

Obituaries

Glenna Diane McLaughlin

Glenna Diane McLaughlin Wolke, 65, Waukegan, IL, died Monday, April 5, 2021, in Waukegan. She was born July 4, 1955, to Delores "DD" and Darrel McLaughlin.

She is survived by her parents; son, Matthew McLaughlin, Illinois; grandchildren, Maddie and Conor McLaughlin, Illinois; brothers, Delbert Mc-

Laughlin of Pendleton, OR and James McLaughlin and his wife Tony of Echo, OR; numerous aunts, cousins, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Mark Wolke and her brother, David McLaughlin.

No services are planned at this time. Donations in her name may be made to the charity of your choice.

VACCINATIONS

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Lindsay says she is concerned people are not as vigilante about the virus here as they should be. "As we see surge waves across the US it is worrisome because Morrow County has tended to be a month or so behind in seeing these impact us. We have the opportunity to do our part to avoid another summer like last year and this FEMA event is so very helpful to those efforts. I just really hope Morrow County takes advantage of it," she urged.

Lindsay also provided some data from the CDC, Center for Disease Control, that shows over 167 million people that have been vaccinated to date and there hasn't been a single death attributed to the vaccine. She says clinical trials reveals that it is safe. "CDC has stated anyone 16 plus may receive the vaccine and Morrow County is collecting names and information

for anyone under 16 interested in the vaccine so we can begin outreach just as soon as OHA allows. Many of the recent outbreaks in the US are in the 20-60 age group and younger people being more seriously impacted," Lindsay adds.

Morrow County Public Health can be reached at 541-676-5649, or by email at COVIDVaccine@co.morrow.or.us. Public Health officials urge all residents interested in the Moderna or Pfizer to complete an eligibility form online or contact their local pharmacy to make an appointment. This form and other important COVID-19 information can be found at www.co.morrow.or.us/publichealth. Those who still need to receive their second COVID-19 vaccine dose, should follow up with the office to make an appointment.

Reservations to be offered at four campgrounds this summer

Reservations available through recreation.gov

For the first time the Umatilla National Forest is offering campsite reservations at Bull Prairie Lake, Jubilee Lake, North Fork John Day and Olive Lake campgrounds. Individual campsites can be reserved through <https://www.recreation.gov>.

Recreation.gov is a trip planning and reservation service portal. The site includes information on over 120,000 recreation areas for 12 different government agencies. The Umatilla National Forest already uses the site to provide reservation services for cabins and this year will also be including Jubilee Lake, Bull Prairie Lake, North Fork John Day and Olive Lake campgrounds.

"We are excited to offer reservations to our communities for these popular campgrounds," said Shane Dittlinger, Umatilla

National Forest Recreation Program Manager. "Recreation.gov provides a seamless way for people to check the availability at one of these campgrounds and guarantee your spot before making the trip to the forest."

Single and double campsites can be reserved up to six months in advance of a reservation date. Group sites can be reserved up to one year in advance of a reservation date. Campsites that are not reserved by 12 a.m. each day will become first-come, first-served for the day.

Reservations made through recreation.gov will include an \$8 transaction fee in addition to the campsite fee. Reservations can also be made over the phone by calling 877-444-6777. A limited number of first-come, first-served campsites will be available.



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By Doris Brosnan

Good News: The report on the Morrow County Emergency Management site on Sunday indicated that Heppner, Lexington and Ione continued to show no increase in Covid-19 cases for another week (Sunday-Saturday). The county did report two more cases during last week, but so far, the county's number of new cases seems comparatively low as one looks at the state and the USA reports of increasing case numbers. Caution and consideration of others can make a difference.

Lexington Town Council is optimistic about the weather and the south county Covid status, as they are planning a May Day Parade (May 1). Mayor Juli Kennedy can answer your questions about the event, which will be reminiscent of days gone by, 541-350-3974.

Discovery that you can buy an ice cream that reminds you of your delicious homemade ice cream is indeed good news, so Peggy Fishburn is sharing her delightful discovery. She has even gotten gift certificates from Two Old Hags to give away because she

wants others to discover for themselves the soft vanilla and chocolate ice cream that she is such a fan of.

Some to go in-hand, some seating outside, and some enjoy inside at a table, some short menus, some lengthier, but all of it is available in Heppner and Ione. Count the food merchants in our area and be surprised: eight in Heppner and three in Ione. Explore the possibilities.

Nola Binschus has been training Felicia Cavan to take her long-time position with the health district at the Heppner clinic as the director of referrals because Nola is moving across and up the street a bit. She will be working in the billing department, located in the front area of Pioneer Memorial Hospital. A new challenge, a new work adventure that Nola looks forward.

Laurie Hire has announced that she looks forward to moving to her new home in Prairie City as soon as she packs up and sells her home in Heppner. Laurie will be nearer to her son's family but still not too far away from her daughter's family in Hermiston.

Our city manager,

Chamber to host candidate forum

The Heppner Chamber will be coordinating candidate forums for the Port of Morrow Commissioner Positions 1 and 3 from 6-6:45 p.m. and Morrow County School District Board Positions 2 and 7 at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 22. The forum will be held in the Heppner City Hall conference room and will be available on Zoom and Facebook Live for community members. COVID-19 rules will apply, and attendance will be limited

to candidates, press and coordinators of the forum.

Questions for any and all positions need to be submitted to the Heppner Chamber no later than April 21 to be included in the forum. Candidates will be asked the same questions, which will be appropriate to the positions.

Contact the chamber at 541-676-5536 or email heppnerchamber@gmail.com for additional information or to submit questions for the candidates.

Class of 65 plans reunion

The Heppner High School class of 65 will hold a reunion the weekend of July 16-18 and would like to extend an invitation to all Heppner classes of the 60s.

There will be a no-host dinner at the Gateway Café beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday, July 16. Saturday morning at 10, a shotgun golf tournament and fellowship will take place at the Willow Creek Country Club.

Saturday evening at 5 p.m. will begin a social hour, followed by a prime rib dinner catered by Alvin Liu at 6:30 p.m. at the Howard and Beth Bryant

convention center. Music will be provided by Roger Leonnig and the class of 1967. At this time, attendees are limited to 150 per state regulations and reservations are required.

A no-host breakfast buffet will be provided at the Gateway Café Saturday and Sunday mornings. A worship service will be held at the Main Street park Sunday morning, July 18, at 10:30 with music led by Rick Drake.

For additional information contact Stuart Dick at 541-377-5451 or Ken Evans at 541-571-7982.

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Kraig Cutsforth, reports that he is getting calls from individuals who have seen pictures online of some Heppner houses that they think they might like to buy and fix up. Some of those callers are planning to come for an in-person look. Dave Sykes also reports interest in our available houses increasing, much on the part of people now living in the Portland area.

"Rood Canyon Construction" is the name Bob Stevens jokingly bestowed upon his friends who came to his aid recently. Bob endured a few days in the hospital last month. Dan Hambleton and Scott Smythe shared an idea, reports Judy Stevens, and from that kernel grew a project taken on by Scott, Dan and Bill Van Schoiack, Tim Rankin, Sam Martin, Melvin McDaniel, John Flynn and Jim Kirkpatrick. They located a metal ramp specially made in Hermiston for someone who did not take it, bought it and brought it. They installed the ramp at Bob and Judy's home and Judy reports that she is as appreciative as Bob and is probably even using the ramp more than he.

John and Janna Vandenberg recently celebrated their 44th anniversary with a trip to California. They travelled to Los Banos, where their son's family lives, in the San Joaquin Valley.

And Jamie Vandenberg and Tim Doherty, '04 and '03 graduates of Ione High School, planned to marry in Hood River yesterday. The Vancouver couple chose a park setting for their small gathering in the forecasted 66 degrees under sunny skies.

Madison Combe, 2019 graduate of HHS, recently enjoyed a break from her busy schedule by coming to eastern Oregon to visit family and friends. Madison has completed. as an honors student, her AAOT (Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer) – two-year general education degree at Chemeketa Community College. But now she plans to change directions and add to that education by doing something she has also been planning. She will soon be enrolled in Tangled Ends Cosmetology School. What will follow for this girl on the go who also continues to hold down a job at Olive Garden? Heppner Day Care is making a return. Petra Payne reports that some de-

tails are still being handled, but the opening day is just around the corner.

Congratulations to parents Matt and Chelsea Bergstrom and welcome to baby Blake Georgia, who was also born on March 24, the same day as Cora Marie Ellis.

Proud Grandparents Greg and Janet Greenup report that Klancy Nicholas Fennern was born in Pendleton on the stroke of midnight on April 3, weighing in at 8 lbs. 4 oz. Congratulations to Justin and Kelsey Greenup Fennern.

As delightful as entertaining oneself in the greeting card section of a store, watching those candid videos of children and animals doing what innocents do. They can sing, they can dance, they can lecture, they can do amazing stunts. Such a refreshing break from the abundant sad/bad news.

How to retrieve trash from the creek might be the question that has slowed the cleanup of Willow Creek's banks, but the conscientious visitors who are making an effort might know who to call for help with that challenge. The banks certainly look better, and I think someone is also doing some cleanup near two other bridges. Bravo.

Report of a chicken and her eight baby chicks near the creek has put smiles on the faces of several fortunate people who have spotted her.

Some readers will remember mention years ago of a Heppner water truck that had showed up in Molalla, OR. Interest in that historic vehicle recently renewed, and Kim Armato contacted the Molalla person who had the truck. Had is the key word. But that man had given the truck to his friend Sam Martin. Yes, the Sam Martin of Hardman. And Mr. Martin has agreed to give this relic of Heppner history to the county's Agricultural Museum, so we can watch for information about its display.

Passing on your good news tidbits is such a pleasure. I know some readers are very glad you are sharing – they have said so. Anyone who has a tidbit is invited to email it to dbrosnan123@gmail.com or to call 541-223-1490 or stop me on the street.

As always, hoping some good news comes to everyone reading this.

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