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Obituaries

Ronald "Ron" Currin

Ronald "Ron" Currin, 86, longtime Heppner resident, died Sunday, March 26, 2023 at Hermiston. A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, April 7, at the Gilliam and Bisbee building in Heppner.

Ron was born in Pendleton, OR, to parents George and Helen Knotts Currin on May 26, 1936. He attended Pine City school on Butter Creek and later transferred to Heppner. Ron was active in school, playing football and participating in FFA. Ron's senior year in 1954 was notable; he served as student body president, graduated as the salutatorian, and was awarded the FFA State Farmer degree.

After high school, he attended Oregon State College (later University) for two years. Then he returned to the family business on Butter Creek, where he lived and worked, ranching and farming for the next sixty years. During those years, Ron found great success as a cattleman; he was a keen judge of livestock, a great horseman and had a knack for developing the business by piecing together deals for cattle or property. Ron was active in the community with Oregon Cattleman's Association and served as Morrow County Fair Board Chairman for several years in late 60s through the 70s.

Starting from a young age, Ron had always been interested in rodeo and participated in calf roping and steer wrestling. In 1955, while at the Ukiah Rodeo, he met his future wife, Judy Lazinka. Ron and Judy were married on February 14, 1959, and settled into family life. Ron and Judy were parents to five children, Ronald Jr., Tony, Mike, Steve and Jennifer.

The Pendleton Round-Up was his favorite event, where he was the Wild Horse Race winner in 1958 and '59. He also won the wild cow milking numerous times.

In 1996, the Pendleton Round-Up Hall of Fame inducted Ron's family, an accomplishment he was always proud of. Ron and Judy were always supportive of their children's accomplishments in rodeo. Over the course of their kids' PRCA careers, numerous championship saddles and buckles (and crowns) were collected and always on display in

their Butter Creek home. Additionally, being part of the larger rodeo family, the house on Butter Creek was always open to cowboys that were traveling through the Northwest during the summer season.

Ron is survived by his wife, Judy, and brother Tom (Marlene); children Tony (Kelli), Steve (Lisanne), and Jennifer Currin-Gutridge (Shane); daughter-in-law Rayanne Engel-Currin (Ron Jr.) and daughter-in-law Judy Jean Currin-Pederson (Michael/Curtis); and grandchildren, Carter, Shayla, Kolby, Jacee, Cydney, Kallen, Riley and Rayna.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents, George and Helen, and sons, Michael and Ronald Jr.

Memorial contributions for those who wish may be made to the Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund, 101 Pro Rodeo Dr., Colorado Springs, CO. Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements. You may sign the online condolence book at www.sweeneymortuary.com.

William "Bill" Allen Wolfson

William "Bill" Allen Wolfson, 81, passed away Sunday, March 26, 2023 at Guardian Angel

Memory Care Home in Hermiston. A memorial service will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 8, at Ione Community Church, followed by a graveside service and dinner.

Bill was born September 18, 1941, at Sedro-Woolley, WA to Fred and Elva Wolfson. He grew up in Garibaldi, OR and graduated high school from Laurelwood Academy in 1959. He had an epic love with Sandra Lee (Sandy) (the best wife, Mom and Grandma in the world). He married her in 1963 and they settled in Portland. After having their two daughters, Diane and Yvonne, the young family moved to Spokane, where he worked for the Upper Columbia Conference as a printer for 40 fruitful years.

His resolute faith in the Seventh-day Adventist Church led him to serve in multiple activities and outreach, his favorite being a Pathfinder leader, where he stayed involved for many decades.

His passion for all things outside included camping, hiking, backpacking, bicycling, canoeing, kayaking and Ham Radio.

He was well known for his midnight hikes and "intentionally" getting lost in the woods, even while using a compass. He could've even patented the art of roasting a marshmallow for S'mores.

One of his favorite places to explore was the Oregon Coast. He loved spending time in and photographing God's nature and had an adventurer's spirit. Bill and Sandy always talked about living out their dreams by living in an RV, becoming snowbirds. So, when he retired in 2003, they headed south the very next day. Their escapades brought them closer than ever before and also gave them many great stories. Who else could say that they biked across the USA? After losing his wife at the end of 2010, he continued to RV until the diagnosis of Parkinson's Dementia.

He was preceded in death by both his parents, Fred and Elva Wolfen; his wife, Sandra Wolfson; her parents, Jack and Patricia Lee; her brother, David Lee; and a nephew, David

Save the date for meet and greet for Boardman city manager candidates

The Boardman City Council is moving forward in its search for candidates for the city manager's position.

The city, tentatively, plans on hosting a meet and greet on Thursday, April 27, to meet the candidates for the position. The meet and greet will begin at 5:30 p.m. and run to 7 p.m. at the Port of Morrow's Riverfront Center.

The meet and greet is the community's opportunity to visit with the candidates and complete comment cards for the council's

Lee, Jr.

He is remembered by his siblings, Elva "Corleen" and Paul Johnson, and Richard and Judy Wolfson; Sandy's siblings, Thomas and Janice Lee, and Linda Democko; children, Diane O'Shane and Yvonne and Keith Morter; grandchildren, Brittnee and Clayton Schmith, Rebeka Des-Bouillons, Austin and Katie Morter and MaLinda Morter; great-grandchildren, Clinton Schmith, Tanner Schmith, Zelan Ballesteros and Harper Morter; and multiple nieces and nephews.

He has touched so many lives and all we can say is, "He is the best!"

Memorial contributions can be made to the Oregon Trail Pathfinders Club, sponsored by S.D.A. Church, PO Box 1126, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements. You may sign the online condolence book at www.sweeneymortuary.com.

consideration in hiring the next city manager.

The new recruitment brochure for the city manager is currently being circulated with the job ad and job description. The job posting can be found at the city's website, www.cityofboardman.com. The city plans to review applications after April 11, and then select the finalists for interviews.

For more information, contact City Manager Pro Tem Rick Stokoe at 541-481-9252.

Sunday men's play

Thirteen men participated on another cold morning at Willow Creek Country Club on Sunday, April 2, playing through numerous snow showers. The results are as follows:

KP #4-13: Scott Burright, 16'10".

Least putts: Charlie Ferguson, 25.

Low Net: 1st/2nd (Tie), Dave Pranger and David Allstott, 58.

Low Gross: 1st, Charlie Ferguson, 67; 2nd, Barry Munkers, 68.

There will be no play this week, Easter Sunday. The next play will be on April 16, hosted by Tim Wright and Rod Wilson. Players are reminded to get signed up for Wednesday night match play by April 10, as play begins on April 12.

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I have buyers looking for homes, land and building lots in the Heppner, Lexington and Ione area.

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water tenders and type 3 engines. Skeeter was awarded the contract to build the type 6 engines. The OSFM anticipates deliveries to begin in 2023 through the first two quarters of 2024.

The equipment will become the property of the local fire department, and all of the engines will arrive equipped per the 2022 Oregon fire service mobilization plan for response in the wildland-urban interface.

Local fire agencies were eligible to apply. A selection committee comprised of members from the Oregon Fire Chiefs Association, Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Association, and Oregon State Fire Fighters Council reviewed applications.

Applicants were selected based on four principles: assuring statewide distribution and allocation based on local initial attack, regional mutual aid and conflagration needs; necessary infrastructure to maintain and protect the apparatus long term; recent apparatus awards from the legislature and other legislative funding sources such as wildland-urban interface and omnibus legislation; and the capacity to staff the newly-awarded apparatus.

The OSFM relies on the Oregon Fire Mutual Aid

System (OFMAS) when responding to wildfires or other disasters that could impact communities. More than 300 local fire service agencies make up the system across Oregon. These firefighters and equipment are mobilized under the Emergency Conflagration Act, pre-positioning or immediate response assignments. OFMAS is used when a fire or disaster exceeds the local fire service agency's capacity.

The OSFM Engine Program is a part of the agency's Response Ready Oregon initiative, launched in 2021. The initiative is part of a multi-pronged approach to prepare, prevent and respond to wildfires. The goal of Response Ready Oregon is to attack fires while they are small and keep them away from communities.

Award recipients will enter into a contract with the OSFM to support OFMAS mobilizations, boosting local, regional, and state response. This investment into the Oregon fire service is intended to bring more resources—and the right resources—to a stretched system.

The OSFM Engine Program funding was made possible through Senate Bill 762, Oregon's wildfire omnibus bill passed in 2021.

Chamber to hold candidates forum

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce will host a candidates forum for both Morrow County Health District and Port of Morrow contested positions on Thursday, April 13, at 7 p.m. The forum will take

place at the Gilliam and Bisbee Event Center and will be available on Facebook Live. Light refreshments will be served.

Submit questions for candidates to heppner-chamber@gmail.com.

Boardman to sponsor spring clean-up

The City of Boardman will sponsor a community-wide clean-up the month of April.

The city has garbage vouchers available, with a \$50 limit, to residents of Boardman. The vouchers are valid during the month of April at Finley Butte Landfill and the North Morrow Transfer Station. The

garbage voucher program encourages citizens to clean up their residences by disposing of yard debris.

City residents may pick up their vouchers at Boardman City Hall at 200 City Center Circle beginning March 29. For more information on this program, call Boardman City Hall at 481-9252.

BUCKNUM'S TAVERN
146 N Main Street Heppner
541-676-5274

Lunch & Dinner Menu
Specials 4/06-4/12

Thursday- Meatloaf sandwich with fried potatoes for \$9
Friday- Captains Seafood platter, coleslaw and breadstick for \$11
Saturday- SW Corn Chowder
Monday- 1/4 Hawaiian Burger with deep fried mushrooms for \$9.
Tuesday- Reuben and fries for \$9.
Tuesday night- 6-9pm \$2 hard shell tacos
Wednesday- chicken fry steak, hashbrowns, and scrambled eggs for \$9
Wednesday night- 6-9pm chicken fry steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, roll, and salad for \$11
Live music Sat the 29th featuring Aaron Harris and James Hunnicutt.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS LADIES NIGHT
Thursday, April 6th
Dinner at 6:00pm
BBQ Salmon, Roasted Veggies
Coleslaw and Dessert
Dinner prepared by Mark and Jan Huddleston, Ken and Kaedene Bailey and Mark and Tami Rietmann
Installation of Officer's will begin around 7:00 pm (family members are welcome to attend)

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676-9181 "Where Friends Meet" 142 North Main