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Obituaries

Francie Moore Hansell

Francie Moore Hansell, born May 21, 1948 in Prosser, WA to Frances and Lois Moore, passed away on Sept. 13. "She was gifted with many angelic qualities including beauty, kindness, wisdom and a soaring soprano voice."



Francie Moore Hansell

Francie graduated from Prosser High School in 1966. She attended Western Washington College and then transferred to Washington State University where she met Tyler Sherman Hansell who was her partner until his death in 2008. On June 6, 1970, they married at the Presbyterian Church in Prosser, WA. Francie and Ty then moved to Hermiston, where Ty worked for his family's hog farm and ranch, Hansell

Brothers. Francie began teaching in Umatilla and moved to Rocky Heights in Hermiston. She retired in 2011 after teaching for 30 years.

Francie found great joy in teaching, in the children and their families and she cherished the friendships she made with her many colleagues.

While teaching was her calling, Francie's first love was her family. She was devoted to her parents; sisters, Mary Jane Hovis and Jill Ponti and to her extended Prosser family. Francie and Ty made their own family that included daughter, Erin Hansell-Heideman (Deacon) and sons, Tyler ("TJ")

Hansell (Sally), McKenzie Hansell (Emily) and Lucas Hansell. They later added son Ruben Blair to make a full family of seven. Francie and Ty were frequent fixtures on the sidelines and bleachers at countless ball games and FFA events. While Ty always had words of wisdom to share with each child after every game, Francie was quick with a big hug and the comment, "You look great in your uniform." According to her family, "She was the reliable caboose, bringing along supplies and endless words of encouragement and comfort."

Later in life, Francie's greatest joy came from her nine grandchildren: Jacob, Liam, Hunter, Charlotte, Gage, Tyler, Eloise, Anna and Cora. Nani, as she was called by her grandchildren, was constantly driving from one event to the next, determined not to miss key events in her children's and grand-children's lives, and to provide respite for her children when they needed help.

Francie was always Moore/Bastien-family proud, Prosser proud, WSU proud, Rocky proud, Hermiston proud and Hansell proud. Francie and Ty taught their kids the WSU fight song at an early age and Francie was typically the only person who could reliably sing all of the Sigma Chi fraternity songs by heart.

Francie attended the Faith Presbyterian Church in Hermiston and she had a deep, unwavering faith in God. This faith was a source

of her strength while she endured eighteen months of treatment for leukemia that included chemotherapy and two bone marrow transplants. Most of these eighteen months were spent in Seattle and all of it was accompanied by her youngest son, Lucas, who was her constant care companion throughout. "His love, patience and devotion to his mother was a tremendous and wonderful gift."

Francie always practiced kindness first and had a vast capacity to love. She had many friendships that she carefully fostered. Her family, career and multitude of friends are the fruits of her angelic nature and life well-lived. She was a member of many local social groups for over 30 years, including the International Sisterhood P.E.O., Chapter CV; No Name Book Club; Bridge Club and Dinner Birthday Group. Her friends will miss her and her thoughtful and joyful participation in these groups.

A celebration of life will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 6 at Faith Presbyterian Church in Hermiston.

Donations in Francie Hansell's honor may be made to Faith Presbyterian Church, Good Shepherd Community Health Foundation and P.E.O. Chapter CV Foundation Fund.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. The online condolence book is available at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Death Notices

John R. Proudfoot – John R. Proudfoot, 97, of Hermiston and formerly of Ione, died Sunday, Sept. 30 at Hermiston. He was born Aug. 21, 1921 at Wasco, OR.

At his request no service will be held. Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in care of arrangements.

Heppner memorabilia available

To the editor:

I have recently been bequeathed a trove of letters, newspaper articles, college yearbooks, etc. belonging to Elmer Peterson, Ole, who grew up and was a sports star in Heppner. I am his adopted daughter Karen's son and she recently died.

My family and I wondered if there was a branch of the Peterson family still around Heppner. I also have string bound high school yearbooks from Heppner High School from 1916/17.

Grandpa "Pete" married Florence and they adopted my mother. The collection includes many love letters from her while he was at University of Oregon.

If anyone has some thoughts, suggestions or a lead on this let me know via email at ashroberts@msn.com. We may be traveling out that way in the coming months.

Thanks,
Ashton Roberts
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Community lunch menu

United Methodist volunteers will serve lunch on Wednesday, October 10 at St. Patrick's Senior Center. Lunch will be meat loaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, orange kissed beets, seven-layer salad, hot rolls and apple cobbler for dessert.

Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

~ Letters to the Editor ~

The Heppner Gazette Times will print all letters to the Editor with the following criteria met: letters submitted to the newspaper will need to have the name of the sender along with a legible signature. We are also requesting that you provide your address and a phone number where you can be reached. The address and phone number will only be used for verification and will not be printed in the newspaper. Letters may not be libelous. The GT reserves the right to edit. The GT is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters. Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$10.

Many positives in Heppner

To the editor:

Before the first frost hits, I would like to compliment the City of Heppner on the beautiful hanging flower baskets and containers. They were exceptional this year and Main Street looked great.

I would like to take a moment to list some of Heppner's other positive achievements.

1) The new park on Riverside Street with its amenities and spacious green lawn replaces a lot filled with dirt and weeds.

2) The recent projects that the Howard and Beth Bryant Foundation have done, and have plans to do, are incredible. Many other businesses and families have supported our town when needed, too, with major contributions including, but not limited to, the Wilkinsons and the Kilkennys.

3) Our 'new' swimming pools are now 20-plus years old, but provide a safe place for busy kids each summer. Very unusual for such a small town to have such modern facilities, but we do thanks to the far-sightedness of the Willow Creek Park District. The old city swimming pool has even been turned into an attractive, but low maintenance

wayside.

4) Our recently remodeled, historic 1902 County Courthouse with the new annex carefully designed to complement the older building is, as always, impressive.

5) Our business community works hard to meet our needs while economic groups strive and plan to keep us going.

6) Progressive-minded city, county and district entities and officials keep us moving forward. State and US government offices are here in town to help us instead of 60 miles away.

7) We have what might be the world's largest painted shamrock on our busiest intersection in town. How cool is that.

8) There are not just one, but two high caliber museums, run by all volunteers; the Ag Museum and the Heritage Museum.

9) Our dedicated hospital, EMTs, clinics, assisted living facility and an all-volunteer fire department. Can you imagine our town without any of these?

10) A county sheriff's office that supports our community efforts for a safer town and who asks us to call or contact them, they need our eyes and ears in our neighborhoods and

want to hear from us.

11) A great golf course that adds beauty to the north entrance of town and continually works on improvements. Also, the recently completed project to Willow Creek for better irrigation efficiency.

12) Opportunities for our kids to participate in multiple school and sports programs, 4-H and the county fair.

13) Volunteers who act when there is a need: free lunches were prepared and offered by volunteers to those who needed it at the city park this past summer. We come together to raise funds for good causes with walks, dinners and raffles.

14) Schools that care about our kids and then every year thanks the community for their support of the schools by doing community projects on Mustang Mop-up Day.

15) We have at least 10 churches and they are involved in the community. The South Morrow County Neighborhood Center, Community Counseling and our St. Patrick's Senior Center are there for us, too.

16) We have an all-volunteer rodeo committee who puts on three nights/days of rodeo every August in a beautiful, modern facility built by volunteers.

17) Instead of just having green beer on St. Patrick's Day, we put on a huge four-day celebration of everything Irish year after year.

18) Our parks offer shade, picnics, volleyball, horseshoes, cookouts, music programs, farmer's markets, exercise and play equipment and, amazingly for a small town, a pickleball court. There is overnight camping at the RV Park above the reservoir or at the fairgrounds. Again, exceptional parks and amenities for such a small town.

19) We welcome visitors with signs, hellos and

smiles year round. We offer free water to fill up their RVs and also a free garbage disposal dumpster during hunting season.

20) We try to thank specific volunteers and entities with an annual, well attended Town and Country Dinner. We thank residents who keep the curb appeal of their homes nice with Yard of the Month recognition. We have two parades each year and organizations who do much good such as the Elks Club, Masons, Oddfellows, Lions Club, Booster Club and Chamber of Commerce. Our local newspaper, the Gazette-Times, serves us well and mails editions to out-of-town former residents who still feel a part of our community.

Our community is not perfect and we have the same terrible problems found in towns all over the United States, but when the call went out this summer to discuss our town's challenges, citizens, leaders and entities responded well by attending meetings, speaking up and listening.

Now we need to take action.

Do something easy: say hello to a stranger, wave at a car driving past, take time to walk along Main Street, pick up a piece of litter and place it in a garbage can or take someone's grocery cart back inside the store for them.

Do something more: shop local, go to a game/event/activity, brighten up the neighborhood by watering and mowing your front yard or perhaps landscaping it with gravel for low maintenance.

Make a difference: volunteer often, help is always needed, get involved in a club, event, church, school or activity and call the police if you see something or someone suspicious.

Thank you,
Kay Proctor, Heppner

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