

BIRTH

**Good Shepherd Medical Center
Hermiston
JUNE 24, 2021**

BURNETT — Ashlynn N. and Zachary T. Burnett of Umatilla: a boy, Tyson Frederick Burnett.

**COVID-19 resilient
as rules lifting**

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UMATILLA COUNTY —The impacts of COVID-19 in Umatilla County will last much longer than the laws set up to contain it.

On Thursday, July 1, the state lifted the lion's share of its COVID-19 restrictions, meaning social distancing and mask requirements were lifted in almost all settings.

The following day, Umatilla County Board of Commissioners Chair George Murdock said he learned the county's contact tracing center will need to stay open for another two years. As the state leaves behind the remnants of the COVID-19 lockdown, Umatilla County will have to figure out how to protect a population that's overexposed and undervaccinated.

Alisha Lundgren, Umatilla County deputy health director, said unvaccinated residents would need to adopt precautions from the early days of the pandemic, before the virus infected more than 8,700 residents and killed 87: wash hands frequently and stay home when sick.

Even as many counties see their daily number of daily cases drastically shrink as vaccinations rise, COVID-19 has proven resilient in Umatilla County. While nowhere near the peaks of last summer and winter, Umatilla County has frequently reported double-digit daily COVID-19 case counts. On Wednesday, June 30, the 21 cases Umatilla County reported represented the largest case count of any county in the state, exceeding even the Portland metro counties.

BRIEFS

**Pendleton musician
brings country quartet
to Irrigon**

Pendleton-based singer-songwriter J.D. Kindle will perform during the upcoming Music in the Park in Irrigon.

James Dean Kindle & The Hyper Modern Country Quartet will take the stage Monday, July 12, at 7 p.m. at Irrigon Marina Park, 430 N.E. Eighth St. There is no admission charge. People are encouraged to bring a blanket or lawn chair and a picnic and beverages to enjoy while listening to the music.

The group features a traditional country band instrumentation performing a mixture of country and western styles, jazz, Mexican corridos and original songs by Kindle. The band recently released a limited edition lathe cut 7-inch vinyl single of the song "Lotus Blossom."

The summer concert series, which takes place every other Monday, continues July 26 featuring Cruise Control and the finale is Aug. 9 with Cale Moon. For questions, call Donna at 541-922-3197.

**Grants available for
humanities entities
affected by COVID-19**

Oregon Humanities is offering grants of up to \$20,000 for general operating support for humanities-focused organizations or project funding for any Oregon organization financially affected by COVID-19.

The funding is part of the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, distributed by the National Endowment for the Humanities. The deadline to apply is Aug. 27, 2021.

To be eligible, an organization must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, an accredited institution of higher education, a government agency or a federally recognized Native American tribe and have a 2021 operating budget of \$1.5 million or less. (Tribal governments are exempt from this restriction.)

The grants are intended to support organizations that include community and culture in their scope of work, including but not limited to museums or historical societies, libraries, archives, culture building organizations, culture preservation organizations, civic engagement organizations and community centers.

Applications will be accepted online at www.oregonhumanities.org.

For questions, contact Dawn Smallman, grants and programs coordinator, at d.smallman@oregonhumanities.org or 503-241-0543, ext. 110.

**Stanfield installs disc
golf course**

The city of Stanfield is in the process of installing the nine-hole course, which will feature baskets and tee markers.

It includes one par 4 and the rest of the holes are par 3. For a map of the course layout, search www.facebook.com/stanfieldparksandrec.

Players are invited to play at no charge. Watch for an official ribbon-cutting in the near future. For questions, call 541-449-3831 or visit <https://cityofstanfield.com>.

**Irrigon hosts summer
bazaar series**

Vendor space still is available for the Irrigon Summer Bazaar series. The next is Saturday, July 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Irrigon Plaza, 500 N.E. Main Ave. Set up at 8 a.m.

Vendors must supply their own table, chairs and canopy, if desired. They will have space for a 10-foot table. The cost is \$10.

The vendor application is available at www.ci.irrigon.or.us. Other summer bazaar dates are Aug. 7 and Aug. 28. For questions, contact manager@ci.irrigon.or.us or 541-922-3047.

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DEATH NOTICES

Dorothy S. Geer

Stanfield

Dec. 2, 1936 — July 3, 2021

Dorothy S. Geer, 84, of Stanfield, died Saturday, July 3, 2021, in Aloha. She was born Dec. 2, 1936, in Monett, Missouri. A private family burial will be held at the Echo Cemetery. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

Gerald R.C. Backen

Hermiston

Aug. 24, 1944 — July 2, 2021

Gerald R.C. Backen, 76, of Hermiston, died Friday, July 2, 2021, at his home. He was born Aug. 24, 1944, in Kalispell, Montana. A funeral service was held Tuesday, July 6, at 2 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1035 S.E. Ninth St., Hermiston. Burial will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

Ruthie D. Jackson

Hermiston

March 7, 1949 — July 1, 2021

Ruthie D. Jackson, 72, of Hermiston, died Thursday, July 1, 2021, in Hermiston. She was born March 7, 1949, in Laverne, Oklahoma. Arrangements are pending with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston.

Samuel Lamas Parra

Hermiston

Nov. 8, 1936 — July 1, 2021

Samuel Lamas Parra, 84, of Hermiston, died Thursday, July 1, 2021, in Irrigon. He was born Nov. 8, 1936, in San Juan Peyotan, Nayarit, Mexico. Mass of Christian Burial was Tuesday, July 6, at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church in Hermiston. Burial followed at Desert Lawn Memorial Cemetery, Irrigon. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Max Fredrick Kirklín

Beaverton

May 13, 1931 — June 26, 2021

Max Fredrick Kirklín, 90, of Beaverton, died Saturday, June 26, 2021, in Beaverton. He was born May 13, 1931, in Spokane. A graveside service will be held Saturday, July 10, at 10:30 a.m. at the Echo Cemetery, immediately followed by a celebration of life at Echo Ridge Cellars. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

Edward Leo Gunnyon

Goldendale, Washington

Sept. 19, 1939 — June 16, 2021

Edward Leo Gunnyon, 81, of Goldendale, Washington, died Wednesday, June 16, 2021, in Goldendale. He was born Sept. 19, 1939, in Toppensish, Washington. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston has provided assistance to the family.

Glenette R. (Buus) Williams

Umatilla

Oct. 25, 1945 — June 21, 2021

Glenette R. (Buus) Williams, 75, of Umatilla, died Monday, June 21, 2021. She was born Oct. 25, 1945, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. A private family celebration will be held. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

Charles 'Chuck' Wells

Emmett, Idaho

May 17, 1943 — June 21, 2021

Charles "Chuck" Wells, 78, of Emmett, Idaho, died Monday, June 21, 2021, at his home. He was born May 17, 1943, in Hermiston. See time and places of services at Potter Funeral Chapel, www.potterchapel.com.

Angel B. Joy

Irrigon

Feb. 4, 1953 — June 19, 2021

Angel B. Joy, 68, of Irrigon, died Saturday, June 19, 2021, in Hermiston. He was born Feb. 4, 1953, in Vega, Baja, Puerto Rico. A celebration of life service was held. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

Kathryn E. 'Kathy' Steinke

Stanfield

March 7, 1944 — June 19, 2021

Kathryn E. "Kathy" Steinke, 77, of Stanfield, died Saturday, June 19, 2021, at her home. She was born March 7, 1944, in Hermiston. A graveside service will be held Friday, July 9, at 10 a.m. at Pleasant View Cemetery in Stanfield. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

Jonathan B. 'Jon' Banker

Hermiston

Oct. 5, 1964 — June 24, 2021

Jonathan B. "Jon" Banker, 56, of Hermiston, died Thursday, June 24, 2021, in Hermiston. He was born Oct. 5, 1964, in Provo, Utah. A private family burial will be held. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

BRIEFS

**Crash kills two
Umatilla County
residents**

KENNEWICK — Two Umatilla County residents died early Thursday, July 1, in a car wreck near Kennewick.

The Washington State Patrol reported Maria D. Diaz De Benitez, 63, of Umatilla, and Andres V. Cabrales, 54, of Hermiston, both perished in the single-vehicle crash.

The state patrol responded to a report of a crash at about 5:57 a.m. on the eastbound lanes of Interstate 82 about 8 miles south of Kennewick.

According to WSP, Benitez was driving a 2004 Mercury Mountaineer and Cabrales was the passenger when the sport utility vehicle left the road.

Cabrales overcorrected, according to Washington State Patrol, and the vehicle struck the guardrail, plummeted down an embankment and landed on its top.

Both were wearing seatbelts, according to WSP, and died at the scene.

Washington State Patrol has no further information.

**VA offers free
Palliative Care Forum
for health care workers**

The Walla Walla VA Medical Center invites all who are interested to participate in its ninth annual Palliative Care Forum.

The virtual forum is a free skill-building workshop available to all health care professionals.

Guest speakers will discuss a variety of topics, including geriatric extended care, hospice,

suicide prevention, and health promotion/disease prevention.

The event is Friday, July 9 from 8 a.m. to noon via Webex at bit.ly/VAPCF2021. To sign in, use the security passcode j2Chpnz55p? if prompted.

No pre-registration is required. However, people who register in advance will receive a reminder email prior to the start of the event.

For more information, contact Sandra Lenz, palliative care coordinator, at 509-525-5200, ext. 26715.

**SNAP recipients
eligible for
replacement food**

Power outages can result in food spoiling, especially during the current excessive heat warning — and that can take a toll on Oregonians living on tight household budgets.

Citizens across the state who lose food purchased with Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits due to power outages are encouraged to apply for replacement benefits with the Oregon Department of Human Services.

SNAP recipients who lost or disposed of food that was unsafe to eat because of power outages can request replacement benefits.

The request must be submitted within 10 calendar days of the food loss by calling 800-699-9075 or emailing SSP.StatewideWorkshare@dshoha.state.or.us. Once approved, replacement benefits are added to the households existing Electronic Benefits Transfer card.

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

Community Worship

Featured this Week:
Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church

565 W. HERMISTON AVE.
MASS SCHEDULES
Monday-Friday/Lunes a Viernes..... English/Ingles 8:00 am
Tuesday-Friday/Martes a Viernes Spanish/Espanol 6:00 pm
SATURDAY/Sabado..... English/Ingles 5:00 pm
..... Spanish/Espanol 7:00 pm
SUNDAY English/Ingles 9:00 am
..... Spanish/Espanol 11:00 am/1:00 pm/6:00 pm
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<p>LANDMARK BAPTIST CHURCH 125 E. Beech Ave. • 567-3232 Pastor David Dever Sun. Bible Classes.....10:00am Sun. Worship Service.....11:00am Sun. Evening Worship.....6:00pm Wed. Prayer & Bible Study.....6:00pm www.hermistonlmbc.com</p>	<p>First Christian Church "Grow Your Faith Through God" Sunday School...9:00 am Worship Service...10:30 am 567-3013 775 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston</p>
<p>Hermiston Christian Center & School Sunday Gathering: 10:00 AM <i>This gathering is also livestreamed on our Facebook page.</i> Nursery care is available 3 years & under Kids Club available 4 years-5th grade Sunday Prayer Gathering: 6:00 PM NEED PRAYER? CONTACT US! 1825 W. Highland Ave. 541-567-3480 hcc4u.org hcc4u2020@gmail.com</p>	<p>Seventh-day Adventist Church Saturdays Sabbath School.....9:30 a.m. Worship Service.....11:00 a.m. English & Spanish Services 541-567-8241 855 W. Highland Ave. Hermiston, OR 97838</p>
<p>NEW BEGINNINGS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP Worship Service 10:30 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Pastor J.C. Barnett Children's Church & Nursery Available 700 West Orchard Avenue P.O. Box 933 Hermiston, Oregon 541-289-4774</p>	<p>St. Johns Episcopal Church Join Us On Our Journey With Jesus. Join us on ZOOM 9:00 AM Sunday Email: chuckb@eotnet.net for link N.E. Gladys Ave & 7th, Hermiston PH: 567-6672 We are an all inclusive Church who welcomes all.</p>

**To advertise in the Church Directory,
please contact Audra Workman
541-564-4538 or email
aworkman@eastoregonian.com**

PET OF THE WEEK

MEET MAX

Max is a senior-ish boy who loves his person. Does fine with cats and dogs but wants to be right next to you as much as he can. Does fine on a leash. Loves to sleep in bed with his people. He recently had a dental and had several teeth removed.

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If interested please go to fuzzballrescue.com and fill out an application.
If you are not able to adopt, but would like to foster or donate, visit fuzzballrescue.com or you can mail in donations to Fuzz Ball Animal Rescue, PO Box 580, Hermiston, OR 97838