

Obituaries

Joe William Taylor Katherine Ann Martin

Joe Taylor, a true old-time cowboy and longtime resident of Heppner, OR, passed away June 22, 2022, in Portland, OR, at the age of 89. A celebration of life will be held at the Heppner Elks Lodge on Thursday, July 21 at 1 p.m. with a potluck to follow.



Joe William Taylor

Joe was born December 17, 1932, in Filer, ID to Hedwig Kaeser and Joe H. Taylor.

Joe spent his growing-up years in Bruneau, ID with his parents and sister, Barbara. He always had high interests in guns, rodeos, anything to do with cowboys or the wild west. In fact, when he was a teenager he and a friend were playing quick draw and Joe got shot in the arm.

During and after high school he worked as a farm-hand until he enlisted in the Army in 1953, where he spent two years. While serving he was in Boise, ID, then stationed at Hanford. After being discharged from the Army, he spent 30+ years as a ranch hand in Heppner area. In his free time, his biggest interest was riding bareback and saddle bronc in rodeos across the United States and had much success.

He married Janet McGowan in 1979 and they had a child together, Crysti Taylor. In 1990 he got a job with the Morrow County Road Dept where he spent 20 years working, until he retired. After retirement he spent his time relaxing, traveling, camping, hunting, gold mining and anything to do with rodeoing. He won his last belt buckle for bareback champion in Nevada at the age of 76.

He was always an active participant when it came to helping out at the round-up every year and never missed walking in the Westward Ho Parade. Until about five years ago he was known for walking 7-10 miles every day, rain or shine, in his cowboy boots and cowboy hat.

Joe is preceded in death by his wife, Janet; mother and father and sister, Barbara. Survivors include his daughter, Crysti Taylor and granddaughters, Elissa and Ariona, as well as other family and friends.

Those wishing to make memorial contributions in Joe's memory may do so to the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo or Morrow County Fairgrounds.

Katherine Ann Martin, 76, of Lexington, OR, passed away July 3, 2022, at Providence St. Patrick's Hospital in Missoula, MT surrounded by her family. She was born September 19, 1945, in Ione, OR to Clell and Norma (Swanson) Rea.



Katherine Ann Martin

She grew up and attended school in Ione. She married James (Jim) Leroy Martin of Lexington April 2, 1965, in Lewiston, ID. They moved around the country living in various cities, wherever Jim's job with the FAA took them. They eventually landed in Auburn, WA and raised their family there. Katherine retired from Bowen Scarff Ford as a very successful car sales woman in 2006. She then split her time in retirement years between her ranch house in Lexington and her home in Chandler, AZ. She loved the warm Arizona weather as much as she loved her family, friends and golfing.

She is survived by her children, Jackie Martin of Pasco, WA, Sherra Rea Lavoie (Terry) of Missoula, MT and Brent Martin (Jill) of Ione, OR; grandchildren, Jessica, Ashley and Derik, Samantha and Emilee, and Eva; great grandchildren, Carter and Braxton; brothers, Keith Rea (Judy) of Ione, OR, Dallas Rea of Hermiston, OR and Frank Rea of McMinnville, OR.

She was proceeded in death by her husband, Jim Martin; parents, Clell and Norma Rea and brothers, Gerald Rea, Richard Rea and John Rea.

A funeral service was held at Ione Community Church on July 9, 2022, followed by graveside burial at Highview Cemetery, Ione, OR. Arrangements were handled by Sweeney Mortuary Heppner.

Memorial contributions can be made to Ione Education Foundation, PO Box 61, Ione, OR 97843 or to the Ione Community Church, 395 E Main St, Ione, OR 97843.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in care of arrangements, you may sign the online condolence book at www.sweeneymortuary.com.

Can drive to benefit Odd Fellow building Morrow County Republicans to meet

The Holly Rebekah Lodge will be holding an ongoing bottle and can drive to raise money to help rejuvenate the historic Odd Fellow building in Lexington. Cans and bottles may

be dropped off in Lexington at the home of Edith Papineau, 541-989-8115, or in Heppner at the home of LaRae Kindle, 541-310-9499.

The Morrow County Republicans will meet at 6 p.m., Tuesday, July 26 at the Christ Alone Church in Ione. PCPs and anyone interested in the county Republican Party are en-

couraged to come and join the discussions.

Plans will be made at the meeting for the August 18, 2022 "Get the Scoop" event. This fundraising event will be an opportunity for ticket holders to meet and talk with the Oregon Republican midterm candidates in Heppner during Morrow County Fair week.

The Republican Party is open to individuals who are interested in conservative ideals and values. The Republican Party platform can be found at <https://oregon.gop/>. For more information on the Morrow County Republicans, contact mocoreps@gmail.com.

Bank of Eastern Oregon collects school supplies

Bank of Eastern Oregon is collecting school supplies for local elementary students at its Oregon branches. These supplies will be distributed to local schools in August.

"If you would like to help, please drop your school supply donations at any branch of Bank of Eastern Oregon," says Becky Kindle, Chief Operating Officer.

Each branch will feature a drawing for several backpacks filled with sup-

plies for a local student. Community members with a grade school student are encouraged to stop in and fill out a ticket.

You do not have to be a Bank of Eastern Oregon customer to donate supplies or enter the drawing and no purchase is necessary. BEO branches in Oregon are located in Arlington, Athena, Boardman, Burns, Condon, Enterprise, Fossil, Heppner, Hermiston, Ione, Irrigon, John Day, La Grande, Moro and Prairie City.

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confusion in the manner in which the board's meeting was conducted. Of public record Mr. Green was offered an executive session meeting under Oregon Law but at his option he requested the meeting be open and public which the board honored, in accordance with Oregon law. Commissioners were advised to not answer any questions, as disclosed by the chair at the meeting. I am not the chair of the Board of Commissioners and thereby I did not set the agenda and I did not run the meeting. I did not refuse to allow public comment. The current chair was given and followed procedure from counsels in these areas.

"All of the written comments that day were placed in the public packet. The procedure laid out by legal counsels were made in accordance with Oregon law and also contrary to the petition I acted "to minimize financial burden to the county." By following advice from a team of lawyers I did the exact opposite of the assertions made against me in the recall petition. In fact, by not following legal advice, and acting contrary to protocol it may place past and current employees at risk and further victimize them by fueling inaccuracies.

"As a commissioner I do not have the authority

to fire any county employee except for the county administrator who reports directly to the board. Firing and mentoring employees is a function of department heads, supervisors, the county administrator and the human resources director, together with outside counsel when required. Contrary to the recall petition, I do not have any HR complaints filed against me in my tenure as a commissioner. Any such allegations are false.

"I have worked hard to listen to all citizens. A healthy and robust political environment is not one where everyone thinks the same. It takes great listening and an attempt to bring different opinions together and to act with integrity and in the best interest of all citizens. I have served in a way that prioritized accountability, financial stewardship and respect for fellow officials and staff. I have many successes and accomplishments to list. I will be moving on to other public service at the end of the year. Fact is, it is divisive and a waste taxpayer money and time to file a recall based on misstated allegations around confidential matters. I worked very hard for our communities and hope that my years of service will stand for itself against these accusations that I have very little ability to defend because they are confidential," Lindsay said.

Justice Court Report

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

-Jesus J. Castellanos Magallon, 62, Pasco WA,

was convicted of violation of basic rule, fine \$115.

-Mikel S. Jaca, 19, Pendleton, OR, was convicted of violation of basic rule, fine \$165.

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Morrow County Health District is pleased to welcome Amanda Roy, PA-C, to our team of primary health care providers.

Amanda Roy, PA-C
Pioneer Memorial Clinic
Starting July 13, 2022
Accepting New Patients

Amanda has practiced in rural/frontier medicine her entire career and enjoys having the ability to provide a full spectrum of care.

Pioneer Memorial Clinic
130 Thompson Avenue
Heppner, OR
Mon-Fri: 8:30am-6:00pm
541-676-5504

Learn more about Amanda, her love of rural medicine, and her skateboard riding English Bull Dog at Healthymc.org.

The Morrow County Fair and Rodeo is just around the corner.

The annual special Fair insert will be in the August 10th issue of the Heppner Gazette-Times.

The deadline to submit a story or advertise in the special insert is August 2nd.

To submit a story, please email; editor@rapidsolve.net

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For more information, call (541)676-9228

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