

# LOCAL BRIEFING

## Eat Ground Hog on Groundhog Day

**UNION** — The Veteran of Foreign Wars High Valley Post 4060 has announced its members “have caught the pesky Ground Hog” and will serve it for breakfast on Groundhog Day, Feb. 2, from 7 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (or until the Ground Hog runs out) at the VFW Hall in Union. The menu will feature omelets and Ground Hog gravy and biscuits, plus coffee, tea, juice and milk. Admission is \$7, \$5 for students. For more information, contact Post Commander Ken McCormack at 541-805-9321.

## Log rolling Saturdays are back

**LA GRANDE** — Veterans’ Memorial Pool invites you to “come test your lumber Jack or Jill skills,

challenge a friend, and get some good old-fashioned exercise” on log rolling Saturdays. Back by popular demand, the log will be out and ready to use Feb. 2 and March 2 between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Cost is regular admission or any current membership.

## Elgin Stampede Crab Feed set for Saturday

**ELGIN** — The annual Elgin Stampede Crab Feed takes place Feb. 2 at the Elgin Stampede Hall on Highway 82 beginning at 4 p.m. and continuing until the crab is gone. The meal includes all-you-can eat crab with baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw and garlic bread. Age 65 and older eat for \$36, age 13-64 for \$39, age 8-12 for \$28 and age 7 and younger for \$13.

## ACE now offers preschool

**LA GRANDE** — “Preschool at ACE with Miss Jenny” will be offered February through May at Art Center East, 1006 Penn Ave., La Grande. The morning preschool will be held from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. twice a week, on Tuesdays and Fridays, for children ag 30 months to 6 years. Tuition is \$140 for ACE members, \$160 for non-members.

Miss Jenny will lead the children through an enriching morning of Montessori-style activities, including art, music, fine motor skills and an introduction to basic math and science concepts. Children will learn in an environment that values cooperation, creativity and personal expression. For more

information and to register, email [info@artcentereast.org](mailto:info@artcentereast.org), call 541-624-2800 or go to [www.artcentereast.org](http://www.artcentereast.org).

## LG School District continues work on strategic plan

**LA GRANDE** — The La Grande School District Strategic Plan Committee will meet Feb. 5 in the District Office Conference Room at 1305 N. Willow. The purpose of the meeting, which will run from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., is to continue to work on the district’s strategic plan.

## Friends of Scouting breakfast on Feb. 6

**LA GRANDE** — The annual Friends of Scouting fundraiser breakfast will be served Feb. 6 at the Presbyterian Friendship Center, 1204 Spring

St., La Grande, starting a 6:30 a.m. The cost of the breakfast has been covered by an anonymous donor, but those attending are invited to leave a contribution. Youth and adult Eagle Scouts will share the values they learned from Scouting, and attendees will enjoy a breakfast prepared by Master Chef Merlyn Baker and a video from the annual Klondike Derby snow competition. To register go to [www.bsau.org](http://www.bsau.org) or call 541-963-4650.

## Reserve a seat at Ducks Unlimited banquet

**ENTERPRISE** — The Wallowa County Chapter of Ducks Unlimited will have its annual banquet and auction Feb. 9 at Cloverleaf Hall at the Wallowa County Fairgrounds in

Enterprise. Doors open at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$60, or \$80 for two, and the dinner will feature Stangel buffalo, chicken and pulled pork. Children age 10 and younger eat free. For more information and to buy tickets, call Gene at 541-828-7795 or go to [www.ducks.org/oregon/events/56632/wallowa-county-ducks-unlimited-dinner-banquet](http://www.ducks.org/oregon/events/56632/wallowa-county-ducks-unlimited-dinner-banquet).

## Chair exercise class is free and open to all

The Union County Senior Center offers an exercise class with chairs three times a week. The free class is open to all ages and is held from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the senior center, 1504 N. Albany St., La Grande.

## Timothy W. Hudson

La Grande

Timothy W. Hudson, 61, of La Grande, died Jan. 28 at a local care facility. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

## Keegan P. Steele

La Grande

1998-2019

Keegan Pierce Steele, 20, of La Grande, died Jan. 26 at his residence. A celebration of his life will be held at 2 p.m. Feb. 2 at Loveland Funeral Chapel.



Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory is handling the arrangements. Keegan was born March 22, 1998, in La Grande, to Dan Steele and Sandra Parsons. He was a beautiful bald baby boy that his family immediately fell in love with. His mom always told him, “There is no love greater than a mother’s love.” According to his family, Keegan had a huge heart and encouraged everyone he met. He loved spending time with his family, children and friends. His children were his best friends. An artist at heart, Keegan enjoyed writing, drawing and making knives. He cared about his appearance and worked on himself through lifting weights. Keegan had recently been accepted into Eastern Oregon University and was enrolled to graduate with a psychology degree. This was a huge accomplishment for him, as his dream was to help people with what he had been struggling with in life. Survivors include his children, Philiandra Lynn, Maxon Lee and Isabella Dawn; parents, Sandra Parsons of La Grande and Dan Steele and Peggy Reiss of Perry; brothers, Chris Parsons and wife, Mandi, of Union, and Tyler Steele of Hubbard; sister, Katie Baker and husband, Dan, of Boise, Idaho; aunts and

uncles, Gary and Robert Parsons, Toni Harding, Cheri Evanoff, Danelle Beebe, and Chris, Matt, Brian and Scott Steele; five nieces and nephews; and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Dan and Betty Steele; maternal grandparents, Phyllis and Dewey Knight; and nephew, Draek Parsons. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com](http://www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com).

## June E. (Ades) Webster

Formerly of La Grande

1917-2019

June Elizabeth Webster, 101, formerly of La Grande, died Jan. 25 at her residence in Gaston.



A viewing will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Jan. 31 at Loveland Funeral Chapel. A graveside service will begin at 1 p.m. Feb. 1 at the Island City Cemetery.

June was born June 3, 1917, in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho, to Charles M. and Alice I. (Overton) Ades. She attended schools in Newport, Eugene and Portland and received business training at Eugene Business College.

On April 30, 1937, June married Carl K. Webster in Vancouver, Washington. After living in Eugene, in 1942 June and Carl moved to La Grande and farmed in the Grande Ronde Valley.

June worked in the Forestry Department at Boise Cascade Corporation for 15 years. After retirement, she spent many happy years tending to her yard, garden and flowers. She also spent many hours with her great-grandchildren. June was a 50-year member of Hope Chapter No. 13, Order of Eastern Star, and was Mother Adviser and board member of Rainbow for Girls. She was also a 50-year member of Nydia Temple No. 4, Daughters of the Nile. Survivors include her

daughters and sons-in-law, Sandra K. and Alex Ramirez of Nampa, Idaho, and Linda R. and Denny Adams of Webb Iowa; son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Lisa Webster of Hillsboro; and six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl K. Webster; son, Douglas C. Webster; and two brothers and a sister.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Grande Ronde Hospital Hospice (P.O. Box 3290, La Grande 97850), the Blue Mountain Humane Association (3212 Hwy 30, La Grande 97850) or an organization of your choice.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com](http://www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com).

## James ‘Butch’ Sequeira

La Grande

1947-2019

James “Butch” Sequeira, 72, of La Grande, died Jan. 21 at his residence. A celebration of his life was held Jan. 26 at the Island City City Hall.

Known as Butch, he was born Aug. 24, 1947, in Oakland, California, to James and Joan (Lopes) Sequeira. He was a longtime La Grande resident, but he grew up and spent

his young adult years in Northern California. He married Cyndi three years ago, preceded by 22 years of courting.

Butch was an avid fisherman and gambler. His time was spent in the mountains or around the card table, and he lived by the book of Hoyle. His love of football and horse racing was unparalleled. Butch loved to dance and enjoyed all types of music. His best moments were the first cup of coffee in the morning with a plate of linguica and eggs.

Survivors include his wife, Cynthia; children, Bryce Gilstrap of La Grande, Cami Miller of La Grande, Michael Sequeira of New York, New York, Amber Sequeira of Springfield, Ashley Yates of Lake Oswego, Seneca Sequeira of Tri-Cities, Washington, and Shanel Sequeira of Valencia, California; and 18 grandchildren.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com](http://www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com).

## Denise E. Puchbauer

Formerly of Union

1958-2019

Denise Elaine Puchbauer, 80, of Newbury Park, California, and formerly of Union, died Jan. 2 in Thousand Oaks, California.



A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Feb. 16 at the United Methodist Church

in Westlake Village, California.

Denise was born March 18, 1958, in Georgia, to Truman Carl and Margaret Karen Puchbauer. She grew up in Oregon and loved swimming and riding horses with her three sisters and brother. She graduated as the valedictorian of the Union High School class of 1976 and earned a bachelor’s degree in sociology from Southern Oregon State. She married Bernard Corwin and raised two daughters. They ventured to Newbury Park, California, her home of more than 25 years.

Denise was a traveler and soul-seeker. She was a skilled graphic designer and marketing executive who inspired others with her creativity. Denise swam fearlessly into the wild Pacific and danced. A kind spirit, she loved being a mother and hoped for a positive future.

Survivors include her daughters, Angelina Corwin and Natalie Corwin;

father, Truman; sisters, Janis Kerrigan, Trish Weger and Diane Puchbauer; brother, Jim Puchbauer; and first husband, Bernard.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Karen, in 2015.

# OBITUARIES

## Local funerals and visitations

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## Joyce Ann Huey

August 24, 1952 - January 25, 2019

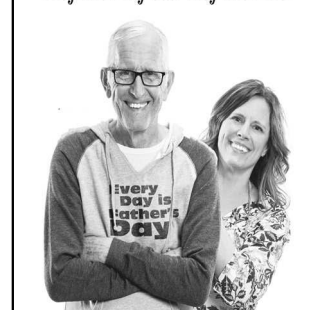
Joyce Ann Huey, 66, of Union, passed away on Friday, January 25, 2019. At her request, there will be no service.

Joyce was born on August 24, 1952 in Bend, Oregon to Richard and Silvia (Callison) Hartzell. She graduated from Redmond High School. Joyce served our country while in the United States Army.

Joyce is survived by her children; Heather Daggett (Dan) of Union, OR and LouAnn Hendry (Chris) of La Pine, OR; mother, Silvia Hartzell of Klamath Falls, OR; brothers, Phill Hartzell (Brenda) of Paulina, OR and Steve Hartzell (Colleen) of Bly, OR; sister, Paula Griffin of Redmond, OR; 6 grandchildren; Breanna Daggett, Taylor Daggett, Wyatt Daggett, Cortanie Hendry, Allyson Hendry and Forest Hendry; aunts and uncles, Beth Grimes and Maggie Olson. She was preceded in death by her father, Richard Hartzell and brother, Doug Hartzell.

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