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Obituaries

Lisa Jean Gifford



Lisa Jean (McCabe) Gifford, passed on September 19th, 2024, at her home in Portland, Oregon, from Pancreatic Cancer.

She was born January 12th, 1955, in The Dalles, Oregon. A celebration of life will be held at 12 Noon, Friday, October 11, 2024, at the Heppner Elks Lodge with a meal provided.

She was raised and attended school in Heppner, Oregon, where she graduated in 1973. Her young years were spent teaching swimming to students during the summer months. She then worked part time in Central Market where her father and brother worked as butchers, managers, and owners. The first full-time summer job during high school was living with and working for Mahoney's, where she had cooking and cleaning lessons, and then had the surprise of learning to drive the wheat truck during harvest!

After graduation, Lisa began her business career in accounting, followed with Morrow County Court, and then continued her career by establishing Medical Clinics first in Prairie City, followed by a Medical Clinic later expanding to Urgent Care in Hermiston. She was the leader of the pack of twenty employees, most of whom called her "Ma"!

Her adventurous personality took her to many places in North America, the Caribbean, Europe, and the Pacific.

An avid boater, she notably piloted and was solo skipper, down the Columbia River, through four dams, over the Columbia Bar, and up the Pacific to Canada!

Her love for sports was equally extensive, engaging in swimming, sailing, bicycling a 100 miler through the Blue Mountains to Heppner, running, skiing, kayaking. Let's not forget her fishing, catching John Day Steelhead, ocean salmon, and hunting Eastern Oregon Deer, Elk, and Antelope trophies!

Above all, Lisa cherished time with her family, and close friends. She adored her four grandsons and loved to share time with them. Her hobbies and travels were often shared with them and her son and daughters, creating lasting memories.

Lisa is survived by her husband, Joseph, daughter, Emily Heryla, with grandsons George and Oliver, stepdaughter Maisie Vanderhoof (Ryan), with grandsons Aidan and Dylan, step-

son Lionel Gifford, sisters Pam Doherty (Jim), Laurie Wilson (Dan), brother John McCabe (Sonja). She was preceded in death by her parents Ernie and Mary Jean McCabe.

Lisa's life was marked by her vibrant spirit and her enduring impact on her family, team members, friends, and community. Her legacy will continue to inspire all those who knew her.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, Oregon Division Inc., 0330 SW Curry St., Portland, OR 97239 or to St. Jude Children Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1492

Sweeney Payton Mortuary is in care of arrangements. You may sign the online condolence book at www.sweeneymortuary.com

Bill Weatherford



Billy Weatherford (aka William Washington Weatherford III) passed away unexpectedly on July 7, 2024, at Miramar Hospital on the campus of the Naval Medical Center San Diego. Bill was born to WW (Bill) and Lucile (Susy) Weatherford on October 27, 1946, and grew up on their ranch outside of Heppner. He went to grade school through high school in Heppner, and attended Blue Mountain Community College, and Eastern Oregon College before enlisting in the Navy in 1965. Over his twenty-plus year enlistment, he served as Boilerman on a variety of ships of the Pacific Fleet throughout the Vietnam Conflict, the Persian Gulf War and peacetime. With several commendations in his pocket, he retired a Master Chief Petty Officer and remained active in the Fleet Reserve Club in San Diego until his death.

He is survived by his wife, Frieda; sister, Karla Weatherford Gray; children, William W Weatherford IV and wife Shonie, William Bay, Bonnie Weatherford, and Sherri-the stepdaughter he thought of as his own; two grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, a niece and a nephew.

Memorial services were held at the Miramar National Cemetery in San Diego August 16th, 2024. His children will inter his ashes at the Arlington Masonic Cemetery later in the year.

Good News Only by Doris Brosnan

First of all, the lesson on proofreading before submitting an item to the newspaper: This writer's confusing, garbled sentence in last week's item about the coming classes' reunion SHOULD

HAVE read "...the museums and the high school will be available for touring, and that evening, dinner will be served at the Elks after a bit of socializing." Proofreading is obviously an important step in writing!

Recently, Karen and Tom Wolff traveled to Toronto, Ontario, Canada, to visit their daughter Kelsey and her husband Steve. They visited the university where Kelsey is studying Art, went to the Hockey Hall of Fame and saw the Stanley Cup, took a Hop-On-Hop-Off bus tour around Toronto and enjoyed having dinner with some of their friends. Kelsey said the weather is always nice when family comes to visit, and this was no exception.

Eleven area women gathered for their monthly Birthday Luncheon Celebration at the Heppner Elks Lodge on September 19th. This month's celebrities were Robin Krebs and Dianne Mullins. Everyone enjoyed the variety of conversations, and the delicious meal prepared by Chef Heath Colvin.

Kudos to the planners, organizers, and participants supporting the Lexington Fall Festival last Saturday. The weather cooperated for the day that featured breakfast, a silent auction, a raffle, several vendors of crafts and foods, live music, and many activities and prizes for children.

Observation of a pedestrian-about-town: A "privacy fence" easy and inexpensive to establish and maintain is the one that begins with one or a few Virginia Creeper starts and quickly chokes out anything in its path. Soon it will provide a thick fence mostly impenetrable by passersby. A few Heppner yards feature these.

Adding tidbits to this column is as easy as jotting and sending to dbrosnan123@gmail.com or calling to report them at 541-223-1490. Here's hoping that good news comes to everyone reading this.

HRL hold monthly BINGO & dinner Sept. 29th

With the end of September's arrival that means it's time for Holly Rebekah Lodge to hold their monthly dinner and BINGO afternoon. This month the meal will be a hearty beef stew and cornbread. Both for only \$5. This starts at 3pm on September 29th, at the Rebekah Lodge Hall in

Lexington. Immediately following will be BINGO. A packet of 10 game cards can be purchased for \$5. Of course, more than 10 games are played on these cards. Individual cards are available for 50 cents each. These events are family-friendly.

The MCHS to meet Oct. 6th

The Morrow County Historical Society's annual meeting will be October 6th at 2pm at Hardman Community Center. All are welcome to attend and

share stories of Hardman and the Community Center building. Contact Kay Proctor for more information at kayproctor@gmail.com.

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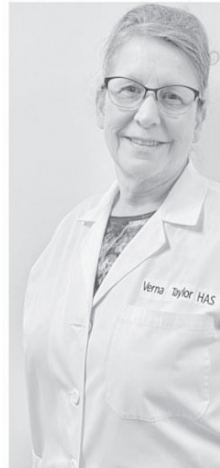
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Death Notice

Lisa Gifford

Lisa Gifford, 69, formerly of Hermiston, died Friday, September 19, 2024, at her home in Portland, Oregon. She was born January 12th, 1955, at The

Dalles, Oregon. A Celebration of Life will be held at 12pm, Friday, October 11th, 2024, at the Heppner Elks Lodge, Heppner, Oregon. Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in care of arrangements.

Heppner sweeps Dufur in four sets

The Heppner Mustangs secured an impressive victory against Dufur in a thrilling four-set match on Tuesday night, with scores of 25-17, 21-25, 25-12, and 25-13. After a slow start, the team found its rhythm, communicating better on the court and showcasing strong defensive plays and net presence.

Key Performers:

Hallee: 12 digs, 13 kills, 3 aces, 2 blocks

Ava: 14 digs, 10 kills, 24 assists, 10 aces

Maya: 5 digs, 13 kills, 12 assists, 1 ace

Isa: 9 digs, 4 kills, 3 aces

Avree: 4 digs, 1 kill, 2 aces

Spivey: 24 digs, 5 assists

After dropping the second set, the Mustangs quickly regrouped and came out strong, dominating the next two sets to secure the win. The team started off a little slow but found success once com-



Maya and Isa Payne both going for the block against Dufur. -Photo by Susie Hisler

munication improved and they took better care of the ball. Tough play at the net and strong defensive efforts on the court helped seal the victory.

The Mustangs' defense, led by Spivey's 24 digs, proved crucial in turning the momentum, while Ava's 10 aces kept Dufur off-balance throughout the match. Hallee and Maya led the attack with 13 kills each, showing versatility and power at the net.

Heppner dominates Irrigon in straight sets

The Heppner Mustangs claimed a decisive 3-0 victory over Irrigon, winning in straight sets with scores of 25-15, 25-19, and 25-18. Although the Mustangs faced early challenges with building momentum, they maintained their composure and focus, securing the win through consistent play.

Key Performers:

Hallee: 8 digs, 11 kills, 4 aces, 2 blocks

Ava: 6 digs, 4 kills, 11 assists, 4 aces

Maya: 6 digs, 7 kills, 7 assists, 3 aces

Isa: 7 digs, 7 kills, 1 ace, 2 blocks

Avree: 5 digs, 2 kills

Spivey: 16 digs, 2 assists, 3 aces

Despite the challenge of finding their rhythm early in the match, Heppner was able to capitalize on key plays both at the net and in defense. Hallee led the charge with 11 kills and 4 aces, while Spivey anchored the defense with an impressive 16 digs.

Heppner's ability to battle through the ups and downs of the game was ev-



Hallee Hisler with the kill block against Irrigon. -Photo by Susan Hisler

ident, as they remained focused and steady throughout the match. Isa's solid all-around performance, with 7 digs, 7 kills, and 2 blocks, helped the team maintain pressure on Irrigon, while Ava's 11 assists and 4 aces kept the offense running smoothly.

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Friday - Hot Turkey and tomato sandwich with corn chowder
Saturday - Ham & cream cheese wrap with macaroni salad
Sunday - Grilled Chicken Caesar salad
Monday - Fish tacos with chips
Tuesday - chicken plus burger fries
Tuesday night 6-9pm \$2 hard shell tacos
Wednesday - chicken tortilla soup with quesadilla