

DEATH NOTICES

Delbert 'Gene' Gaines
March 23, 1948 — Aug. 30, 2021

Stanfield

Delbert "Gene" Gaines, 73, of Stanfield died Aug. 30, 2021, in Hermiston. He was born March 23, 1948, in Walla Walla, the son of Delbert and Dorothy Jean (Phelps) Gaines. A celebration of life will be held Oct. 2, 2 p.m. at the Life Church 222 S.W. Third St., Pilot Rock. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. To leave an online condolence for the family please go to www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Merle Franklin Hixson
Dec. 31, 1938 — Sept. 16, 2021

Hermiston

Merle Franklin Hixson, 82, of Hermiston died Thursday, Sept. 16, 2021, in Hermiston. He was born Dec. 31, 1938, in Baker City, the son of Earle and Mabel (Wallingford) Hixson. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston.

Warren William 'Bill' Pemberton

April 13, 1934 — Sept. 9, 2021

Arlington

Warren William "Bill" Pemberton, 87, of Arlington, died Sept. 9, 2021, at home while on hospice. He was born April 13, 1934, in San Francisco. A private family service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Please share memories of Bill with his family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Diana Lynne Gehring
Oct. 7, 1955 — Sept. 11, 2021

Hermiston

Diana Lynne Gehring, 65, of Hermiston, died Sept. 11, 2021, at her home in Hermiston. She was born Oct. 7, 1955, in Portland. Services will be announced. Please share memories of Diana with her family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston.

Nora June Reymundo
Aug. 27, 1959 — Sept. 1, 2021

Umatilla

Nora June Reymundo, 62, of Umatilla, died Sept. 1, 2021, in Portland. She was born Aug. 27, 1959, in Pendleton. Arrangements are pending. Please share memories of Nora at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston.

Colleen Ployhar

Jan. 4, 1932 — Jan. 23, 2020

Heppner

Colleen Ployhar, 88, former Heppner resident, died Jan. 23, 2020, in Hermiston. She was born Jan. 4, 1932, in Heppner. A graveside memorial service, following state COVID-19 guidelines, will be held Saturday, Sept. 25, at 10 a.m. at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery. Arrangements are with Sweetney Mortuary of Heppner.

Clarke 'Corky' Stephens
Nov. 1, 1927 — Sept. 17, 2021

Pendleton

Clarke "Corky" Stephens, 93, of Pendleton died Friday, Sept. 17, 2021. He was born Nov. 1, 1927, in Rock Creek. To view his obituary, visit www.hermistonherald.com or see next week's Hermiston Herald. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. To leave an online condolence for the family, visit www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Maxine Michel Hathaway

Aug. 11, 1931 — Sept. 16, 2021

Baker City

Maxine Elaine Michel Hathaway, 90, of Baker City died Thursday, Sept. 16, 2021. She was born Aug. 11, 1931, in Middleton, Idaho. To view her obituary, visit www.hermistonherald.com or see next week's Hermiston Herald. Arrangements are with Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, Baker City. To offer online condolences to her family, visit www.grayswestco.com.



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Gary and Shirley David

Gary and Shirley David celebrate 55th anniversary

Gary David and Shirley (Jackson) David of Irrigon will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary. They were married Sept. 24, 1966, at the home of the bride's parents in Irrigon. The couple has two children, Monica David and Rodney David; two grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Gary retired in 1998 after a

32-year career in law enforcement, including with the Polk County Sheriff's Office, Sweet Home Police Department and the Milton-Freewater Police Department. Shirley, who performed secretarial work, retired in 2010 after 15 years with the city of Walla Walla, prior to that she worked 16 years at Western Oregon University, in Monmouth.

Lemonade Run comes up roses for area foster kids

Portland soccer teams kick in with help

By TAMMY MALGESINI
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The Department of Human Services in Umatilla and Morrow counties recently completed a second Lemonade Run, obtaining free clothing for area foster children and youths.

Portland-based Project Lemonade's goal is to send children in the state's care back-to-school with self-esteem and confidence by helping to ensure they are dressed like every other kid on the playground. Knowing that foster kids often are removed from their home with little notice, they barely have time to gather their thoughts, much less many belongings.

Marvin Hamilton, a regional recruitment and retention champion for the DHS Child Welfare program, said even though area foster families can make an appointment to shop at the Project Lemonade store, the logistics of making a trip to Portland sometimes can be difficult. Earlier this year, he reached out to the nonprofit organization about doing a mass order for his two districts, which includes seven counties stretching from Hood River to Milton-Freewater. He proposed picking up the order from the Lloyd Center store and then delivering the items to caseworkers who would



Marvin Hamilton/Contributed Photo

George Fochive and Bill Tuiloma, both Portland Timbers midfielders, shop for Eastern Oregon foster children as part of Project Lemonade at Lloyd Center in Portland.

distribute them to the foster children in Eastern Oregon communities.

Project Lemonade started when founder Rhonda Meadows rallied support from a group of caring community members, who came together and created a pop-up store for foster youths to shop for free. Since then, the project has evolved into a brick-and-mortar store at Lloyd Center in Portland.

The initial Eastern Oregon trial Lemonade Run was conducted in May with area resource families placing orders with desired sizes, colors and styles — volunteers at Project Lemonade then "shopped" for the children. Hamilton said more than four dozen individual bags of clothing and accessories were picked up

and delivered to 52 area children in the foster care system.

For the second run, on Sept. 14, Project Lemonade changed its online form to make it more accessible for foster families in Eastern Oregon to complete an order for pick up. Project Lemonade, Hamilton said, is all about clothing children who are getting ready to go back to school.

"They wanted this run to be especially full and recruited help to shop for the children," Hamilton said.

Members of the Portland Timbers and Portland Thorns FC kicked it up a notch — heading to Project Lemonade to help fill the orders for foster kids in the state's care in Eastern Oregon. Hamilton said a total of 89 bags of clothing — repre-

senting the wants and needs of 89 children and youths — were shopped for by members of the professional soccer teams who were thrilled to be helping. Although he's wearing a face mask, a Tik Tok video of Timbers midfielder Bill Tuiloma can't hide the excitement in his eyes while shopping for a 5-year-old girl.

Project Lemonade has been a great supporter of children in care and has gone through great efforts to fill the orders of all the children on the east end of the state," Hamilton said.

In addition to its busy summer back-to-school shopping schedule, Project Lemonade provides year-round services for youths entering foster care, changing homes or as referred by a caseworker. According to the nonprofit organization's website, approximately 80% of the clothing available in its store is new, donated by corporate in-kind partners or purchased through fundraising.

Project Lemonade is currently accepting donations of new clothing and accessories, as well as new and gently used books and stuffed animals. In addition, financial contributions are welcome. For more information, visit www.projectlemonadepdx.org.

In addition, Hamilton said there is a great need for resource (foster) parents in the Umatilla/Morrow county area. For more information, call 800-331-0503.

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