

# Starting this fall, digital tickets will be available for all OSAA events

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Starting in the 2021-22 school year the OSAA is moving to a digital ticketing system for OSAA playoff games and championship events. We completely understand the differences in each community and how constituents access games. We want to work with each community to make OSAA playoff games successful, easy, fun and enjoyable for all.

Digital tickets will be available online for purchase for every OSAA playoff game and those tickets will be just as good as those purchasing day of. Presold digital tickets will take precedent over any potential walk up at the day of the event. It's important that host facilities are prepared to take these tickets at the event.

The OSAA staff will be reaching out to confirm facility maximums and how we can work together to get digital tickets to crowds. Each school and location may have different restrictions and we want to honor those restrictions. We will be communicating consistently throughout October and November.

The reason for the move to digital ticketing is multifold and we, and the OSAA Executive Board, believe this adoption will be successful. Here are a few of the reasons:

Now is the Time – the pandemic has changed every community and every level of life over the past 18 months. The consumer has shifted to using apps and

digital services now more than ever. By not having large, ticketed events the last 18 months, this is the perfect time to reset and start a new way of thinking on how to enter contests.

Staffing – moving to digital ticketing reduces the number of people needed for an event. In situations where there were multiple ticket sellers, now there is only a need for a couple of ticket scanners. The labor market is extremely tight, as schools see in your buildings as they try to hire teachers and classified staff. Finding people to work games has also been a difficulty for schools. This move helps reduce the number of people in the ticket booths while providing frictionless access to patrons.

Reconciliation is a thing of the Past – if a school chooses to do so, the days of athletic and accounting department staff storing cash in a safe or reconciling the day after the event is a thing of the past. Money for digital tickets goes directly to the OSAA account with no cash or credit card slip left at the site.

Ease of Technology – if you have a smart phone and a cell signal at your field/gym, you have a ticket scanner in the palm of your hand. Anyone who has a smart phone and credentials on the app can scan people into a contest. Long lines for tickets now no longer become a problem. For a single game high school event, the battery and amount of data used to scan tickets into an event is unnoticeable.

Preparation for the Finals – if you think you'll have a team that's going to make a run for a championship, introducing digital ticketing now is going to help immensely. At OSAA State Championship events, there will be no cash transactions or point of sale system on site. All people entering the event must have a digital ticket. Start now and make that transition a simple one as the excitement builds. We will use all of our platforms to get the word out about how to get tickets for games, but we will need your support in communicating to your communities.

## Obituaries

# Janet Ann "Jannie" Runnion

Janet Ann "Jannie" Runnion, 61, died October 11, 2021, in The Dalles, OR of Covid related causes. A



Janet Ann Runnion

She was born on November 9, 1959, the daughter of Robert Vernon and Jean Carolyn Turner Runnion. Janet was the youngest of four children, the only girl with three adoring older brothers. Janet graduated from Pendleton High School in 1978 and went on to study music

at Blue Mountain Community College and Southern Oregon University. She worked most her life in college administration at Willamette University and later BMCC. She enjoyed helping young adults work toward their college goals.

Janet was a free spirit and enjoyed life to the fullest. She was passionate about music. She had a beautiful angelic voice that so many enjoyed, and she played the piano effortlessly. She was able to share her gift of music and sang at many weddings and events.

She was most passionate about her children, Sami and Luke and her grandson, Kamden Dwayne Jobs, born to son Luke and his fiancé Abby Stoke on March 16, 2021. She cherished spending time with them and did her fair share of bragging about them all. "Janet was a bubbly, fun loving, extremely affectionate, loyal and loving mother, daughter, sister and friend. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her," said a family member.

Janet was married to Michael Daschbach in 1986 with whom she had their daughter Samantha Jean, born December 1, 1992. They later divorced. In 1995 Janet married Ronald Jobs of Pilot Rock, whom many would say was the love of her life. This union produced a son, Lucas Dean Jobs born May 23, 1996. They resided in the

Salem area for many years until Ron passed away in January 2007. Janet moved back to Pendleton and married Ray Koch in October 2011. They later divorced.

She enjoyed living in Pendleton, which she always called home. She loved spending time with many of her lifelong friends and classmates. Janet was very close to her mother Jean who grew up on a farm in Heppner with her brother Kenneth Turner. Janet was blessed to have cared for her mother in her final days, a time she cherished, until the time of her mother's passing in March of 2020.

Janet is survived by her children, Samantha Jobs (Lance Faletogo) and Luke Jobs (Abby Stoke) and grandson Kamden; step-daughter, Andrea Jackson (Thad), and three grandchildren; brothers, Steve Runnion and wife Vicki, Bill Runnion and wife Kelly and Todd Runnion, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins who were more like sisters to Janet, Shelly Rietmann, Lori Seitz, Melissa Lindsay and Sandra Martin.

Janet was preceded in death by her parents Robert and Jean Runnion.

An account has been set up at the Bank of Eastern Oregon to help Sami and Luke with funeral expenses. There is also a Go Fund me page on Facebook.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in care of arrangements. The online condolence book is available at [www.sweeneymortuary.com](http://www.sweeneymortuary.com).

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