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Obituaries

Robanai Coral Disque



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Robanai Coral Disque, 68 of Lexington, OR passed away on February 22, 2025, at home surrounded by her family and loved ones. She will be remembered for the love of her family.

A celebration of life service will be held at Hopeful Saints Church on Saturday, March 8, at 11 a.m. Following the service, a reception for friends and family will take place at The Heppner Elks Lodge #358. A private graveside ceremony will take place at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery at a later date.

Robanai was born on Sept. 29, 1956, in Heppner, to Robert and Nathaline Riddle. She attended high school locally and graduated before moving on to pursue her goal of being a registered nurse and providing help to those who needed it. She worked as an RN for St. Anthony Hospital, Tri-County Home Health, and finally the MCHD Home Health and Hospice in Heppner, where she served as director for three years. Her compassion and dedication to her patients was acknowledged when she was awarded Nurse of the Year by the Oregon Association of Home Care in 2016.

Robanai married the love of her life, Duane Roy Disque, on July 16, 1983. Together they had two children, Kylee and Taylor. They enjoyed almost 40 years of marriage and were side by side right up until the end.

Robanai was an active member of Hope Lutheran Church and served as treasurer, council member and president over the years. She was instrumental in the beginning of the Shared Ministry between Hope Lutheran and All Saints Episcopal churches, serving on the leadership team for many years. She also acted as a youth group and Sunday school teacher.

She was also an active member in Cursillo, chairing many different positions and serving as historian for many years. She also was an avid golfer and enjoyed stamping up and playing Bunco. Her biggest enjoy-

ment in life was watching, playing with and spoiling her granddaughters.

Robanai is survived by her husband Duane; daughter Kylee (Sean) Allstott; son Taylor Disque; granddaughters Kate Bailee and Jane Julie Allstott; sisters Twilla Peterson and Rhonda Cummings; brothers Charlie Riddle, Chris Riddle and Terry Riddle; stepsisters Shannon Landcaster and Andrea Long; and step-brother Rich Long.

Memorial contributions may be made to MHCD Home Health and Hospice in Heppner.

Sweeney Payton Mortuary is entrusted with the arrangements. Please leave your condolence messages at sweeneypaytonmortuary.com.

Rhonda Kay Looney

Rhonda Looney, 70, a long-time resident of Heppner, OR, passed away on Feb. 27, 2025, in Heppner. A graveside service will be held at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery March 6 at 2 p.m. A potluck will follow at the family's home at 220 S. Chase St. in Heppner. Anyone who wants to bring a dish is free to do so.

Rhonda was born in Spokane, WA on June 9, 1954, to Irene and George Hiatt. She spent her growing up years in Pilot Rock, along with her parents and her seven brothers. Pilot Rock is also where she met her husband, John.

When Rhonda was 18, she moved to Idaho, where she fulfilled her dream of having a big family, giving birth to four boys. In 1986 Rhonda moved to Heppner, where she raised her family and spent the remainder of her life. She worked as a manager, and in her free time she enjoyed making the most delicious food, making people laugh and spending time with family—especially her grandchildren, where she could act goofy and be carefree.

Rhonda was a very caring person who was very mindful of her family and peers and was happiest when she surrounded herself with people.

Rhonda is preceded in death by her husband, John, her mother and father, and a brother.

She is survived by her sons, Bill, John Jr., Matthew and Anthony; brothers, Jeff, Wayne, Jordan and Nick; and granddaughters, Ariona and Elissa.

Fire department visits Heppner Day Care



Heppner firefighters Trevor Rhea and Eric Chick visited the Heppner Day Care Feb. 27 for a field day with the kids. The firemen dressed in their fire personal protective equipment (PPE), explained what it's used for and why, showed the kids what they keep in their tool compartments on the truck and even let them crawl through to sit in the cab. -Contributed photo

Ione FFA plans state convention fundraiser

Several Ione FFA students will be heading to the FFA State Convention, and they're offering the community a way to have fun and support the cause through an evening of Bingo.

The FFA Bingo fundraiser will take place Sunday, March 16, at the Ione American Legion Hall. Doors open at 3:30 p.m. with play beginning at 4 p.m.

Admission is \$15 and

includes two books of Bingo cards, one dauber and three Blackout Bingo cards. Additional cards can be purchased for \$1 per card or \$5 per book. Additional Blackout cards will be \$2, with a pack of three for \$5.

A 50/50 raffle will also take place. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.

Participants are welcome to bring their own snacks and drinks when they come to join the fun.

Heppner softball field

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worn out from decades of use, was swapped for a sleek, black nylon mesh screen.

This new backstop stretches from dugout to dugout, adding about 40 extra feet of protection for fans watching the games.

The project came together thanks to two grants totaling \$26,914: one from the Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group (WCVEDG) for \$13,457 and another from the Morrow County Unified Recreation District (MURD) for the same amount.

Joe Armato helped secure those funds. The Booster Club also stepped

up, contributing \$1,520 to support block work in the spectator area.

Farm City Fence handled the heavy lifting, installing the backstop poles and concrete footer in October 2024. The screen itself is going up March 4, 2025, with help from Columbia Basin Electric. Andy Stelk has been busy moving earth and setting blocks, with more work planned for the spectator area.

This upgrade has been a team effort, pulling together Heppner High School, Heppner Youth Baseball, and a bunch of dedicated locals. It's a practical improvement that'll keep the field functional and safe for years to come.

March Library Happenings

Irrigon and Boardman branches will be closed for the Heppner's St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 15th - come and enjoy the festivities with us!

Did you know there are over 176 magazines for kids available on Libby? Old favorites like Highlights (now in Spanish too!) and Ranger Rick - along with soon-to-be new favorites like The Primary Planet and The Week Junior. Log into Libby and reintroduce the love of the periodical - in digital form!

Want a quick brush-up or overview of a skill or technical task? No time or patience for a full-length class in Microsoft or management skills in the workplace? Check out Niche Academy! Short, focused demonstrations on everything from setting up a Facebook account to building citation resources for term papers to managing your sales team effectively, Niche Academy has an introductory course. Available on our website, create your free account today!

Crafty Nights @ the Library in March is on Wednesday the 12th at 6 pm. The craft will be Bath Bombs. Call Melissa at 541-676-9964 or visit our website to reserve your spot now - space is limited.

Infant and Preschool Storytimes are Tuesdays at 10:30 am.

Friday Storytimes are for everyone and start at 10:30 am.

Zane Acock named to dean's list at Gonzaga University

SPOKANE, WA (2/19/2025)—Zane Acock, a graduate of Irrigon High School has earned placement on the Gonzaga University Dean's List for Fall semester 2024. Students must earn between 3.50 to 3.85 grade point average to be listed. Zane is a freshman in Gonzaga's Bachelor of Science in Nursing

program. Gonzaga University is a private Catholic, Jesuit, and humanistic university, situated along the Spokane River near downtown Spokane, Washington and recognized among the top 100 National Universities by U.S. News and World Report.

MURRAY'S PRESENTS

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