center.

Fraud was reported in the 10

block of Park Village Drive.

Theft of services was reported in the 900 block of Highway 101.

Harassment was reported in the 16800 block of Highway 36.

Fraud was reported in the 1300 block of Bay St.

Intoxicated subject was reported in the 700 block of Highway 101.

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