

# On The Record

## OBITUARIES

**HERZBERG**—Nancy Herzberg, 63, a long-time resident of Florence, passed away early in the morning of Friday, June 21, 2019, three months after being diagnosed with advanced colon cancer.

Nancy was born March 23, 1951. She was valedictorian of one of the top high schools in the U.S.,

graduated summa cum laude from the University of Michigan with a 4.0 G.P.A., then obtained an M.B.A. with Honors from the University of Syracuse.

She worked for a number of nonprofit organizations in her early years before coming to Florence, where she spent several decades teaching yoga and qigong

in her Heart Mountain Yoga classes.

In the last three years of her life, Nancy made three beautiful qigong videos in Maine, Minnesota and Washington State,



**Nancy Herzberg**

respectively, to inspire others to better preserve the beauty of the natural world.

These videos, “La Femmina Devina, In Flight — Extinction Dance,” and

“Heart Mountain,” are available to all on YouTube.

Nancy’s life was all about spreading love, compassion and joy to everyone so blessed as to encounter her.

Nancy is survived by her loving brother, Larry Herzberg of Grand Rapids, Mich.; and a host of former yoga and qigong students and many other

dear friends in Oregon and beyond.

Donations in her name may be made to the Center for Biological Diversity, [www.biologicaldiversity.org](http://www.biologicaldiversity.org), which acts to protect the natural world which Nancy so loved.

Plans for a celebration of her life are underway.

## Remember to keep fireworks legal, safe July Fourth

The Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM), the Oregon Fire Service, natural resource agencies, Oregon licensed fireworks wholesalers and safety experts all encourage Oregonians to “keep it legal and keep it safe” when using fireworks.

The 2019 Oregon fireworks retail sales season opened June 23 and runs through July 6. The OSFM and their partners want everyone to know which fireworks are legal to use in Oregon without a permit, where they are permitted to be used and the important safety steps to take when using legal fireworks.

“I want to remind all Oregonians that consumer legal fireworks can only be purchased from Oregon permitted fireworks retailers and stands,” says State Fire Marshal Jim Walker. “And, regulations limit where those fireworks may be used. Fire risk in Oregon is already high, and as the weeks go by that risk will only increase, so there is no room for error in fireworks safety.”

July 4 holiday public land visitors are advised to leave all fireworks at home. The

use of fireworks is prohibited on all national forestland, Oregon state parks and beaches.

However, residents statewide can still enjoy fireworks at officially sponsored community events.

For residents who purchase legal fireworks, the OSFM encourages everyone to practice the four Bs of safe fireworks use:

- Be prepared before lighting fireworks: keep water available by using a garden hose or bucket.
- Be safe when lighting fireworks: keep children and pets away from fireworks.
- Be responsible after lighting fireworks: never relight a dud. Wait 15 to 20 minutes then soak it in a bucket of water before disposal.
- Be aware: use only legal fireworks and use them only in legal places

Oregon law prohibits the possession, use or sale of any firework that flies into the air, explodes or travels more than 12 feet horizontally on the ground, without a permit issued by the OSFM.

Fireworks commonly

called bottle rockets, Roman candles and firecrackers are illegal in Oregon without a permit.

For the last reported five years through 2018, there were 1,264 reported fireworks-related fires in Oregon recorded by the state’s structural fire agencies, resulting in more than \$3.5 million in property damage.

During that same period, fires resulting from fireworks resulted in one death and 26 injuries. The data from structural fire agencies do not include incidents that occurred on federal and other state lands.

Officials may seize illegal fireworks and charge offenders with a class B misdemeanor, which could result in a fine of up to \$2,500 per violation and a civil penalty of up to \$500.

Those who misuse fireworks or allow fireworks to cause damage are liable and may be required to pay fire suppression costs or other damage. Parents are also liable for fireworks damage caused by their children.

“All Oregonians share the responsibility to use only consumer legal fireworks

and use them carefully,” adds Walker. “We encourage you to be aware and considerate of neighbors and their pets before deciding on when and where you choose to light legal fireworks.”

The OSFM has published FAQs for commonly answered questions about the sale and legal use of consumer fireworks, permits for the retail sale of fireworks and state rules for their use and enforcement activities.

OSFM’s fireworks education materials for sharing on social media also can be found at [www.oregon.gov/osp/programs/sfm/](http://www.oregon.gov/osp/programs/sfm/).

## GRAD NOTES

• **Kyle R. King** of Florence earned a 4.0 in his freshman school year at the University of Wyoming. He will be attending OSU this fall.

• **Elizabeth Wartnik** of Florence was among more than 900 undergraduate, adult degree and graduate-level students who received diplomas from George Fox University this spring. Wartnik earned a Bachelor of Arts in music.

• Siuslaw High School graduates **Hannah Bartlett**, senior, biology; **Benjamin**

**Cahoon**, senior, arts administration and visual culture; and **Beth Wartnik**, senior, music; and Mapleton High School graduate **Elyssa Emerson**, senior, English and music education; were among those who earned dean’s list recognition at George Fox University for the spring 2019 semester. Traditional undergraduate students must earn a 3.5 grade point average or above on 12 or more hours of graded work to earn a spot on the dean’s list.

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