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Obituaries

Darrin Padberg

Darrin Padberg (Bob Shade), age 59, passed away on Monday, March 24, 2025. His wishes were that he didn't want a funeral, so there will be a celebration of life for family and close friends at a near future date.

A beloved father, son, brother and uncle, Darrin was known for his huge heart and his love for his family. He would tear up at every play, Christmas pageant or sports game that his children or nieces and nephews were a part of.

He loved to hunt, fish, ride snowmobiles and cook good food for his friends and family. He farmed for most of his life and was part of a long line of Padberg farmers in the lone area, stretching back to 1870.

He is survived by his parents, Marvin and Tanna; his children, Henry, Phegley and Haryss; his siblings, Dustin and Darcee; three nieces and three nephews; and two stepdaughters.

In lieu of flowers, Darrin would have liked any contributions to go to the Jason Halvorsen Scholarship or the Mike Matthews Scholarship at The Bank of Eastern Oregon.

Sweeney Payton Mortuary is handling the arrangements (sweeneypaytonmortuary.com).

Lynnville (Lynn) Woodrow Rill

The family of their beloved Lynn W. Rill sadly announces his passing on March 23, 2025. A graveside service was held in Heppner on Monday, March 30.

Lynn was born on Sept. 23, 1932, in Heppner, OR to Leonard H. and Ninon Huston Rill. He was the fifth child born, welcomed by four older brothers. Later, his parents were blessed with three more children, enriching Lynn's childhood with two younger sisters and a brother. Lynn and

Charleen were close in age and had many misadventures together, to which Pa would go find them to bring them home.

Lynn attended Liberty School through grade school and continued his education at Heppner High School. After graduation, Lynn was drafted and proudly served his country, spending part of his time in Georgia, where he met his wife, Evelyn. The couple would go on to split their time between Alaska and Georgia.

Every spring Lynn looked forward to heading back to Alaska to run the heavy equipment for the roads near Fairbanks, and his contributions can still be seen (or driven on) today, as you would be hard pressed to find a road without his mark on it. There was hardly any equipment he couldn't run.

Lynn's love for Alaska ran deep and he shared that love with his family. Two of his brothers also spent time in Alaska, one working the roads alongside Lynn and the other gold mining alongside him. Later, another brother and his family visited Lynn and Evelyn in Alaska, and Lynn and Evelyn graciously opened their home (which was a place of warmth and hospitality) to them.

During his travels from Alaska to Georgia and back, Lynn often traveled through Oregon and Washington to visit his brothers. Many nieces and nephews treasured these visits and would travel from miles around to see him.

Lynn is survived by his wife of 62 years, Evelyn; their children Charlotte Lyndon and Shane (Krista); granddaughter Katrina (Josh); and great-granddaughter Ella. He is also survived by his two sisters, Charlean and Sharon, and two brothers, Myron and William, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leonard and Ninon, and three brothers, Evan, Noel and Cecil.

Lynn will be greatly missed by all who knew him. His legacy of hard work, love of family and dedication to the land will live on the hearts of those who were fortunate to call him family and friend.

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Neva Cheyenne DeMayo Mahon

Neva Cheyenne DeMayo Mahon, 73, of Heppner passed away on Friday, March 28, 2025. A funeral service will be held for Neva on Saturday, April 5, at 10 a.m. at the Hopeful Saints Ministry in Heppner. A graveside service will follow at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery. Afterward, please join the family back at the church for a meal and fellowship.

Neva was born in Gardner, KS to Melven Lee Randall and Maud Everett Randall. She had a lifelong love of education and earned a B.A. degree in religious studies, as well as one in literature. She enjoyed sharing her love of education as a teacher for many years.

She lived in many states before settling in Oregon. She loved to travel and took advantage whenever she could, even if it meant leaving her beloved cat Max home alone. She and her husband David DeMayo made their home in Heppner until his passing

in 2020. Neva had many different jobs but she was always a caregiver and a homemaker first.

Neva was always very active in her church and her community. It was here that she met William Mahon at All Saints Episcopal Church. They had an immediate connection through their shared faith in Jesus Christ. During their relationship they loved to travel, fish and share their morning devotional; whatever it was, as long as they were together. They were married on May 1, 2022, and were beside each other all the way through her passing. They both felt blessed to have found each other.

Neva is survived by her husband Bill Mahon, brother Ross DC Randall, and brother-in-law Scott Burnside.

She is preceded in death by her first husband, David Richard DeMayo, and her parents, Melven and Maud.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Hopeful Saints Ministry.

Sweeney Payton Mortuary has been entrusted with the arrangements. Please leave your condolence messages for the family at sweeneypaytonmortuary.com.

April Happenings at the Heppner Library

Get ready for the April Library Love Beanstack Bingo reading challenge. Log in or create a free Beanstack account to join in the fun. This will be the library's last reading challenge before Summer Reading.

April 6 is the anniversary of the first modern Olympic Games. Tumblebooks has *The Quickest Kid in Clarksville*—an inspiring story about a little girl named Alta and three-time Olympic gold medalist Wilma Rudolph!

Use the Tumblebooks app to read this and other books about special days in April, like April 2, Autism Awareness Day, and April

24, when the Library of Congress was established.

Crafty Nights @ the Library in April is on Wednesday April 9 at 6 p.m. The craft will be a miniature bookshelf. Call Melissa and Annette at 541-676-9964 or visit the Oregon Trail Library District website to reserve a spot; space is limited.

Infant and preschool storytimes are Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Friday storytimes are for everyone and start at 10:30 a.m.

Teen Nights are on Tuesdays from 5-7 p.m.

Visit the calendar page at otld.org for more event and program information.

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Animal lovers will love this 0.77-acre property in Heppner, perfect for horses, FFA animals, or chickens. It includes a livestock pasture with a year-round creek, two chicken houses, a barn with a lean-to, and a deer-proof garden. A greenhouse supports year-round gardening, and a 10x12 cold-room shop is ideal for storage or projects. Located within city limits, the 5-bedroom, 2.5-bath home (including a master suite with private bath) blends small-town charm with modern updates. Recent improvements—new main-level flooring, hardy plank siding (2019), new windows, updated electrical (2024), and ductless heating/cooling—make it move-in ready. The outdoor space features rock retaining walls, an attached tool shed, and a partially finished basement for extra space. Just a short walk from Main Street, this property offers the best of both town and country living—ideal for animal care, gardening, or simply enjoying the peaceful surroundings.

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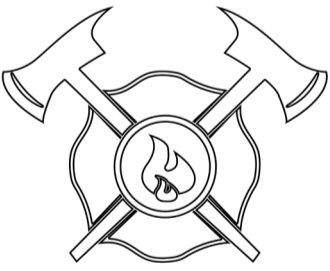
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