

Obituaries

Francine Mae (Ely) Crawford

Francine Mae (Ely) Crawford was born July 16, 1930 to Franklin and Gladys Ely in Portland, OR. She was raised on the family ranch in Ione and graduated from Ione High School. She passed away October 23, 2020.

Francine married her husband of 71 years, Delmer Crawford April 22, 1949. Francine and Delmer owned the Shell Oil Bulk Plant in Hermiston and Pendleton along with several Shell service stations. Following their retirement from the oil and gas business Francine became a Real Estate agent in Hermiston and was selected as Realtor of the Year prior to her retirement.

Francine loved to travel and explore new places and countries with Hawaii being her most favorite place. Francine had a love for her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren along with celebrating any holiday possible. Christmas and the Pendleton Round Up were her favorite times of year. Francine was a member of the Hermiston Emblem Club.

Francine is survived by her loving husband Delmer, her daughters Marlene (Tom) Bush of Hermiston, OR and Anita Kongsle of Kennewick, WA. She is

also survived by her nine grandchildren, Jonathan Bush, Kennewick, WA, Justin (Susan) Bush, Scapoose, OR, Jocelle (Bert) Quinn and Jenee Bush, Hermiston, OR, Jacki (Darral) Moore and Loni Kongsle, Kennewick, WA, Jeffrey (Jean-Pierre) Correa, Brooklyn, NY, Jerid (Tonisha) Falconer, Vancouver, WA and Jana (Mike) Topf, Pasco, WA. Francine is also

survived by 17 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother, Fayne Ely and daughter, Cyndee Falconer.

Guardian Angel Homes and the Tuscan House provided kindness and compassion, not only to Francine but to her family.

Contributions may be made to Vange John Memorial Hospice Education Fund, c/o Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, P.O. Box 289, Hermiston, OR 97838

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, November 7, 2020 at 1 p.m. at Burns Mortuary Chapel, Hermiston, OR.

Please share memories of Francine with her family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.



Francine Mae (Ely) Crawford

Loy C. Smith

Loy C. Smith, 85, of Baker City, often said that she would die in the same place she was born. While it wasn't the same building, it was the same town. She was born May 24, 1935 in Baker City to parents Raymond and Ellen "Polly" Pauline (Boyd) Fossum and passed in the early morning hours of October 27, 2020 in Baker City.

Loy, named after Loy Wisdom of the Baker Wisdom House, lived a full life, forever calling Oregon her home. Most of her time was spent in Heppner, Forrest Grove and Baker City. She loved architectural design, the Chicago Cubs, bad jokes, the Oregon Interpretive Center and most of all her family and friends. She never met a stranger and had the ability to make anyone laugh with her perfectly timed quips.

Loy is preceded in death by her first husband, Wayne Harsin.

She is survived by her husband, Jim Smith of Baker City; daughter, Cindy Heesacker; son, Dallas (Laura) Harsin; son, Kerry (Sue) Harsin; six grandchildren, Emily (Daniel) Heryla, Sara Harsin, Christina Heesacker, Angela (Matt)

Kaseberg, Rob Harsin and Tyson (Lauren) Heesacker; three great-grandchildren, George and Oliver Heryla and Paulen Kaseberg; two step sons, Dane and Darrell Smith; four step grandchildren and six step great grandchildren; her younger sister, Lynn Liebe, brother-in-law, Bill and their family, as well as countless other "favorite/adopted" grandchildren.

According to family, she went on her own terms and in her own time, staying true to her stubborn nature. They appreciate the incredible staff at Ashley Manor Assisted Living in Baker City who loved Loy so much. To honor her memory, they ask that you listen to your favorite music and take a drive. She always loved a good jam session and the view of her mountains.

Those who wish may donate to their favorite charity in her honor through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services, PO Box 543, Halfway, Oregon 97834. Online condolences can be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.



Loy C. Smith

Students explore careers virtually with Morrow County event



Career Day twas held virtually this year.

Every year, Morrow County students get the opportunity to explore the question, "what do I want to be when I grow up?" with their annual job shadow/career day activities. This year, COVID-19 was poised to keep the event from happening. So, a team of people decided to think outside the box.

Kalie Davis is the Workforce Training Manager at the Port of Morrow and she works closely with Morrow County schools on several programs. Davis said when she and her intern, Morgan Orem, learned the pandemic would prevent the career event, they met with Riverside staff to discuss the option of providing a Virtual Career Day. "When Riverside staff said they were open to that idea, we also thought it would be a great opportunity to expand the experience to all juniors and seniors in Morrow County," Davis said.

Virtual Career Day was Thursday, October

22. Intern Orem reached out to professionals from different sectors including healthcare, IT, electric utilities, trades, business, etc. They identified 20 different professionals who were interested in presenting to students, from businesses that included Amazon Web Services, Boardman Fire, Boardman Police, Columbia River Health, NW Crane, Threemile Canyon Farms and Umatilla Electric.

In order to make the process as easy as possible for students, Riverside High School math teacher Tyler Davis set up 20 different Google Meet links for each presentation. But first, they had to train the presenters, since Google Meet was a platform new to almost all of them. So, they organized a few training sessions for presenters prior to Career Day.

In the meantime, each school designated a lead person to reach out to students to find out what

presentation they were interested in, send instructions and links and recruit teachers to volunteer as moderators. Those individuals were Leah Harris and Elizabeth Rosen at Riverside High, Marty Rhodes at Irrigon High, Jill Miller at Heppner High and Cydney McElligott from Ione School. Davis said it certainly would not have been possible without their help.

Davis' role was to communicate with presenters and send them links, instructions and lists of students. She and Orem also set up 20 Chromebooks with each Google Meet up and ready to go as a backup in case any teachers ran into challenges with the presentations. The first presentation was at 9:30 a.m. for Irrigon and Riverside and the second was at 10:45 a.m. for Heppner and Ione. All presentations were recorded so they can be shared with students who were not able to participate.

Davis said it was extremely rewarding to see how creative all the presenters were when sharing information through the virtual format. "So often things are being cancelled due to the pandemic because it is no longer an option to offer the opportunity safely. I was grateful to both our industry professionals and leadership at each high school who were open to making this experience a re-

ality for students in Morrow County," she said.

Marie Cain, an accountant with Threemile Canyon Farms, was a presenter and said she was pleased with the level of student participation. "I was extremely impressed with the student engagement, even virtually. I was asked a bunch of questions and could tell the students were there to learn and grow."

Layla Castillo, a junior at Riverside Jr/Sr High School, said her experience at Virtual Career Day was very positive. "I had an amazing experience to gain more knowledge on what it means to become an engineer."

Adam Cole, captain/training officer with the Boardman Rural Fire District, said it was great to see young adults interested in emergency services. "Wanting to give back to the community is one of the greatest rewards."

Morrow County School District Superintendent Dirk Dirksen said he was grateful for the teamwork to make the event happen. "We appreciate the long-standing partnership that local business and industry has had in our county to make activities like this available for our students. This is one of many examples of how much the citizens of Morrow County value the education of our youth."

Livestock producers can receive wolf financial assistance

Livestock producers seeking financial assistance for implementing methods that limit wolf-livestock interaction need to obtain an application to request funds. Applications may be found on the Morrow County website, Wolf Depredation Advisory Committee page at: www.co.morrow.or.us/bc-wdac, the county has announced. These applications need to be completed and received by the Morrow County Wolf Depredation Advisory Committee by Tuesday, December 8, 2020, 4 p.m., as the committee will meet that evening to start the review process.

There are several options for submitting appli-

cations, all of which must be received by the above due date: drop off at the Bartholomew Building, Room 201, 110 N. Court St., Heppner; mail to Morrow County, P.O. Box 788, Heppner, OR 97836; or email to rlutcher@co.morrow.or.us. Compensation can be requested for bone pile removal and/or burial, fladry (a line of rope mounted along the top of a fence, from which are suspended strips of fabric or colored flags that will flap in a breeze, intended to deter wolves from crossing the fence-line), range riders or other preventive measures. For additional information call Roberta Lutcher at 541-676-5613.

Heppner Daycare shuts doors

The Heppner Daycare board has announced that Heppner Daycare has shut its doors. They sought many avenues to prevent closure but under the current COVID restrictions, staff shortages and lack of use they were forced to make the decision to temporarily close.

Heppner Daycare is the only private nonprofit certified center in Morrow County. Being a certified center means they must follow many rules and regulations put in place by the

state of Oregon, including the number of children that can be served and caregiver qualifications.

The board stresses that the closure is temporary, and they hope to reopen the center in 2021. When the center reopens, preschool will be their first priority, then transitioning back into offering childcare.

The daycare center asks for community support, by joining the board, volunteering or working for Heppner Daycare in the future.

Sheryl Riley

Sheryl Riley of Lynwood, WA, passed away Saturday, October 24, 2020 from pancreatic cancer. She was 47. She was born May 29, 1973 in Hermiston to Dale and Linda Conklin. She grew up in Ione and Heppner and attended schools there.

Sheryl was a certified nurse's assistant and enjoyed taking care of all people, including the elderly people she worked with. Sheryl had a passion for all living things, especially horses and dogs and loved outdoor activities.

Sheryl is survived by her son, Colby Riley of

Walla Walla, WA; parents, Dale and Linda Conklin of

Heppner; grandmother, Iris Adkins of La Grande; brothers, Ashley (Teri) of Eugene, OR and Mark (Shannon) of Vancouver, WA; sister, Jill (Raymond)

Lew of Beaverton, OR; four nieces; one nephew and two cousins. She was preceded in death by a son, Bradley Lovell.

To best honor Sheryl's memory, consider adopting a pet from a local shelter or donating to one. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.



Sheryl Riley

Justice Court Report

Morrow County Justice of the Peace, Glen Diehl, has released the following Justice Court report:

-Andrew R. Thompson, 24, Ione, was convicted violation of basic rule, fine \$165 and driving uninsured, fine \$265.

-Jason E. Haigh, 46, Stanfield, was convicted of passing in a no passing zone, fine \$165.

-Sarah A. Johnson, 30, Heppner, was convicted of violation of basic rule, fine \$165.

-Juan Q. Madrigal, 21, Pendleton, was convicted of violation of basic rule, fine \$265.

-Hector Reynoso, 28, Portland, OR, was convicted of violation of basic rule, fine \$265.

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