

OBITUARIES

Nadine L. O’Brien

Walla Walla
August 14, 1927 - April 10, 2018

Nadine L. O’Brien was born August 14, 1927, in Palouse, Wash., and passed April 10, 2018, in Walla Walla, Wash.
She was the 10th child of the 13 children born to Harry and Hattie (Sellers) Cox.
She married Patrick O’Brien August 28, 1949, in Milton-Freewater, Oregon. They resided in Heppner, Oregon, the majority of their marriage. They moved to Walla Walla in 1990.
She is survived by her daughter Sherri Lynn O’Brien Watson and son-in-law Bill Watson, sister Roberta (Bobby) Haer, and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her

husband Patrick; brothers Clinton Cox, John LaDow Cox, Shaldon Cox, Darrel Cox and LaVonne Cox; and sisters Zona Marsh, Audrey Smith, Bethel Smith, Claudine Smith, Beverly Parks and Gwen Green.
Graveside services will be held April 20, 2018, at Blue Mountain Memorial Gardens, 300 S.E. Myra Road, College Place, Wash., at 2:00 p.m. followed by a gathering at Rancho Villa Mobile Home Park community room, 1396 Dalles Military Road, Walla Walla.
In lieu of flowers, donation may be made to Blue Mountain Humane Society, 7 E. George St., Walla Walla, WA 99362.

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Opal M. Barnett

Athena
January 20, 1926 - April 11, 2018

Opal M. Barnett of Athena, Oregon, formerly of Weston, passed away April 11, 2018 at the Athena House Adult Care Home in Athena at the age of 92 years. Funeral services will be Wednesday, April 18, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. at the Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home in Milton-Freewater, Oregon. Concluding services and interment will be in the Weston Cemetery, Weston, Oregon.
Memorial contributions may be made to the Weston-McEwen High School Band through the funeral home.
Opal was born in Sterling, Idaho, on Jan. 20, 1926, the daughter of John William And Minnie Belle Yoke McMillan. She was the third youngest of 11 children. She moved to Athena at an early age and graduated from McEwen High School in 1946. That same year she married Glenn Dowd and they had two sons. The couple divorced in 1949.
On August 24, 1949, she married Donald Barnett in Weston. They had four children, an adopted daughter and a foster son.
Opal was active in

Scouting in Weston for a number of years and achieved the Silver Beaver Award in Scouting. For a number of years, Don and Opal cared for foster children in their home. For almost 30 years Opal put flags on veterans’ graves in Weston on Memorial Day. She served as Weston’s mayor for one term.
She is survived by daughters Carol (Jerry) Hanson of North Powder, Ore., and Marlene Parsons of Pendleton, Ore.; sons Michael (Judy) Dowd of Weston, Ore., Allen (JoAnne) Barnett of Roseburg, Ore., and Greg Blalock of Walla Walla, Wash.; 14 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.
Opal was preceded in death by two sons, Richard and Melvin; daughter Debbie; three grandchildren, Dawn, Stefanie and Jared; a son-in-law, Dale, her parents; 10 brothers and sisters; and her husband Don of 39 years.
A special thank you to John and Tamara of Athena House for the very special care of Mom for the past year.

DEATH NOTICE

Della Mae Alleman

College Place, Wash.
July 20, 1933 – April 12, 2018

Former Athena resident Della Mae Alleman, 84, died Thursday, April 12, 2018, in College Place, Wash. She was born July 20, 1933. Arrangements are pending with the Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home in Milton-Freewater.

UPCOMING SERVICES

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

BALL, LEON — Celebration of life with military honors at 4 p.m. at the Heppner Elks Lodge, 142 N. Main St.
CARDON, BOB — Funeral service at 5:30 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 850 S.W. 11th St., Hermiston.
COBURN, JOANNE — Celebration of life gathering at 2 p.m. at Panda Inn, 675 N. First St., Hermiston.
FORD, WENDELL — Celebration of life memorial service at 3 p.m. at Lincoln Memorial Park & Funeral Home, 11801 S.E. Mount Scott Blvd., Portland. A reception will follow.
KASARI, BOB — Funeral service at 11 a.m. in the chapel at Burns Mortuary, 685 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston. Burial will follow at Pleasant View Cemetery, Stanfield.
MICHAEL, JIM — Graveside services at 11 a.m. at the Pilot Rock Cemetery, with a reception to follow at 1 p.m. at the Pendleton Eagles Lodge, 428 S. Main St.
ZUMWALT, HELEN — Funeral service at 3 p.m. in the chapel at Burns Mortuary, 685 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston. Burial will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery.

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

No services scheduled

MONDAY, APRIL 16

CARDON, BOB — Burial at 11 a.m. at Vancouver Memorial Gardens, 1101 N.E. 112th St., Vancouver, Wash.
WARNER, LELA — Funeral services at 11 a.m. at Valley Christian Center, 800 N. Main St., Milton-Freewater. Concluding services and interment will follow at the Milton-Freewater Cemetery.

TUESDAY, APRIL 17

No services scheduled

MEETINGS

MONDAY, APRIL 16
ECHO SCHOOL DISTRICT, 6 p.m., Echo Community School, 600 Gerone St., Echo. (541-376-8436)
HELIX CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Helix City Hall, 119 Columbia St., Helix. (541-457-2521)
PENDLETON YOUTH COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Intermountain ESD office, 2001 S.W. Nye Ave., Pendleton. (541-276-6711)

TUESDAY, APRIL 17
ATHENA CEMETERY DISTRICT, 5:30 p.m., Athena City Hall, 215 S. Third St., Athena. (541-566-3862)
IRRIGON CITY COUNCIL, 6 p.m., Irrigon City Hall, 500 N.E. Main Ave., Irrigon. (541-922-3047)
MORROW COUNTY FAIR BOARD, 6 p.m., SAGE Center, 101 Olson Road, Boardman. (Ann Jones 541-676-9474)

PENDLETON DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, 6 p.m., Pendleton City Hall, 501 S.W. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton. (541-276-1811)
UMATILLA CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION, 6 p.m., Umatilla City Hall council chambers, 700 Sixth St., Umatilla. (Nanci 541-922-3226 ext. 105)
BOARDMAN CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING, 6 p.m., Boardman City Hall, 200 City Center Circle, Boardman. Discussion of easement ordinance and council goals for the 2018-19 budget year. (Jackie McCauley 541-481-9252)

STANFIELD CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Stanfield City Hall council chambers, 160 S. Main St., Stanfield. (541-449-3831)
PILOT ROCK CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Pilot Rock City Hall council chambers, 143 W. Main St., Pilot Rock. (541-443-2811)
PENDLETON CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Pendleton City Hall council chambers, 501 S.W. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton. (541-966-0201)

EAST UMATILLA COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT, 7 p.m., district office, 431 E. Main St., Athena. (541-566-3813)
OREGON TRAIL LIBRARY DISTRICT, 7 p.m., Oregon Trail Library District office, 200 S. Main St., Boardman. (541-481-3365)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18
MORROW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, 8:30 a.m., Bartholemew Government building upper conference room, 110 N. Court St., Heppner. Board meeting at 8:30 a.m., budget hearings at 9 a.m. (Roberta Litcher 541-676-5613 ext. 5303)
EASTERN OREGON REGIONAL AIRPORT COMMISSION, 6 p.m., airport administration office conference room, 2016 Airport Road, Pendleton. (Erica Stewart 541-276-7754)

INTERMOUNTAIN EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT, 5 p.m., North Powder Elementary School 333 G St., North Powder. (Maria Royal 888-437-6892)
BOARDMAN PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Boardman City Hall, 200 City Center Circle, Boardman. (541-481-9252)
PILOT ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT, 7 p.m., Pilot Rock High School library, 101 N.E. Cherry St., Pilot Rock. (541-443-8291)
UMATILLA HOSPITAL DISTRICT, 7:30 p.m., Umatilla Medical Clinic, 1890 Seventh St., Umatilla. (541-922-3104)

THURSDAY, APRIL 19
WEST EXTENSION IRRIGATION DISTRICT, 9 a.m., Irrigon Fire Department, 705 N.E. Main St., Irrigon. An executive session may be called to discuss legal issues. (Lisa Baum 541-922-3814)
ECHO CITY COUNCIL, 4 p.m., Old VFW Hall, 210 W. Bridge St., Echo. (541-376-8411)
HERMISTON IRRIGATION DISTRICT, 4 p.m., Hermiston Irrigation District office conference room, 366 E. Hurlburt Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-3024)

Trump cries ‘slime ball’ after Comey slams him

By ZEKE MILLER AND JONATHAN LEMIRE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump laced into James Comey as an “untruthful slime ball” on Friday as the White House and the national Republican Party mounted a withering counterattack against the former FBI director and his stinging new memoir.
Comey is embarking on a publicity rollout of his book, “A Higher Loyalty,” which offers his version of the highly controversial

events surrounding his firing by Trump and the Russia and Hillary Clinton email investigations. In the book, Comey compares Trump to a mob boss demanding loyalty, suggests he’s unfit to lead and mocks the president’s appearance.
Press secretary Sarah Sanders stood at the White House podium Friday and called Comey “a liar and a leaker” whose loyalty is “only to himself,” adding that Comey will “be forever known as a disgraced partisan hack.”
Reading from prepared

notes, she declared, “This is nothing more than a poorly executed PR stunt by Comey to desperately rehabilitate his tattered reputation and enrich his own bank account by peddling a book that belongs on the bargain bin of the fiction section.”
Anticipating broad media attention for Comey as his book tour gets underway, Sanders scolded reporters in advance for preparing to “cover it endlessly, all day today, all day tomorrow, and my guess is every day next week with very little time given to the issues that

people care about.”
Unlike Michael Wolff’s “Fire & Fury,” which caught the White House unawares when it was published in January, the administration had weeks to polish its rebuttal rhetoric for Comey’s book. Officials responded to the Wolff book by belatedly pointing out factual inaccuracies. In responding to Comey, the White House is choosing not to engage on specific claims, which have been reviewed by lawyers for accuracy, instead launching a broadside effort to undermine Comey’s credibility.

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For more information or to reserve tickets, contact Kelly Schwirse at 541-567-6151, kelly@hermistonchamber.com or visit www.hermistonchamber.com.

Safety academy hosts law enforcement job fair

SALEM — People interested in a career in law enforcement are invited to attend the Oregon Law Enforcement Career Fair.
The free event is Friday, April 20 and Saturday, April 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Oregon Public Safety Academy, 4190 Aumsville Highway S.E., Salem. Hosted by DPSST, Oregon Association of Chief of Police, Oregon State Sheriff’s Association and Oregon Peace Officers Association, more than three dozen agencies will be in attendance.
Law enforcement agencies across the state are looking to hire more than 500 qualified men and women from diverse backgrounds to fill both sworn and non-sworn positions at city, county, state, tribal, university and federal law enforcement agencies. Positions available include police, corrections, parole and probation officers, 9-1-1 operators, forensic scientists, community service officers, nurses, crime scene technicians, analysts and more.
For more information, contact Eriks Gabliks, DPSST director, at 503-378-2332, eriks.gabliks@state.or.us or visit www.oregon.gov/dpsst.

Safe T Transport announces promotion

PENDLETON — Linda Hardy, a medical transport driver and driver trainer for Safe T Transport in Pendleton, was recently promoted as the office manager for the company’s Ontario and Baker City locations.
“This is an exciting opportunity,” Hardy said. “There is an extreme need for non-emergent transportation, such that I had not known about. You take for granted transportation options until you really need them.”
Safe T Transport primarily provides non-emergent medical transport of individuals, but also has a limousine and charter bus service. Serving the Eastern Oregon region, the company transports both locally and out of the area, including Portland, Seattle, Spokane and the Boise area. Drivers are trained in passenger assistance and safety, CPR and general first aid.
Owner Scot Jacobson has more than 16 years of experience in arranging and overseeing transportation operations. Beginning in 2015 with an office and two drivers in Pendleton, the company has expanded over the past year — now operating in six locations with 21 drivers and four office staff.
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