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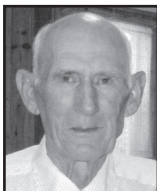
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**Obituaries**

**George Goodall Griffith**

George Goodall Griffith was born on Sept. 1, 1925, at the Griffith home in Ione and died at age 93 on Oct. 6 at Regency Care Center in Hermiston. Services will be held Friday, Oct. 12 at 2 p.m. at Ione Community Church, 395 E. Main St. Internment by Sweeney Mortuary will be at Morgan Cemetery with military honors, following the service and dinner.



**George Goodall Griffith**

George was born in Ione, the only son of Elmer and Frances Ann (Goodall) Griffith. He had two older sisters, Virginia and Katherine and one younger sister, June. George attended grade school at the one-room schoolhouse in Morgan. He attended high school in Ione where he played football and basketball, graduating in 1943.

He enlisted in the Marine Corps in January 1944, received basic training in San Diego and Camp Pendleton and became a member of the Fifth Marine Division. In August 1944, they were stationed at Camp Tarawa near Kamuela, Hawaii, which was on the famous Parker Ranch. On January 4, 1945, the Fifth Division left Camp Tarawa and sailed to combat at Iwo Jima on February 19, 1945. For 36 days, they fought one of the bloodiest

battles of WWII. He witnessed the historic raising of the flag on Iwo Jima, which has become an iconic memorial and symbol of the United States fighting men. They returned to Hawaii for furlough and were sent to Japan where they landed at Sasebo on September 22, 1945, after the Japanese surrender.

George married Lorene Adele Mitchell of Heppner on May 19, 1951 and they had four children, Charlotte Rose born June 24, 1952, Glen George Aug. 9, 1957 and Elmer Dee and Grant Lee March 30, 1965. George and Lorene loved square dancing, hosted the 2000 Summer Festival in Pendleton and in 2009 won the Randall award.

George is preceded in death by his parents, Elmer and Fannie; his three sisters, Virginia Burns, Katherine Lindstrom and June Haugen; his daughter Charlotte; his twin sons, who died at birth and his wife of 66 years, Lorene.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Glen and Kelly Griffith; his granddaughters, Tracy Griffith (Mund) and husband Justin and Jenny Griffith (Turner) and husband Ricky and two great-grandsons, Tate Turner and Talen Turner.

**Willard K. "Bill" Smith**

Willard K. "Bill" Smith of Hermiston was born on May 16, 1928 in Goshen, OR to parents Hugh and Susie Baker Smith. He died on Oct. 1 in Hermiston at the age of 90 years.



**Willard K. "Bill" Smith**

Bill was raised first in Paisley, OR and later in Vaughn, OR. He graduated from Crow High School in Crow, OR. He joined the United States Navy and served in WWII and later in Korea before his honorable discharge.

Smith was united in marriage to Eleanor "Elly" Kloehn on May 27, 1949 in Eugene, OR. They moved to Lexington in 1972 where Bill owned and operated Lexington Machine Works until moving to Hermiston in 1985, where they have lived since. He was a member of the Lutheran church, life member of the NRA, the Masonic Lodge

and Hermiston VFW Post #4750. Bill enjoyed hunting, fishing, metal work and most of all, spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife of 69 years Elly Smith, Hermiston; daughters, Barbara (Lee) Holly, Eugene, OR, Karen (Don) Starr, La Grande, OR and Kristine (Richard) Carpenter, Hermiston; son, Billy (Torie) Smith, Pendleton and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents and five siblings.

A celebration of life gathering was held on Saturday, Oct. 6 at the family home.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. The online condolence book is available at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

**Births**

**Miles Matthew Hughes** – Staff Sgt. Travis and Maegan Hughes of Hampton, VA announce the birth of a son, Miles Matthew Hughes. Miles was born Sept. 24, 2018 and weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces and was 19 inches long. He joins a brother, Trent, and a sister, Bristol.



Grandparents are Jewel and Jeff Warr of Patterson, CA, Donna Hughes of Mt. Home, ID and Terry Hughes and Kim Hulse of La Grande.

**Flash flood watch proves true**

A flash flood watch from the national weather service in Pendleton proved to be accurate on Tuesday, Oct. 9. The watch indicated the rainfall that fell over the Blue Mountains and foothills could possibly cause mudslides and flash flooding in Heppner and other nearby cities.

On Tuesday morning, the Heppner alert system was increased to a three for Shobe Canyon and its headwaters. The warning also stated that mudslides and flood waters may block roads.

According to the na-

tional weather service, a flash flood watch means that conditions may develop that lead to flash flooding. Landslides and debris flows are possible during a flash flood event. People, structures and roads located below steep slopes, in canyons and near the mouths of canyons may be at serious risk from rapidly moving landslides. Flash flooding is a very dangerous situation. Residents are asked to monitor forecasts and be prepared to take action should a flash flood warning be issued.

**The Loop to hold two meetings**

The Loop Morrow County Transportation will be holding a Special Transportation Fund Advisory meeting and a Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) Advisory meeting on Oct. 16 at the Morrow County Public Works conference room at 365 OR-74, Lexington.

The Special Transportation Fund (STF) Advisory meeting will be at 3 p.m. The agenda for this meeting will include approval of minutes from the Apr.

17 and July 17 meetings, revenue/expense reports, expiring advisory board reappointments and other business as needed.

The STIF Advisory meeting will convene at 3:30 p.m. t after the STF Advisory meeting. The agenda for the STIF advisory meeting will include approval of the plan template, approval of minutes from past meetings, appointment of expiring advisory committee members and other business as needed.

**Chamber to host candidates' forum**

A local candidates' forum will take place at the next Chamber lunch meeting, to be held Thursday, Oct. 18 at noon in the Heppner City Hall conference room. Candidates for mayor of Heppner and council position five will be part of the forum, moderated by Bill Kuhn.

Representative Greg Smith will also be present to discuss Measures 103 and 104 as well as other

legislative issues.

Market Fresh Foods will be catering the lunch for \$10 per person. RSVPs are required no later than Tuesday, Oct. 16 to accommodate food and seating. Call the Chamber at 541-676-5536 or send email to heppnerchamber@centurytel.net to RSVP or for additional information. The meeting is open to the public.

**Ione Legion to hold fundraisers**

The Ione American Legion Auxiliary will be holding their annual Turkey Bingo on Saturday, Nov. 3 and the 7<sup>th</sup> annual craft bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 17. Both events will be held at the Ione Legion hall, 325 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St.

The doors will open at 4:30 p.m. on Nov. 3 for Turkey Bingo, with play beginning at 5. Baked potatoes, hot dogs, chili and all the fixings will be sold at the event. Nine bingo cards and a dauber will be available for \$10 for the first pack and \$5 for each additional pack. Blackout bingo cards are sold separately for \$5 each or three cards for \$10.

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Ione American Legion Auxiliary craft bazaar will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Nov. 17, with breakfast

available for purchase from 8 to 10 a.m. From 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. soup, roll and dessert can be purchased. Coffee and hot chocolate are available for a donation.

Table rent for the bazaar is \$10 and space is limited. Contact Becky Rietmann at 541-422-7230, 541-720-2040 or Becky677.br@gmail.com to reserve a space or for additional information.

**Preschool hosts fundraiser**

Creative Care Preschool located in Ione will be hosting a fall fundraiser Oct. 18 from 5-7 p.m. at the Ione Legion Hall.

Vendors selling Lularoe, Mary Kay and Usborne books will donate a portion of their profits to the preschool. There will also be a raffle and refreshments.

**Business class to be held**

Building your Business I, a class taught by Eastern Oregon University SBDC director Greg Smith, will be held Thursday, Oct. 18 at 5:30 p.m. in the conference room at Columbia Basin Electric. The free class is intended for current and future business owners.

The class will cover cash flow, business development, starting a new business, growing your business and much more. Those interested may register by phone at 541-962-1532 or email to eousbdc@gmail.com.

**AARP Taxaide seeks volunteer**

AARP Taxaide is seeking a volunteer to be trained to provide tax assistance. According to a spokesperson, recruiting a volunteer would allow Taxaide to provide tax assistance in Heppner.

Under this new pilot

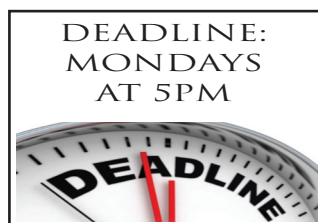
program, the volunteer would operate a virtual site working with an off-site counselor.

For those interested in volunteering, contact Joan Heihn at 541-571-6153 for additional details.

**Day care hosts Mr. Bill's Trivia**

Heppner Day Care will host Mr. Bill's Trivia at the Elks Lodge, 142 N Main St, on Nov. 16 from 7 to 10 p.m. There will be prizes for the top three teams as well as gift drawings and raffle baskets.

A team of six will cost \$150. Register online at <https://goo.gl/forms/01NV3vX2x6CnN8pa2>.



**HEPPNER BOOSTER CLUB DINNER & AUCTION**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13TH**  
**HEPPNER ELKS LODGE**

**DOORS OPEN AT 5:00**  
**DINNER 6:00**  
**LIVE AUCTION: 7:00**

**STEAK DINNER \$15/person**

**SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!**  
**LIVE AUCTION ♦ RAFFLE**  
**HEADS OR TAILS GAME**  
**CARD GAME ♦ SILENT AUCTION**

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**The Red Barn 5K**

October 13, 2018, 8:30am  
1 mile, 2 mile, 5k run/walk  
proceeds go to the Heppner/Ione Cross-Country Team  
\$10 entrance fee  
\$10 shirt

Registration the morning of, 7:45-8:15am  
LDS Church in Lexington, OR (Hwy 74 and Tom St)

DEADLINE: MONDAYS AT 5PM