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Obituaries

Florence Lee Nolan

Peggy Anne (Taylor) Lauritsen



Florence Lee Nolan
Florence Lee Nolan, 83, of Redmond, OR, passed away peacefully on June 22, 2025. A graveside service will be held in her honor at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery on July 12 at 10 a.m. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Florence's life.

Born on March 24, 1942, in Heppner, OR, Florence spent her early years in the community she would grow to love and serve throughout her life.

A graduate of Heppner High School, Florence married her beloved husband, Vern Nolan, in 1962. She devoted much of her life to raising her family as a dedicated housewife and also worked in several local Heppner businesses over the years. Florence was deeply involved in her church and its activities, offering her time and energy to support others.

She had a passion for woodworking and gardening, and found true joy in lending a helping hand to anyone in need. Even when she had little herself, Florence gave generously and wholeheartedly. Her greatest pride and joy were her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren—and she cherished the moments when family gathered together.

Florence is lovingly remembered by her children, Christina Nolan-Pickett, Michael Nolan and Terri Antonucci; 11 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. She is also survived by two brothers, Kip Morris and Robert Morris, and two sisters, Doris Brosnan and Edith Turner. Her love extended to her sons- and daughter-in-law, as well.

She leaves behind a legacy of compassion, selflessness and unwavering love for her family and community.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to a cancer charity of your choice, in memory of Florence's giving spirit.

Sweeney Payton Mortuary is handling the arrangements. Please leave your condolence messages for the family at sweeneypaytonmortuary.com.



Peggy Anne (Taylor) Lauritsen
Peggy Anne (Taylor) Lauritsen, 71, of Heppner, OR passed away on June 30, 2025, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner, surrounded by her friends and family.

A celebration of life service for Peggy is being held on Saturday, July 12, at 1 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Peggy was born November 11, 1953, in Heppner, to parents Avery and Joanne Taylor. She graduated with the Heppner High School class of 1972. She then met Carl Lauritsen in 1973 and the two were married the next year.

Peggy spent her life in Heppner working at the Kinzua Mill, Wagon Wheel, and Cals Lounge. Most folks remember her from her time spent working at Pioneer Memorial Clinic. While there she filled many roles: kitchen, laundry, nurse's aide, med aide and Emergency Medical Technician.

Peggy was always dependable and there to help, whether it was saving a life out on an ambulance call or covering a shift. She enjoyed the outdoors, taking her boys hunting or fishing, going to their sporting events and playing cards.

She is survived by her brother, Avery (Butch) Taylor; sister, Christy Sherrow; sons, Stacy and Paul Lauritsen; grandchildren, Katie Hacking and Lee Lauritsen; and great-granddaughter Evelyn Hacking.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Pioneer Memorial Hospice in Heppner.

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Heppner Fire Department receives new fire truck



(L-R) Doug Johnson, Asst. Chief Eric Chick, and Chief Steve Rhea. -Contributed Photo



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A new fire truck was delivered to the Heppner Fire Department. Funded by the Heppner Rural Fire

Protection District, it is titled to the City of Heppner and operated by the Heppner Fire Department.

A View from the Hill by Doris Brosnan

Yes, summer is here and the days are now growing shorter, so the Willow Creek Terrace community views making the best of the sunny days increasingly important.

Most important to Peggy Connor on Monday was her 90th birthday! She celebrated with the lunch of her choice, shared with neighbors and with her son and daughter, both of whom traveled here to be with her.

A few new and returning faces now greet visitors to the Terrace: Tony Doherty has moved in from Lexington. Zaleta Masterson has joined the staff as a part-time care associate for the summer and plans to continue to help at the Terrace after she starts her senior year at HHS, and Makayla Silvia has returned after a brief hiatus. They join the rest of the staff and the residents in appreciation of the meals produced by Chef Shawn and Chef Robin Halsworth—who has also assumed the kitchen-coordinator role—and the return of their part-time assistant Cynthia Wenberg.

Tony moved to the Terrace in time to join the competition in the “bowling tournament.” Jerry Green has a long history of great bowling expertise, with many trophies to prove it, but Tony apparently surprised him that day, so maybe a rematch will be on the docket before long? Residents have also been enjoying the volleyball games played with pool noodles as paddles and a balloon as the ball.

Jerry is tending the vegetable and herb garden, which has so far produced herbs used and appreciated by the chefs. And Bev Sherman has reason to be proud of the entry flower containers that Administrator Lankford says, “look amazing!”

Residents continue to enjoy LaRae Kindle’s coming as a representative of the Rebekahs to call Bingo once a month. The FFA students came as planned to play board games with residents once and later returned to offer a session of painting with watercolors. Carolyn Willey, JoAnne Burleson, Peggy Connor and Butch Christian benefitted from that activity.

The Fourth of July offered some variety for everyone interested: Chirella Wallace and her sidekick Grayson Kennedy brought Fourth of July treats for everyone. And lunch featured barbecued ribs, potato salad and corn on the cob. Later, Jasmine and her husband, Colby Murray, set off some fireworks!

Some residents have been on the go: Alex Camarillo joined friends and family in Lone for that Fourth of July celebration. Rita Bowman traveled to Prineville for a great granddaughter’s wedding. And Bobbi Angell and Pat Carty went to Ukiah to watch their grandson ride in the rough stock competition.

Social hours on Fridays are back, and recently some residents enjoyed conversation and refreshing drinks while wiggling their toes at a “cool feet” social offered around a wading pool.

One apartment remains available in the Community on the Hill, and residents and staff wish to welcome a new neighbor. Whoever moves in will surely be pleased with the friendly atmosphere, the social interaction made possible, the good food, and the opportunities for privacy and solitude, as well. One feature that might surprise a new resident is the in-house convenience of the hair salon and the efforts that Leah Hyatt makes to accommodate the needs and schedules of her clients at the Terrace. This month’s “shout out” is to Leah for her consideration that finds her working her schedule at her shop around the needs of the Terrace residents, who view her kindness as pretty special!

Man killed in I-84 crash near Boardman

MORROW COUNTY—On Thursday, July 3, around 10:28 p.m., Oregon State Police responded to a single-vehicle fatal crash in Morrow County near Boardman. The preliminary investigation indicated a gray Honda Odyssey, operated by Timothy W. Nelson, 50, unknown address, was traveling eastbound on Interstate 84 near milepost 162 when it left the road-

way and struck the end of a guardrail. Nelson was declared dead at the scene. The highway was impacted for approximately 30 minutes during the on-scene investigation. OSP was assisted by the Morrow County Sheriff’s Office, Boardman Police Department, Boardman Fire Department and the Oregon Department of Transportation.

Humphreys, Albitre headed to Junior Olympics



Chris Humphreys (left) and Joe Albitre are headed to the Junior Olympics in Georgia later this month. -Contributed photo

Local teens Joseph Albitre and Christopher Humphreys are headed to the Junior Olympics in Georgia later this month.

Their journey began five weeks ago and involved a series of increasingly-tough qualifying meets, which culminated this last Saturday at the Region 13 Championships in Spokane Valley, WA.

Joe and Christopher faced off against the Northwest’s top high jumpers and javelin throwers. After hard-fought competitions that came down to the wire, both boys secured a spot in the top eight in their field—qualifying them for

the 2024 National Junior Olympics. Christopher will compete in javelin, and Joseph in high jump.

The national competition takes place July 21–27 in Savannah, GA. Both boys will compete the weekend of the 26th and 27th.

A fundraiser to help with travel expenses will be held on July 19 at the Heppner Elks Lodge. It will include Bingo and a silent auction. If interested, please contact Rebecca Humphreys at rebhumphreys@hotmail.com or Katherine Greenup at katedg34@hotmail.com.

Death Notice

Sheila Denise Piper—Sheila Denise Piper, 54, of Heppner passed away on June 29, 2025. A memorial service will be announced later. Sweeney

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

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