

LOCAL BRIEFING

From staff reports

Transportation meeting canceled

ENTERPRISE — The Community Connection of Wallowa County Transportation Advisory Council meeting scheduled for Sept. 13 has been canceled. It will be rescheduled at a later date. For more information, contact Assistant Transit Manager David Ross at 541-426-3840 or david@ccno.org.

'Swift Night Out' is a party with a cause

LA GRANDE — Blue Mountains Conservancy's

"Swift Night Out" begins at 5 p.m. Sept. 13 at Max Square to celebrate the fall migration of Vaux's swifts that gather to roost in a chimney of the Foley Building. The event includes food, music, kids' activities and viewing the birds at dusk.

Adoptive families invited to Saturday picnic

LA GRANDE — Eastern Oregon Adoptive Families will have a potluck at Riverside Park in La Grande Sept. 15. Meet at 5:30 p.m. near the playground for eating and

socializing. Bring a potluck dish to share and a lawn chair. All are welcome. For further information, see the Eastern Oregon Adoptive Families Facebook page.

UC Senior Center closed tomorrow

LA GRANDE — The Union County Senior Center will be closed Sept. 13 for staff training.

Volunteers sought for pheasant release

LA GRANDE — Oregon Department of Fish and

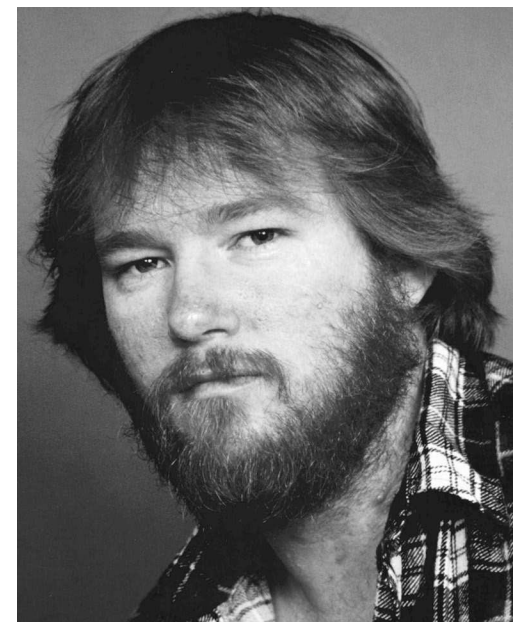
Wildlife is having its annual Youth Pheasant Hunt at Ladd Marsh Wildlife Area Sept. 15-16. Volunteers to help release the pheasants at 5 p.m. Sept. 14 are welcome.

Adult craft offered Saturday at library

LA GRANDE — Adults are invited to upcycle a T-shirt into a tote bag from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Sept. 15 at Cook Memorial Library in the Community Room. Participants should bring T-shirts or wide-strapped tank tops. Registration is not required.

Vernon Dewayne Powell, 58 (Snowflake)

March 20, 1960 - September 5, 2018



Vernon Dewayne Powell, 58, of La Grande, passed away on Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at Grande Ronde Hospital. Funeral Service will be held at Loveland Funeral Chapel on Friday, September 14, 2018 at 10:00am. Casual dress is preferred by the family.

Vernon was born on March 20, 1960 in Baker, Oregon to Carl and Nita (Howland) Powell. Vernon traveled the world with his father in the Army; Germany, Italy, and Colorado. He attended elementary school in Baker and military post, middle school in Germany where he played football and graduated high school in Vicenza, Italy.

Vernon was employed with Gunnels Logging and Gilmore Logging. After high school, he flew in helicopters to the top of the Rocky Mountains to pour cement footings for new high voltage towers. He loved to fish and explore old Indian grounds.

Vernon is survived by his children; Carl Powell II of Vancouver, WA, Cory Powell of Vancouver, WA, Wayne Barnes of La Grande, OR, Lee Anne Barnes of La Grande, and Rikki RaeAnna Abercrombie of Garibaldi, OR; parents, Carl and Nita Powell; sister, LaDonna Blagg (Jarred) of La Grande; grandchild, Calie Rose Powell and nephews, Bailey, Reese and Hayden Blagg; 12 maternal aunts and uncles and two paternal aunts.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Carl C. Powell; daughter, Genevieve L. Powell; grandparents, Carl and Zelda Powell and grandparents James and Loren Howland.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com.

OBITUARIES

Beverly A. (Boe) Haynes
La Grande
1939-2018

Beverly Arlene Haynes, 79, of La Grande, died Sept. 6 at her daughter's home.



At her request, there will not be a service.

Beverly was born Jan. 19, 1939, in Glendive, Montana, to Ray and Etna (Coon) Boe. She lived most of her life in Oregon. Beverly attended Lakeview grade school and graduated from Grant Union High School in 1957. She married Norman Gail Haynes on March 31, 1959.

Beverly earned a degree in elementary education in 1972 from what is now Eastern Oregon University. She worked as a teacher's aide for the La Grande School District from 1980 to 2001. Her favorite hobbies and activities were reading, knitting and vacationing at the Oregon Coast. Beverly liked to say, "I'm not perfect, and I don't expect anyone else to be perfect."

Survivors include her children and their spouses, Dawn and Duane Hill of Maryland, Mark and Tracy Haynes of Eugene, Kim Haynes and Shawn Gorham of La Grande, and Kyle Haynes and Kim White of Newberg; siblings, Wallace Boe of Prineville and Janice Ellison of John Day; and 16 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Norman, and brother, Dean Boe.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Cook Memorial Library, 2006 Fourth St., La Grande, 97850.

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Richard F. Titus

Formerly of Union
1939-2018

Richard Ferrin Titus, 78, formerly of Union, died Sept. 6. A service will be held at 9 a.m.

Sept. 13 at Virgil T. Golden Funeral Home in

Salem, followed by a 12:30 p.m. burial at Wilamette National Cemetery in Portland, where he will be laid to rest next to his wife, Jill.

Richard was born Nov. 11, 1939, in Union, to Gertrude and Marvin Titus. He was raised with two brothers and two sisters. In 1957, Richard graduated from Union High School, where he lettered in both basketball and football.

Richard served in the U.S. Navy from 1963 to 1966 as a radioman based in San Diego, California. While serving in the Navy, he met and fell in love with Jill Carleyann Hermanson. They married on Jan. 2, 1964, and had two sons and two daughters. They were married 40 years until Jill's passing in October 2004.

After honorably serving his country, Richard and Jill moved to Oregon, where he worked as an electrician at Prowler Industries in Pendleton. They lived in Pendleton with their children until 1985, when the family moved to a country property on the outskirts of Salem.

Richard enjoyed hunting,

fishing, coin collecting, all things Western, antiques, watching football and spending time with his family. He will be remembered for his great storytelling ability and his quick wit and sense of humor.

Survivors include his children, Mike, Steve, Sonya and Shari; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Ronald L. Taylor

La Grande
1937-2018

Ronald Lee Taylor, 81, of La Grande, died Sept. 7. A viewing will be held from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Sept. 13 and Sept. 14 at the Macy and Son Funeral Home Chapel in McMinnville.

A service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Sept. 15 at Willamina High School. A service will be held in La Grande at a later time.

Ronald was born Aug. 29, 1937, in Portland, to Lee and Lillian Taylor. He grew up in Oregon and spent his younger years in Blaine.



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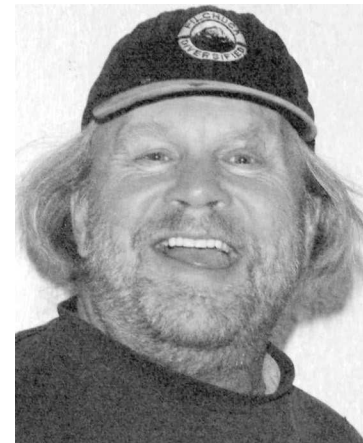
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Stephen Anthony Hewitt, 61

September 15, 1956 - July 31, 2018

Stephen Anthony Hewitt, 61, longtime resident of Union, Oregon passed away at home with his family at his bedside on July 31, 2018 from a long-term illness. Steve is now present with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be on September 15, 2018 (this would have been Steve's 62nd birthday) at 11:15 am at Catherine Creek State



beaches of the Oregon Coast they were together with their faithful dogs; Pudgy (deceased) and now Sassy (Steve's Dalmatian shadow). Steve was an avid sports enthusiast, both as a participant and spectator. He also very competitively played many games of cards!

Steve loved and was loved by children (even on his Einstein hair days) because of his compassionate heart. He desired

to be and was a great father, husband, brother, and grandfather. Many in his circle of friends and family would love to have your presence and participation in a BBQ and potluck meal following the service.

Steve was born to James E. Hewitt and Phyllis M. Downton Hewitt on September 15, 1956 in La Grande, OR. He was raised in Union and spent most of his school career attending school there. Steve served our country while in the US Army. Steve had many nicknames: Hewey, Chip, Brother Love, Rail God

In 1974 Steve followed in his father and grandfather's footsteps and was fortunate to land a job with the Union Pacific Railroad. His long-lasting and fulfilling career with UPRR lasted for 37 years. Steve received recognition and achieved many awards while working for Union Pacific Railroad, especially in the area of safety.

In 1987 Steve met his mate and the love of his life, Laurie Ann Moseley Hewitt for the second time in his life. Together they raised their four boys in Union and surrounding areas.

He loved his family, friends, and the outdoors. He desired to share and pass on the skills he learned in life to the new generation; this is what put a smile on his face. The differing seasons of the year dictated where Steve and Laurie spent their time. Whether hiking and mushrooming in the beautiful Elk Horn Mountains or the Eagle Cap Wilderness, biking around Union or participating in the 26 mile Oregon Reach The Beach (ALA fundraiser), boating and fishing on the many rivers of Oregon, camping, rock-hounding, or walking the

to be and was a great father, husband, brother, and grandfather. Many in his circle of friends and family thought of him as a master fisherman because he could catch a trophy fish out of a mud hole and then teach you how to do the same.

Steve is survived by immediate family consisting of the love of his life Laurie A. Hewitt Union, OR; sons, Anthony J. Hewitt and daughter-in-law Loni Hewitt of Louisville, KY, Christopher A. West of Minneapolis, MN, and Stephen Scott Hewitt and Nicole, of Las Vegas, NV; pseudo daughter, Arlee Anderson of La Grande, OR; mother, Phyllis Downton Hewitt of Florence, OR; sisters; Stephanie A. Hewitt and Ken of Raymond, WA, Sharlayne A. Soles and Jesse of La Grande, OR, Sheryl A. Curtis and Al of Hebo, OR; fourteen grandchildren and nine nephews and nieces. Also, his closest friends, Larry Anderson, Mike Boone, Roe Decker, Amos Hoyt, David Hoyt, Scott Ketel, Danny Putman, Jesse Soles and Greg Thompson. Steve was preceded in death by his grandparents; father, James E. Hewitt, and eldest son Brian D. West.

In lieu of flowers, Steve requested that contributions be made to Mountain States Tumor Institute (M.S.T.I) of Fruitland, ID, 1210 NW 16th Street, Fruitland, ID 83619

The majority of this obituary was written by Steve a few months after his cancer diagnosis. He closed his handwritten note with the following: "Remember, you reap what you sow," "To all farewell, good night, and God Bless;" and "If you have any complaints feel free to look me up."

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com.