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Obituaries

Nadine L. O'Brien

Nadine L. O'Brien was born Aug. 14, 1927 in Palouse, WA and passed away Apr. 10 in Walla Walla, WA. She was the tenth child of the 13 children born to Harry and Hattie (Sellers) Cox.

Nadine married Patrick O'Brien on Aug. 28, 1949 in Milton Freewater, OR. They resided in Heppner for the majority of their marriage, moving to Walla Walla in 1990.

O'Brien 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; sisters, Zona Marsh, Audrey Smith, Bethel Smith, Claudine Smith, Beverly Parks and Gwen Green.

A graveside service will be held Apr. 20 at Blue Mountain Memorial Gardens, 300 SE Myra Rd, College Place, WA at 2 p.m., followed by a gathering at the Rancho Villa mobile home community room at 1396 Dalles Military Rd.

The family suggests donations be made to Blue Mountain Humane Society, 7 E George St, Walla Walla, WA 99362.

Ralph Norton

Ralph Norton, a retired sawmill worker, died of cancer Tuesday, Apr. 10 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner. He was 97. He was born June 19, 1920 in Morrowtown, ID to Alpha and Vivian Junkin Norton. He attended school at Morrowtown and then high school in Craigmont.



Ralph Norton

Norton served in the Army from Jan. 21, 1943 to Nov. 24, 1945, when he was honorably discharged and was a technician fifth grade for Battery B anti-aircraft gun battalion. His occupation in the military was a welder combination 256.

Ralph married Beverly Wallace Fabian on Sept. 19, 1953 in Oakland, CA. Ralph gained two sons, Tom and Richard with the marriage and then they had two more sons, George and Ralph.

The couple owned and operated a dairy in California for seven years until they moved back to Idaho, where he was a sawmill worker and drove fork lift in the shipping department until he retired in 1982. During his retirement he worked for the Forest Service doing various maintenance duties for 11 years before completely retiring and later moving to Heppner.

He loved fishing, gardening, woodworking, camping, playing cards and especially playing cribbage. He was an avid bowler for many years. He also

loved spending time with his family and friends. He loved to tell endless stories (often sports related), from his life.

Survivors include his wife Beverly Norton at their Heppner residence; three sons, Richard Norton and wife Rita of Missoula, MT, George Norton and wife Trudy of Boise, ID, Ralph Norton and wife Tami of Enterprise, OR; daughter-in-law, Pam Norton of Heppner; 14 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Sue Norton; parents Alpha and Vivian Norton; his brothers Ray, Homer and Mike Norton; his sisters Hazel Gray and Alta Clute and his great-granddaughter Emily Koltonski.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Apr. 21 at 3 p.m. at the Morrow County fairgrounds. Friends and family are invited to attend with a light meal being served following the service.

Memorial contributions can be made in Ralph's name to Willow Creek Terrace Assisted Living, 400 Frank Gilliam Drive, Heppner, OR 97836 or Pioneer Memorial Hospice, PO Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836.

Arrangements are under the direction of Sweetney Mortuary in Heppner.

Over the Tee Cup

WCCC ladies brave rain showers

The Willow Creek Country Club ladies braved the rain showers on their playday held Apr. 10. Seventeen ladies came out to play.

Low gross on the field went to Virginia Grant, low net to Judy Harris and least putts to Eva Kilkenny.

Low gross for flight A was Carol Mitchell, low net was Pat Edmundson and least putts went to Karen Thompson. Longest putt was Carol Mitchell on hole number five.

Flight B low gross went to Betty Burns, low net to Pat Dougherty and least putts to Shirley Martin. Betty Burns had longest putt.

Sharon Harrison took low gross on flight C, with Jackie Allstott and Josie Kindsfather with a tie for low net. Lorrene Montgomery had least putts. Jackie Allstott had the longest putt.

Shirley Martin managed KP on hole number four.

Golfers play in par three challenge

The Willow Creek Country Club men's golf group hosted 22 golfers on Sunday, Apr. 15 in the par three challenge.

Results for the special events went to Dave Creswick for KP on the putting green, Charlie Ferguson on hole nine green and Dave Pranger was awarded least putts.

First place gross was John McCabe with 62, second was Barry Munkers with 63 and Ron Bowman was third with 65.

Dale Holland and Dave Creswick tied for first place net with a 51. The third place tie was Bill Morris and Kelly Fox with 52.

The next scheduled play date is Sunday, Apr. 22 and will be hosted by Barry Munkers, Ron Bowman and Duane Disque.

Golfers celebrate Friday the 13th with fun night

On Friday the 13th the Willow Creek golf course hosted a two-person fun night with a Friday the 13th theme. Several players participated in the first night out in the cold weather.

The play was a scramble format and included a putting event on the second green. Players were also

required to play their fist drive on hole one wearing a wig or a witches hat.

After the event, prizes were awarded and food provided by Sharon Harrison was enjoyed.

The next fun event is scheduled for May 28 for the Memorial Day family BBQ at 4 p.m.

Local students make OSU honor roll

Several Morrow County students have been named to the OSU winter term scholastic honor roll, Oregon State University has announced.

From Heppner, with a 3.5 or better GPA, is McKayla S. Kindle, a senior studying human development and family science.

From Lexington, with a 3.5 or better GPA, is Logan S. Grieb, a sophomore in pre-business.

From Ione, with a 3.5 or better GPA, is Oskar M. Peterson a senior studying mechanical engineering.

From Boardman, with a 3.5 or better GPA, is Taylor R. Hamby, a freshman in

biology.

From Irrigon, with a straight-A average was Alexis R. Williams, a freshman studying animal sciences and with a 3.5 or better, are Asusena Munoz Flores a sophomore in human development and family science and Isabel Orozco, a senior in bio health sciences.

A total of 1,398 students earned straight-A averages (4.0). Another 4,609 earned a B-plus (3.5) or better to make the listing. To be on the honor roll, students must carry at least 12 graded hours of course work.

Community lunch menu

United Methodist volunteers will serve lunch on Wednesday, Apr. 25 at St. Patrick's Senior Center. Lunch will be a build your own taco bar, Mexican rice, lettuce, onions, olives, jalapenos, cheese, sour cream, tortillas and apple burritos for dessert.

Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

~ Letters to the Editor ~

The Heppner Gazette Times will print all letters to the Editor with the following criteria met: letters submitted to the newspaper will need to have the name of the sender along with a legible signature. We are also requesting that you provide your address and a phone number where you can be reached. The address and phone number will only be used for verification and will not be printed in the newspaper. Letters may not be libelous. The GT reserves the right to edit. The GT is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters. Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$10.

Support Don Russell

To the editor:
We are writing in support of Don Russell and his re-election for Morrow County Commissioner. Don knows Morrow County. As a long time county resident who operated a local family business with decades of history in Morrow County, he shares many of our concerns and experiences. We can talk with him and he understands. We appreciate his business and also his community service point of view.

Before being elected to the board of commissioners, Don was a Port

of Morrow commissioner for 10 years, a time of great growth at the port. He brings all these experiences to bear on the job of Morrow County commissioner. We believe Don's continued experience will be an asset and that he will work toward the best interests of the whole county.

We value people who get involved to make a positive difference and so we urge you to support Don Russell for Morrow County Commissioner.

Sincerely,
John and Ann Murray

Collins for circuit court judge

To the Editor:
I am writing in support of Rob Collins to be our next circuit court judge. I believe that he has the right combination of broad legal experience, judicial temperament and community involvement to be an outstanding judge.

Rob has practiced law in Pendleton since 1981. He has represented clients in a broad cross-section of cases, both civil and criminal. He knows his way around a courtroom and as a judge he would "hit the ground running." He has served as a pro tem judge for many years and is knowledgeable about courtroom procedure and Oregon law.

Rob Collins has deep roots in this community, serving on the Round-Up board of directors and the

Oregon East Symphony, as well as many other Umatilla County activities. Having served as a judge myself, I appreciate the fact that a good trial judge is one who treats all litigants, attorneys and jurors who come into court with courtesy and respect. I believe that will be one of Rob's greatest assets as a judge - the ability to listen and have people feel that they have truly had their day in court.

Having known Rob Collins and his family for many years, I can vouch for his integrity, his deep knowledge of the law and his sense of fairness and justice. I would highly recommend him to you as our next circuit court judge.

Jeff Wallace, retired circuit court judge
The Dalles, OR

Re-elect Don Russell

To the editor:
Please join me in re-electing Don Russell as Morrow County Commissioner. Don has worked hard to bring some changes in the county that have needed to be done. He always listens to peoples' concerns and tries to help

them. Let's give him another term and the chance to improve our county.

Vote Don Russell for Morrow County Commissioner.

John Wenzholz, former Morrow County Commissioner, Irrigon

Births

Alonzo Jack "AJ" McCabe - Adam and Shelley McCabe of Ione announce the birth of a son, Alonzo Jack "AJ" McCabe. AJ was born on Apr. 9, 2018 in Pendleton, weighing 8 pounds and was 21.5" long. AJ joins a brother, Anson.



Maternal grandparents are Mark and Tami Rietmann of Heppner, great-grandfather is Bill Rietmann of Ione.

Paternal grandparents are Ashley and Cathy Mc-

Cabe of Ione, great-grandmother Carolyn Hall, Heppner and great-grandparents Alvin and DeAnna McCabe of Apache Junction, AZ.

Grange hosting bingo fundraiser

The Lexington Grange will be hosting a bingo fundraiser for the Bowman family on Apr. 27 from 7-10 p.m. The event will include fun, food and prizes with all proceeds going to the Bowman family to help pay for medical expenses for Ryker Bowman.

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