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Obituaries

Giovanna Borghese

Giovanna Borghese, 84, of Arlington, OR died on March 1, 2023, in Hermiston, surrounded by her family. She was born on Dec. 27, 1938, in Ascoli Piceno, Italy.

Recitation of the Holy Rosary followed by Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, March 11, at 9:30 a.m. at St. Francis Catholic Church in Arlington. Burial will follow at the Arlington Cemetery.

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

Patricia Ann Lunsford

Patricia Ann Lunsford died Feb. 21, 2023. She was born on Feb. 16, 1958. Her family is extending an invitation to celebrate Patricia's life with them at a potluck meal at the Isobel Edwards Hall in Fossil on March 25 at 5 p.m. She was loved by all and will be missed.

Richard "Dick" Donald Johnson

Richard "Dick" Donald Johnson, 79, longtime Morrow County resident, passed away on Feb. 13, 2023, at Columbia Crossing Memory Care in Kennewick, WA. At his request there will be no service.

Dick was born on Nov. 8, 1943, in Pendleton, to Hobart (Stubby) Johnson and Mary Ann Cargill Johnson. He attended St. Joseph's Academy and graduated from Pendleton High School.

He lived on Big Butter Creek, where he was a caretaker at Vey Ranches until 2004. He then moved to Hermiston and built up a little place of his own on Rayton Lane, where he raised a few head of long-horns each year.

He trained trial dogs, raised sheep and had amazing skills with horses. Dick brought Katahdin hair sheep to Big Butter Creek years ago. He would always make sourdough biscuits

to share with all the kids at the ranch. Dick liked kids and helped several of them with animal projects they had. He could be seen hauling horses to parades and rodeos, always ready to get them there on time and looking good.

Dick is survived his sister Beverly McCloud; nephews Randy Tachella and Casey Anderson; and niece Malissia Markham.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents; son Zeb Johnson; sisters Rita Johnson, Elaine Urban and Mary Ella Hoffman; and nephew Bill Tachella.

Please share memories of Dick with his family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of the arrangements.

Daniel Kirby Brosnan

Daniel Kirby Brosnan, 79, of Heppner, died Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at Salem, OR. A celebration of Dan's life will begin in Heppner at the Gilliam and Bisbee Event Center on Sunday, March 12, at 12:30 p.m. A graveside service with State Police Honors and interment will follow at 2:30 p.m. at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

He was born August 17, 1943, at Pendleton, the son of Jerry and Marian (Good) Brosnan, and the youngest of their four children. He was raised on the family ranch on Little Butter Creek and attended school in Heppner, graduating in 1961. He immediately entered the U.S. Air Force and worked as a cartographer for four years.

In 1966 Dan wed his high-school sweetheart, Doris, and then began work as an Oregon State Policeman in the game division in 1968. He retired as captain of that division in 1993, after a career that included fives moves—Newport twice, Gilchrist, Ontario and Salem.

Never was there a question about their retirement plan as Dan and Doris returned to Heppner. He enjoyed his hobby farm on Hinton Creek for 21 years before moving into town. During those years, his roles included farmer, Morrow County Commissioner, and Circuit Court Bailiff.

Dan enjoyed their many RV trips with friends. He enjoyed Heppner events. He delighted in being "Bop-pop" grandfather. He also

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enjoyed the many three o'clock conversations over coffee or beer with his friends.

Dan's battle with dementia ended his wonderful life as an avid learner and reader and terrific husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend.

He was preceded in death by parents and siblings—John, Eddie and Joann.

He is survived by wife, Doris; son, Damon (Carie); daughter, Darci (Angie); and grandchildren, Carson, Katie, Conor and Amy.

Memorial contributions for those who wish may be made to the Oregon Trail Library, Heppner Branch, PO Box 325, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary is in charge of arrangements. You may sign the online condolence book at www.sweeneymortuary.com.

Funeral Notice

Ida W. Farra—Ida W. Farra, 105, of Heppner died Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2023, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital. She was born Aug. 4, 1917, at Wishek, ND. A memorial service will be held March 10, 2023, at 11 a.m. at the Heppner United Methodist Church with lunch to follow.



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OSFM invests \$2.7 million in wildfire risk reduction projects across Oregon



Oregon State Fire Marshal fire risk reduction specialist Kyle Reed staffs a station to help people learn about defensible spaces and wildfires at the Boy Scouts of America Klondike Derby recently. The OSFM is investing in wildfire reduction projects across Oregon, including in Morrow County. -Contributed photo

SALEM, OR—The Oregon State Fire Marshal (OSFM) recently announced a \$2.7 million investment in wildfire risk reduction projects across Oregon. This strategic one-time investment is being made at the local and county levels through community wildfire protection plans (CWPP).

One of the projects is in Morrow County, which will receive money to help landowners with defensible space projects and educate community members about best practices. Project managers plan to host yard debris pick-up events and help with defensible space work.

"We are happy to have the money to implement our planned work," Heppner Fire and Rescue Chief Steve Rhea said. "Projects all over the state are worthy of this funding, and we appreciate the investment and the attention from the OSFM in rural communities."

Projects will happen in 25 CWPP planning areas located in Baker, Benton, Clackamas, Coos, Crook, Curry, Deschutes, Douglas, Gilliam, Hood River, Jackson, Jefferson, Josephine, Lake, Lane, Lincoln, Linn,

Malheur, Marion, Morrow, Multnomah, Polk, Wallowa, Wheeler and Yamhill counties.

Projects include promoting wildfire-specific community risk reduction efforts, community education, defensible space projects, home assessments, media campaigns, signage, fuel mitigation programs and grant funds.

The OSFM's fire risk re-

duction specialists worked with local CWPP planning groups to determine where funding was needed. This selection process was based on actionable projects, underserved communities, and the risk of fire in or near communities.

The funds are part of the OSFM's Fire Adapted Oregon initiative, available through Senate Bill 762.

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