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## Obituaries

### Chelsea K. Hamms



Chelsea K. Hams, 29, of Heppner, died Friday, May 24, 2024, at her home. A memorial graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, July 12, 2024, at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery, with a reception to follow at the Heppner Elks Lodge.

She was born in Hermiston on February 19, 1995, the daughter of Cheryl McBride and James "Jim" Hams. Chelsea was raised with Jim in Heppner and was his pride and joy. Chelsea attended school in Heppner, graduating from Heppner High School. Any chance she had to be with her dad, whether it was out on the tractor working with him or just having a simple lunch together, she was there with a smile on her face, ready to enjoy their special time together.

Chelsea had a unique relationship with her mom Cheryl and would always call her late into the night just to talk about her day and check in on her, ensuring they stayed close no matter the physical distance between them. Chelsea had 6 nieces and 5 nephews that she loved unconditionally as if they were her own, and any chance she got to come watch a game or meet up for the holidays she immediately took the opportunity and could be found playing with them or completely covered by the many arms wanting to give her hugs. She cherished her family and her time spent

with them and she made a point to stay connected to everyone.

She may have been small in stature but her heart and love for those around her was bigger than life itself. She was always there to lend a hand to someone in need, would give of her time to help others and always had a hug to be shared. She enjoyed the simpler things in life over all the extra flashy thing most young women desire. One of her favorite things was horseback riding. She found solace in spending time with her beloved animals which she called her fur babies, being outside and working with her hands, learning lost arts like needlepoint and sourdough baking, and a love for older items and things others could overlook. Chelsea had a fierce and free spirit, was resilient and had an inner strength that was so beautiful and inspiring.

Survivors include her father, Jim Hams, her mother, Cheryl McBride, and her 3 sisters, Danielle Strickland, Deanna Sample and Darcy Hart, aunt Sharon Ball, uncle Robby and aunt Lorna Botefuhr, uncle Elwin and Aunt Patti Gibson, her cousins, Jeff Botefuhr and Justin Botefuhr, Brian Gibson and Phyllis Coates, 11 nieces and nephews and many second and third cousins, and many friends both young and old.

Memorial contributions may be made to Heppner Elks Lodge, PO Box 494, Heppner, OR 97836 or Eastern Oregon Humane Society and Pet Rescue, 1844 NW Geer Rd., Hermiston, OR 97838.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in care of arrangements. You may sign the online condolence book at [www.sweeneymortuary.com](http://www.sweeneymortuary.com).

### Tareena L. Nash

Tareena L. Nash Healy, 55, of Heppner, died Thursday, June 27, 2024, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital. A memorial graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 13, 2024, at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery in Heppner with a reception to follow at the Morrow County Fair Grounds in Heppner.

She was born on April 1, 1969, at John Day, Oregon the daughter of Janet Lois Shite and Harry "Spike" Calvin Nash. Tareena was raised and attended school in Heppner where she graduated from High School in 1987. She attended Blue Mountain Community College where she received an associate degree.

Tareena married James "Jim" M. Healy at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho on August 6, 2001. The couple had one daughter, Diana Jean.

The couple later divorced.

She worked as a caretaker and worked for several years as a Lab Tech at Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

Survivors include her daughter, Diana Jean Healy of Heppner, granddaughter, Rhiannon Gwen Matthew also of Heppner, siblings, Sarah Koester of Junction City, Oregon, Christian Vander Brink of Los Bano's, California, and Raegan Lenihan of Redding, California.

Tareena was predeceased by parents, Harry 'Spike' Nash, and Janet White. Grandparents, Jack and Lois White and Olive Nash who helped raise Tareena.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in care of arrangements. You may sign the online condolence book at [www.sweeneymortuary.com](http://www.sweeneymortuary.com)

## Death Notice

### Bill Bacon

Bill Bacon passed on June 19, 2024. The family will host a celebration of life on Saturday, July 13, 2024, at 2:00 p.m., at the Maxwell Event Center, 145 North First Place, Hermis-

ton, OR. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the following: Cowboy Church USR 81012 North Hwy 395, Hermiston, OR 97838.

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## Good News Only by Doris Brosnan

Shannon Wickland retired from her 23 years of work at Murray Drugs as June ended. Her last day of work was June 27<sup>th</sup>, after which she, mom Ruth Maben, brother Greg and sister-in-law Trish, and Dan and Rebecca Swaringen (Shannon's daughter) celebrated with dinner at Bucknum's. That was just the first celebration. Shannon was truly surprised two days later by a party Rebecca and Ruth had planned at Ruth's home, where about 25 guests added their congratulations. Still not finished: On Sunday, John and Ann Murray hosted a staff dinner and Joe Lindsay-entertainment at the Broken Spoke, at which Shannon was again honored and was joined by Ruth, Greg, Trish, and Shannon's son, Jered and his friend Stefani and her two daughters, Kelsi and Olivia. Three days of celebration suggests how highly valued Shannon was/is to her employers, fellow workers, and family!! Congratulations, Shannon Wickland!

Weddings, weddings, weddings! Such happy occasions! Such wonderful opportunities to offer one's "best wishes" for the couples and to see and visit with other guests seldom encountered otherwise.

Twelve area women again gathered at the Elks lodge for the monthly Birthday Lunch, this time celebrating Teresa Hughes and Karen Hagewood. Karen was present only electronically, as she is in Arizona, but she plans to be visiting the area soon.

The swimming pools in Heppner and Ione are open in time for the warming weather. Good news in Heppner is the no-fee for young people, and the Ione pool is reserved from 7 to 8 AM for a women's (and men's?) swim.

The Summer Reading Program is in full swing at the Ione library. Librarian Becky Tullis runs the six-week program for kids in kindergarten through sixth grade. From 10 AM to noon during the week, prizes are part of the rewards for reaching certain objectives during the program.

Monte Crum has purchased the Route 74 building in Ione. We can watch for information as plans develop.

Merilee McDowell reports that "Bill and I decided to make our next vacation destination Nashville, Tennessee, because so many of our friends talked about how much fun it was to go to Nashville. Well, they were right. Crazy and fun!! It just so happened that the dates we reserved to stay were during CMA Fest which was a whole new experience. We visited a lot of establishments, including Ole Red (Blake Sheldon's), Luke Bryan's, Dirk Bently's, Margaritaville, and the Grand Opening of Bon Jovi's!! We met a lot of wonderful people, ate awesome food, and listened to many up-and-coming Country Artists! Attended the Grand Ole Opry and Nissan Stadium for a concert with Keith Urban, Lainey Wilson, and Jelly Roll. I would have to say that the highlight of our time there was the concert. All the artists were amazing, but Jelly Roll touched our hearts the most. When he sings, he holds a revival like no other. His story of being in prison and now being on the CMA Fest stage in Nashville with a #1 hit song on the Charts was amazing. We were truly blessed on our trip."

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\$350,000

9.09 ACRES

Secluded mountain property! Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to own your own mountain property. Whether you're looking for a hunting retreat or a permanent residence, this property has it all. With approximately 9.09 acres of land and a private pond you can embrace the beauty of nature and create a life of serenity in the mountains you've always desired. 80844 Black Mountain Ln Heppner MLS#:23510132

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Reduced price

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