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Obituaries

Kraig Cutsforth

Kraig A. Cutsforth, 62, of Heppner, died Wednesday, September 20, 2023, at his home. A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, September 30, 2023, at the Heppner Elks Club.

He was born January 23, 1961, at Heppner, the son of Kenneth D. and M. Sharon Bryant Cutsforth. He was raised in Heppner until the 1970's when he relocated to Burns, Oregon for far too long for his liking. and finished high school in Pendleton, Oregon.

Kraig attended the University of Oregon in Eugene where he received his bachelor's degree in business management. Upon graduating, he went to work in Pendleton and a couple of years later was transferred to Portland, Oregon. Kraig went into the stock and bond business for almost 20 years and ended up with an office in Hermiston, Oregon. He had a daughter (Kelsey) in 1995 while living in Hermiston. He was also a council person for the City of Hermiston during this time.

He moved to Lacey, Washington to work for the State of Washington for the next 12 years. During this time, he met and married Kathleen M. Whelan on October 10, 2010, in Maui, Hawaii. Kraig switched gears and eventually became the city manager for the City of Heppner. He truly enjoyed this aspect of government and the wonderful people of Heppner.

Survivors include his wife, Kathy Whelan-Cutsforth of Heppner, daughter Kelsey R. Cutsforth of Tumwater, Washington, his mother, Sharon Lewis, and stepfather Keith Lewis of Heppner, stepmother Carolyn Cutsforth, and a sister A. Kim Cutsforth, also of Heppner, stepbrother William Huston, niece Maggie Armato, and nephew Joe Armato, as well as many friends and many more members of his family.

Kraig was preceded in death by his father, Kenneth Cutsforth and a sister Kathryn Cutsforth Fulmer.

Contributions in his honor may be made to the Heppner Elks #358 Foundation, PO Box 494, Heppner, OR 97836.

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

Leila J. Sullivan

Leila J Sullivan, 93, beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, passed away on Monday, September 11, 2023. She will be laid to rest alongside her husband at Los Gatos Memorial Park on October 12 in a private family ceremony.

Born on the family homestead at Grass Valley Oregon to Glenn and Leona McLachlan, Leila graduated from Heppner High School and business school before marrying her husband, Thomas E Sullivan.

After moving to Los Angeles, CA, she was employed by Disney and was one of Walt Disney's secretaries. Later she assisted her husband in running their financial services company and was active at the Village House and Garden.

After she retired, she picked up golf and had the only hole-in-one in the family.

She is survived by her three children, Marc Sullivan, Scott Sullivan and Denise Wilson, and "loved her grandchildren with all her heart." Her grandchildren are Sean Sullivan, Bill Sullivan, Daniel Wilson, Emily Wilson, Brady Sullivan and Ciara Sullivan. In addition, she had six "precious great-grandchildren": Vivian Norvel, Clara Norvel, Naomi Norvel, Heidi Sullivan, Hazel Sullivan and Bruce Sullivan. She is also survived by her brother Delbert McLachlan.

Funeral Service

Judith Lue "Judie" Laughlin

Funeral services for Judith Lue "Judie" Laughlin will be held Saturday, September 30, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner. Catholic Mass will be held at 11 a.m. with a 12 p.m. interment for both Judie and her late husband, Butch Laughlin, at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

A luncheon will follow at the Catholic Parish Hall.

For more information contact Tami Berthold, 541-993-2312.

Death Notice

Donald W. Munkers, 75, of Cottonwood, formerly of Heppner, OR, died Sunday, September 3, 2023 at St. Mary's Hospital in Cottonwood, ID. Arrangements are under the direction of the Blackmer Funeral Home, Grangeville.

Willow Creek Reservoir bloom

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ins by drinking the water, licking their fur, or eating the toxins from floating mats or dried crust along the shore. This is regardless of a recreational use health advisory in place.

Be aware that dogs can become ill and die from water intoxication after drinking excessive amounts of water while swimming or fetching objects for long periods of time. Intoxication is a potentially fatal disturbance in brain function resulting from an imbalance of electrolytes in the body. Water intoxication and heat stroke can cause similar symptoms as exposure to cyanotoxins.

Symptoms
Exposure to cyanotoxins can be serious and cause a range of symptoms. Symptoms may be similar to food poisoning such as stomach cramping, diarrhea, nausea and vomiting. Symptoms may

also be more serious, such as numbness, tingling, dizziness and shortness of breath. These symptoms may require medical attention. Dogs can experience weakness, difficulty walking, seizures, lethargy, loss of appetite and more. Pet owners should seek veterinary treatment as quickly as possible if their dog exhibits any of those symptoms.

Fishing
Fish caught from areas where cyanobacteria blooms are present may pose unknown health risks, so OHA recommends not eating fish from those sites. Anyone who decides to eat the fish should remove its fat, skin and organs before cooking or freezing. Toxins are more likely to collect in these tissues. Fillets should also be rinsed with clean water.

For health information or to report an illness, contact OHA at 971-673-0482.

WCCC Ladies Play Day

Virginia Grant and Pat Dougherty took first place at the Willow Creek Country Club Play Day/Blind Best Ball held September 26 at WCCC. Second place went to Kris Lindner and Sharon Harrison. Third

place went to Karen and Jackie Allstott. Six golfers played.

Virginia grant had the most birdies and Karen Thompson had the most chip-ins.

It was a rainy, cool day.

Historical Society annual meeting set

Morrow County Historical Society has scheduled their annual meeting for Sunday, October 1, at 2 p.m. in the lobby of the Heppner's Gilliam Bisbee building.

The new Morrow County Chronicles will be presented. Bill Monagle, editor, will give a presenta-

tion on the digitalization of the chronicles, current and past additions for preservation and sales to the public. A slide presentation of past photos from the chronicles by Monagle will also be shown.

All are welcome to attend.

Tim Van Cleave retires from Pendleton ministry

Former Heppner resident Tim Van Cleave, is retiring from his position as minister of Bethel Church Assembly of God in Pendleton after serving for 15 years.

Van Cleave moved to Heppner in 1989 and was the pastor of the Christian Life Center for 19 years before relocating to Pendleton in 2008. Throughout his time in Heppner, Van

Cleave actively participated in local governance, serving as a city council member and becoming mayor of Heppner. In addition to his community involvement, Van Cleave coached basketball and drove school bus in Heppner.

Although retiring from his pastoral role, Van Cleave will continue to contribute to the community by school bus in Pendleton.

Public Use Restrictions lifted on the Umatilla National Forest

P E N D L E T O N , Ore. (September 26, 2023) — Recent precipitation and cooler weather conditions across the Umatilla National Forest has decreased fire danger, prompting fire managers to lift all public use restrictions pertaining to recreational chainsaw use, smoking, and off-road travel, effective Sept. 26, 2023.

ODF. Additional infor-

mation is also available at one of the interagency dispatch centers' webpages:

For more information about the Umatilla National Forest's Public Use Restrictions, please contact the Umatilla National Forest Information Hotline at 1-877-958-9663, or visit our website at www.fs.usda.gov/umatilla/.

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Lunch & Dinner

Specials 9/28-10/4

Thursday- fish sandwich and coleslaw \$9
Friday - chicken plus burger and Mac n cheese bites \$9
Saturday - potato soup and a ham and Swiss sandwich \$9
Monday - Frito burrito and tortilla chips \$9
Tuesday - sausage and egg English muffin sandwich with breakfast bars \$9
Tuesday night - 6-9pm \$2 hard shell tacos
Wednesday - chicken Alfredo and salad \$9 or \$7 for seniors



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HUNTER'S NIGHT

Thursday, October 5th

Steak Dinner prepared by Wacy Coil and crew starting at 6:30 pm

Lodge - 8:00 pm

Lots of Raffle Items

Members and Guests



The burn ban will be lifted as of this Friday, September 29th within the Town of Lexington. If you have any questions, contact Lexington Fire Chief Charlie Sumner at 541-403-2917



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Will be hosting a Safe Halloween event October 31st from 5:30-8pm at the Hopeful Saints Ministry Church on the corner of Gale and Church Street thanks to funding from the Morrow County Unified Recreation District. This is a free community event for area residents. Inside the building there will be a junk food walk, movie playing, and free food and drink available. Trunk or Treat will be set up outside in the parking lot. We have 15 spots available if any businesses or individuals would like to participate in the trunk or treat. Please contact George Nairns at 541-571-6519 or Cody High at 541-256-0847 to reserve a trunk or treat spot. Treats will be provided for trunk or treaters to hand out if needed.