

OBITUARIES

Lorene A. Griffith

Hermiston

April 26, 1932 - September 18, 2017

Lorene A. Griffith, 85, our beloved mother and grandmother, went to be with the Lord September 18, 2017, after a long battle with Alzheimer’s disease. A funeral service will be held Saturday, Sept. 23, 2017, at the Ione Community Church at 11 a.m. Concluding service and interment will be at the Morgan Cemetery following the service and dinner.

She was born In Joseph, Oregon, on April 26, 1932, to father Dorris Early Mitchell and mother Francis Crawford Parker. Both sides of her family were early pioneers to Oregon, coming by wagon train in 1851 to Oregon originally settling in the Willamette valley. Both families moved from there to the Cove area in Union County, then settling in Wallowa County. Her father was a renowned horseman and horse trainer pioneering gentle training methods as opposed to “breaking” horses, the more common practice of the day. Her mother Francis was from a ranching family at Heppner, Oregon, and went to Wallowa County to teach at the Hurricane Creek School near Joseph.

Lorene was an only child, which was a miracle because her mother was not supposed to be able to have a child. Lorene grew up on the family ranch on “The Divide” between Little Sheep and Big Sheep creeks towards Imnaha. She spent her early years in Joseph attending school there and hanging out with cousins from the Mitchell and Justice families. She spent time riding horses and tending to her animals. She was involved with 4-H through grade school and high school,

attending summer school and girls state at Oregon State University.

She and her mother moved to Heppner in 1945 after the untimely passing of her father due to cancer. They lived on the family ranch belonging to her grandparents Frank and Gertrude Parker. She spent time with her Hoskins and Parker cousins. She attended Heppner High School and graduated in 1950. She attended Oregon State University on a Carl Raymond Grey Scholarship.

She met George Griffith through mutual family friends and they were married on May 19, 1951, at Heppner. The couple had a daughter, Charlotte Rose, June 24, 1952, a son Glen August 9, 1957, and twin sons Grant and Elmer on March 30, 1965, who died at birth. George and Lorene farmed at Morgan on the Griffith property. In 1957 they bought a ranch west of McDermott, Nevada, and ranched there for a few years. They returned to Ione and bought out the family ranch where she lived until moving

to the Geneva House care facility.

She was a devout Christian and attended Heppner Christian Church in her younger years and Ione United Church of Christ, now Ione Community Church, for last 40 some years.

She was always involved with the 4-H program and was a 4-H leader for many years. Her mother and her daughter Charlotte lived in Portland and she loved to go there and take them on trips to the beach and out to dinner when she could get away from the ranch.

Being a strong independent woman she worked side by side with her husband and her son tending to the cattle and helping out moving farm equipment. It is believed she probably hauled several million gallons of water to the cattle with their old water trucks. She fed the family as well as harvest crews and a long string of hired men while tending to the book-keeping, the banking, and keeping the house.

Lorene and George were heavily involved with square dancing for a number of years, working in the state organizations and helping to put on large festivals. They had a great social life through that and met a lot of great people that became longtime friends.

Lorene dearly loved her grandchildren, Tracy Griffith (Mund) and Jenny Griffith (Turner), and was able to spend time watching them play sports through grade school and high school. She also got to watch them rodeo through junior rodeo, high school rodeo, and college rodeo. She even traveled to Fallon, Nevada, to watch the girls compete in the High School International Finals Rodeo. She always had a smile and friendly greeting for one and all. She was a devoted and faithful friend and the best mother and grandmother.

She was preceded in death by her parents Dorris and Francis Mitchell; twin sons Grant and Elmer; daughter Charlotte; and close cousins Gayle Justice, Clara Lee Justice (Lockhart) and Melvin Justice.

She is survived by Her husband of 66 years, George Griffith; son and daughter-in-law Glen and Kelly Griffith; granddaughters Tracy Griffith (Mund) and husband Justin, and Jenny Griffith (Turner) husband Ricky; and great-grandson Tate Sage Turner.

She will be deeply missed but we know she is dancing in heaven with her children and her folks.

Memorial contributions can be made to Geneva House, 80580 S. Cabana Road, Hermiston, OR 97838.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in care of arrangements.



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UPCOMING SERVICES

FRIDAY, SEPT. 22

MCRAE, LINDA — Funeral service at 11 a.m. in the chapel at Burns Mortuary, 685 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston. Burial will follow at Desert Lawn Memorial Cemetery in Irrigon.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 23

GOMEZ, BERTHA — Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church, 565 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston. Burial will follow from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery.

GRIFFITH, LORENE — Funeral service at 11 a.m. at Ione Community Church, 470 E. Main St. A dinner will be served after the service. Concluding service and interment will follow at the Morgan Cemetery.

TRACY, JIM — Celebration of life service with military honors at 1 p.m. at Hermiston Church of the Nazarene, 1520 W. Orchard Ave.

MEETINGS

FRIDAY, SEPT. 22

EASTERN OREGON TRADE & EVENT CENTER AUTHORITY, 7 a.m., EOTEC main building, 17005 E. Airport Road, Hermiston. (541-289-9800)

MONDAY, SEPT. 25

ASPEN SPRING HOSPITAL PUBLIC MEETING, 1:30 p.m., Hermiston Conference Center Rotary Altrusa Room, 415 S. Highway 395, Hermiston. Oregon Health Authority Certificate of Need Program will accept public commentary on the proposed 16-bed psychiatric hospital to be located in Hermiston. Everyone welcome. (Jana Fussell 971-673-1108)

NIXYAAWII COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD, 4:30 p.m., Nixyaawii Community School, 73300 July Grounds Lane, Mission.

WEDNESDAY

7:26 a.m. - A vehicle took out a light pole on Northwest Riverside Avenue, Heppner.

9:27 a.m. - Pilot Rock police received a call from a resident on Northeast Douglas Street who said a scam tried to get her Social Security number. About 40 minutes later, a second call from the same street also reported a scam.

10:05 a.m. - Police and medical emergency services responded to a report of a man suffering a mental crisis in Irrigon and took him to Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston, for help.

3:55 p.m. - Umatilla residents on Oriole Street told police the young man who stayed with them for a few months left, but his vehicle remains on their property. They wanted to know options for removing it.

4:28 p.m. - A Pendleton landlord

PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

reported a tenant has been missing for three weeks from a residence on Southwest Perkins Avenue.

6:42 p.m. - Wintry weather may have caught one driver by surprise.

Oregon State Police responded to a crash at about milepost 241 on the westbound side of Interstate 84. Police reported the driver, a 77-year-old man from La Grande, said it began to snow and he lost control of his white Cadillac SRX. He told the trooper the SUV hit the guardrail, according to state police, then crossed both lanes and hit the median head-on.

Neither the driver or his 75-year-old wife were injured. Family arrived to take his wife while the driver waited for the tow truck.

State police also reported the trooper warned the driver for failure to drive within the lane.

ARRESTS, CITATIONS

•Pendleton police arrested Stanley Dale James Jr., 40, of 72692 Emigrant Hill Road, Pendleton, for third-degree robbery, fourth-degree assault and third-degree theft.

•The Morrow County Sheriff’s Office at about 2:35 p.m. at the Sub Zero Motel, 205 S. First St., Irrigon, arrested Brittany Ashton Abbott, 22, of Irrigon, on Umatilla County warrants for probation violations and failure to appear. Abbott struggled with the deputies, and the sheriff’s office also arrested her on new charges of second-degree escape, resisting arrest and assaulting a public safety officer.

•Umatilla tribal police arrested Roslynn Celine Simmons, 18, of Pendleton, for endangering the welfare of a minor, criminal activity in drugs, criminal use of drugs, and dangerous drugs.

Facebook to release Russia ads, beef up election ‘integrity’



AP Photo/Manu Fernandez, File

In this 2016 file photo, Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg speaks during the Samsung Galaxy Unpacked 2016 event on the eve of this week’s Mobile World Congress wireless show, in Barcelona, Spain. On Thursday Zuckerberg said that Facebook will provide the contents of 3,000 ads bought by a Russian agency to congressional investigators.

NEW YORK (AP) — Facebook is slowly acknowledging the outsized — if unintended — role it played in the 2016 U.S. presidential elections.

Bowing to pressure from lawmakers and the public, the company said it will provide the contents of 3,000 ads bought by a Russian agency to congressional investigators, while also pledging to make political advertising on its platform more “transparent.”

“I don’t want anyone to use our tools to undermine democracy,” CEO Mark Zuckerberg said in a Facebook video and wrote in an accompanying post. “That’s not what we stand for.”

The moves Thursday come amid growing pressure on the social network from members of Congress, who pushed Facebook to release the ads after the company disclosed their existence in early September. Facebook has already handed over the ads to the special counsel investigating Russian interference in the 2016 U.S. presidential election.

Facebook’s reluctance to be more forthcoming with information that could shed light on possible election interference has prompted the chairman of the Senate intelligence committee to call for the company to testify in its election-meddling probe.

A more transparent Facebook

In one of the first steps Facebook has ever taken to open up its secretive advertising system to observation, the company will now require political ads to disclose both who is paying for them and all ad campaigns those individuals or groups are running on Facebook.

That’s a key step that will allow outsiders to see how many different variants of a given ad are being targeted to various groups of individuals, a tactic designed to improve their effectiveness. At the moment, there’s no way for anyone but Facebook to track these political ads, or for recipients to tell who is sponsoring such messages.

Since average users “don’t know if you’re seeing the same messages as everyone else,” Zuckerberg said, Facebook will “make it so you can visit an advertiser’s page and see the ads they’re currently running to any audience on Facebook.”

The company will hire 250 more people in the next year to work on “election integrity,” Zuckerberg said.

The top Democrat on the Senate intelligence panel would go farther. Virginia Sen. Mark Warner is writing a bill that would require social media companies to disclose who funded political ads, similar to rules on television broadcasters.

California hits Gatorade in court for ‘anti-water’ videogame



AP Photo/Paul Sakuma, File

Gatorade has agreed not to make disparaging comments about water as part of a \$300,000 settlement reached Thursday with California over allegations it misleadingly portrayed water’s benefits in a cellphone game where users refuel Olympic runner Usain Bolt.

serve as a warning to companies that falsely advertise, Becerra said.

“Making misleading statements is a violation of California law. But making misleading statements aimed at our children is beyond unlawful, it’s morally wrong and a betrayal of trust,” he said in a statement.

Gatorade agreed to the settlement but has not admitted wrongdoing.

“The mobile game, Bolt!, was designed to high-

light the unique role and benefits of sports drinks in supporting athletic performance. We recognize the role water plays in overall health and wellness, and offer our consumers great options,” spokeswoman Katie Vidaillet said in an email.

In addition to agreeing not to disparage water, Gatorade agreed not to make Bolt! or any other

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—Gatorade has agreed not to make disparaging comments about water as part of a \$300,000 settlement reached Thursday with California over allegations it misleadingly portrayed water’s benefits in a cellphone game where users refuel Olympic runner Usain Bolt.

The game, downloaded 30,000 times in California and 2.3 million times worldwide, is no longer available.

The dispute between the sports-drink company and California Attorney General Xavier Becerra was settled in less than a day after Becerra filed a complaint in Los Angeles County.

Becerra’s complaint alleges the game, called Bolt!, misleadingly portrayed the health benefits of water in a way that could harm children’s nutritional choices. The game encouraged users to “keep your performance level high and avoid water,” with Bolt’s fuel level going down after drinking water but up after drinking Gatorade, the complaint alleged.

The settlement should

OBITUARY POLICY

The East Oregonian publishes paid obituaries. The obituary can include small photos and, for veterans, a flag symbol at no charge. Obituaries may be edited for spelling, proper punctuation and style. Expanded death notices will be published at no charge. These include information about services. Obituaries and notices can be submitted online at www.eastoregonian.com/obituaryform, by email to obits@eastoregonian.com, by fax to 541-276-8314, placed via the funeral home or in person at the East Oregonian office. For more information, call 541-966-0818 or 1-800-522-0255, ext. 221.

games that give the impression that water will hinder athletic performance or that athletes only consume Gatorade and do not drink water. Gatorade also agreed to use “reasonable efforts” to abide by parent company PepsiCo’s policy on responsible advertising to children and to disclose its contracts with endorsers.

Of the settlement money, \$120,000 will go toward the study or promotion of childhood and teenager nutrition and the consumption of water.

The game was available in 2012 and 2013 and for a limited time in 2017.

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RESORT & CASINO

9/22 - 9/24

Cineplex Show Times

\$5 Classic Movie
9/27 - 12:00 p.m.
To Have and Have Not

The Lego Ninjago Movie 2D (PG)
2D: 12:10* 4:50 7:10
3D: 2:30* 9:30

Kingsman: The Golden Circle (R)
12:50* 3:50* 6:50 9:50

Friend Request (R)
12:20* 2:40* 5:00 7:20 9:40

IT (R)
1:00* 4:00 7:00 10:00

American Assassin (R)
11:30* 1:50* 4:10 6:40 9:20

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