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Obituaries

Patricia Florence Prock



Patricia Florence Prock (Albert), age 89, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on April 24, 2025, at Willow Creek Terrace in Heppner, OR. A memorial service will be held at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery on May 16 at 11 a.m. A luncheon will follow at the Heppner Elks lodge.

Pat, or Patty, was a devoted wife to the late Jimmy Prock for over 57 years. They had four children, Tricia, Mike, Jon and Tami.

She was born on September 12, 1935, in Minot, ND to Edgar and Ila Albert. She joined her sister Gayle, and they were later joined by sister Ferne.

She spent her early years moving around as the family followed her father's job. She spent time in Chiloquin, Klamath Junction, Klamath Falls, Heppner, Metzger and La Grande, then finally settling in Hardman and Heppner, where she graduated high school in 1953. Moving and changing schools taught Pat how to make friends and learn to adapt to change.

She met the love of her life the summer of 1951 at the Rhea Creek Grange dance. Jim gave her an engagement ring on her birthday in 1953. They were married on August 7, 1954, in Heppner, where they settled and raised their four children.

Patty babysat friends' children until hers were old enough to be in school. She began working for M&R Floor Covering as a bookkeeper. She then worked at Pioneer Memorial Hospital, later working at the Pioneer Memorial Clinic. She retired from Morrow County Mental Health after working there eight years.

Her hobbies included quilting, reading, and sharing time with family and friends. Her family will always cherish the quilts she made. She particularly enjoyed her Monday quilting friends. The conversation and sisterhood she had with Marge, Eva, Pat and Gwen was something she always

cherished. Pat was an avid reader and writer. She kept many journals and wrote a book, *A Collection of Life Stories*.

Patty moved to Willow Creek Terrace in January of this year. She reestablished old friendships and enjoyed her time there. Mealtime and activities provided opportunities for sharing stories and laughs with Bev, Virginia and Rita. The staff provided a loving and caring home to her during these final months.

Her passion was her family. She devoted herself to her children. Pat taught them to be independent and kind to others. These lessons were passed on to her four grandsons, and seven great-grandchildren who affectionately called her "GG."

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 57 years, her sister Gayle Feller, and her sons Jon and Mike.

She is survived by her sister Ferne Healy (Mike); children Tricia Gunderson (David) and Tami Calvert (Gary); grandchildren Brent Gunderson (Kimmie), Derek Gunderson (Meghan), Jake Calvert (Lynn), Matt Calvert (Kaitlin) and Bri Silva (Rafael); and great-grandchildren Whitley Gunderson, Easton Gunderson, Sage Calvert, Cora Calvert, Lane Calvert, Addison Calvert, Reed Calvert, Sophia Silva and John Silva. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Willow Creek Terrace, 400 Frank Gilliam Drive in Heppner, OR.

Sweeney Payton Mortuary has been entrusted with the arrangements. Please leave your condolence messages for the family at sweeneypaytonmortuary.com.

Norman Wayne 'Buck' Handbury

Norman Wayne "Buck" Handbury, 88, of Heppner, OR passed away on Monday, April 21, 2025. At Buck's request, there will be no local services. Per his wishes, his remains will be interred during a private cemetery at Willamette National Cemetery in Happy Valley, OR.

Buck was born on December 6, 1936, in Myrtle Point, OR to Homer and Olvina Handbury but lived all his childhood in Lakeview, OR. In 1959, he was drafted into the Army. After

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the first two basic trainings, he was shipped off to Germany, where he worked in a food warehouse. He spent any free time he had traveling and exploring.

In March of 1964 he married Judy Orgain. They eloped and were married in Reno, NV. They enjoyed 61 years of marriage. In October of 1973, their son Dean was born. In 1974 they moved to Heppner. Buck went to work for Pettyjohn Farm and Builders Supply. He went on to work at the Kinzua Mill, where he retired in December of 1998.

Those remaining to remember him are his wife Judy, son Dean, brothers Dave and Don, sister Alice, sisters-in-law Charline and

Marcella, several nieces and nephews, and great nieces and nephews, all of who loved their Uncle Buck.

Preceding him in death were his parents Homer and Olvina; three brothers Glenn, Allen and Tom; and sister Ileen St. Clair.

Donations in Buck's memory can be made to the Shriners Children Hospital (3101 SW Sam Jackson Park Rd., Portland, OR 97239).

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BMCC winter term honor roll

Pendleton—Blue Mountain Community College has announced that winter term 2024-25 honor roll recognition went to the following full-time students from Morrow County:

President's List (3.75 - 4.0 GPA): Brianne Bishop, Emily Cain, Erendira Cortes, Hailey Cunningham, Isela Echols, Liberty Ensley, Erica Guzman,

Miranda Landeros, Julisa Lomas, Savannah Medrano Pruitt, Carol Salas, Mayra Wightman/

Vice President's List (3.5 to 3.74): Cindy Agripino, Braden Atkins, Ana Calvillo, Arely Cambero, Tony Jimenez, Chelsea Newdiger, Brisa Salas, Aylin Sanchez Arellano, Sariah Thomas.

Elks to Host Youth Night May 15



Past youth night participants. -Contributed photo



Youth night raffle prizes. -Contributed photo

The Heppner Elks Lodge #358 is rolling out the red carpet for local youth and their families with a free community celebration on Wednesday, May 15. The annual Youth Night event, part of the Elks' youth activities programming, will take place at the lodge, with doors opening at 5 p.m. and dinner served at 6 p.m.

Open to all kids 17 and under, as well as parents, grandparents and guests, the event is completely free and does not require Elks membership to attend.

Heppner Youth Baseball has canceled games scheduled for that evening so players and their families can attend. Organizers are especially encouraging grandparents to join in the evening of celebration.

A spaghetti dinner will be served, followed by prize raffles that include summer-themed gear like fishing poles, sports equipment, camp chairs, swimming accessories, gift cards, AirPods, and even toys for the youngest guests aged four and under.

Thanks to generous Elks members and a \$500 donation in memory of 50-plus-year member Jerry Martin, the general raffle is free for all attendees.

"Every kid will walk away with a prize," said Corey Sweeney, Heppner Elks member and BPOE

Ione School District recognized in #OregonStrong campaign

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for real life, through Future Farmers of America, shop, and economics."

Chelsea Geer, teacher and ASB Advisor, shared that the Ione School District offers other valuable career-preparation opportunities, including externships with local businesses such as the bank, the local café, and through SPURS. SPURS is a school mentorship program that was designed to support students going through difficult times.

"The most inspiring thing my school does is the Backpack Program, which supports families in need," she said.

Each week, students pack boxes containing food and household items for local families. This initiative, in partnership with the Ione School Clinic, connects community members with essential resources and offers students a chance to give back.

"For us, school is not just a place to go. Here, we are together as a group," said one.

Following the session, some students recorded content to contribute to the #OregonStrong campaign. By the end, students and staff left with a deeper sense of pride in their school and community.

Dryland crop tour next week

The Morrow County Dryland Crop Tour will take place on Thursday, May 15. All are welcome to attend.

The afternoon tour begins at 2 p.m. with a look at a field of camelina. The camelina field is located on the east side of Bombing Range Road and can be accessed by turning onto the field road just north of mile marker 18.

The tour includes ad-

ditional field stops (cover crop and winter wheat variety experiments) at various locations in the North Lex area.

This year's crop tour is being hosted by Starvation Farms, the Morrow County Extension Office, and the Columbia Basin Agricultural Research Center.

Contact Larry Lutchner at 541-969-0580 with questions.

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Upcoming Events

Ladies Night May 8th - Bill and Robin Canaday will be preparing a choice of Beef or Chicken Shish Kabobs, Pasta salad or Mix Salad and Dessert

Youth Night May 15th - 6:00 pm - Open to all youth, gun raffle, general raffle, Spaghetti dinner

Lodge Hours:
Wed 4pm to close with dinner at 6pm
Thurs 4pm to close (Lodge at 8pm)
Fri & Sat 4pm to close with dinner from 5pm to 8pm off the menu



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