

LOCAL BRIEFING

From staff reports

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UNION COUNTY SENIOR CENTER
1504 N. ALBANY ST.,
LA GRANDE
LUNCH MENU
MARCH 18-22

MONDAY: soup and salad bar, freshly baked bread, dessert.
TUESDAY: chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, steamed green beans, spinach salad, rolls, fruit.

WEDNESDAY: pork roast with gravy, boiled red potatoes, steamed ginger carrots, fruited Jell-O, rolls, baked apples.

THURSDAY: cabbage rolls, vegetable casserole, sweet onion-cucumber salad, fruit, dessert.

FRIDAY: chicken pot pie, salad greens, fresh fruit, ginger snaps.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Arrested: Keith R. Papineau, 61, Elgin, was arrested on a Union County warrant charging failure to appear in court on charges of unlawful use of a firearm, pointing a firearm at another, menacing, unlawful possession of a firearm, second-degree disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

Arrested: Taylor Joenne Prince, 21, unknown address, was arrested on a Union County warrant charging failure to appear in court on a charge of third-degree theft.

Accident: Nobody was injured in a traffic accident at Pierce Road and Highway 82 Thursday. The accident was reported at 3:39 p.m.

Arrested: Amber Suzanne Glaze, 37, unknown address, was arrested on a Union County secret in dictment warrant charging first-degree burglary and first-degree theft.

Arrested: John Ivan Shepherd, 56, La Grande, was arrested while in custody at the Union County Jail on a Union County warrant charging a probation violation. The alleged probation violation was connected to an original charge of distributing a controlled substance, meth.

Arrested: Wendy Kae Cox, 51, La Grande, was arrested while in custody at the Union County Jail on a Union County warrant charging a probation violation. The alleged probation violation was connected to original charges of harassment and interfering with making a report.

Arrested: Kyle Taylor Bartram, 25, La Grande, was arrested while in custody at the Union County Jail on a Union County warrant charging a probation violation. The alleged probation violation was connected to an original charge of possession of a controlled substance, meth.

LA GRANDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Cited: Mart Van Dine, 63, Elgin, was cited on a charge of theft of services.

Arrested: Landon Tyrel Huddleston, 26, unknown address, was arrested while lodged in the Union County Jail on a parole violation warrant. The warrant was connected to original charges of unlawful possession of meth and unlawful delivery of meth. The warrant also had an order to show cause why probation should should not be revoked.

Arrested: Robert Thomas Fox Jr., 29, unknown address, was arrested while lodged in the Union County Jail on a Union County warrant charging driving under the influence of intoxicants and reckless driving.

LA GRANDE FIRE DEPARTMENT

La Grande Fire Department responded to three calls for medical on Thursday.

Public Safety Report

The Public Safety Report is compiled from police blotter information supplied by local law enforcement agencies and fire department reports. Individuals named as arrested and/or charged with crimes in this report are presumed innocent until proved guilty in a court of law.

Gardening class takes on pest management

ISLAND CITY — The next OSU Master Gardener class at the Union County Extension office, 10507 N. McAllister, Island City, will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. March 19. The individual classes are open to the community for \$5. "Integrated Pest Management" will be the subject of the class. For

more information and to RSVP for classes, call the OSU Union County Extension office at 541-963-1010.

Union Rural Fire Protection Board meets Tuesday

UNION — The La Union Rural Fire Protection Board will meet March 19. The board meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Union Fire Hall.

For more information, call 541-910-3114.

Public is welcome at Imbler School Board meeting

IMBLER — The Imbler School District Board of Directors will have its regular March meeting on the 19th. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in Room 1 of the high school. The public is welcome to attend all open sessions of the

Imbler School District Board of Directors.

South County Health District postpones meeting

UNION — The South County Health District's regularly scheduled board meeting on March 19 has been changed to March 26. The meeting will be held at 5 p.m. at the Union City Hall. One topic of discussion will be options for phar-

macy services in Union.

Gamblers Anonymous meets weekly in La Grande

LA GRANDE — Gamblers Anonymous meetings are held every Friday in the basement of the Church of Christ, 2107 Gekeler Lane, La Grande. The meetings begin at 5:30 p.m. For more information, call 971-219-8411.

Howard G. DePriest

La Grande
1934-2019

Howard Gray DePriest, 84, of La Grande, died March 13 at Grande Ronde Hospital. As he requested, his ashes will be spread at his favorite location up on Mt. Emily.

Howard was born Sept. 20, 1934, in Dierks, Arkansas, to Oscar Ray and Bessie Lee (Edmonds) DePriest. In 1940, the family moved to Oregon, settling in Lakeview before moving to Roseburg.

In 1952, Howard graduated from high school and enlisted in the U.S. Army as a paratrooper then served in the Army Corps of Engineers. He was stationed overseas, in Japan and Korea, building roads and operating large machinery to help with the war effort. He was honorably discharged in 1955 as a master sergeant. Howard then worked several jobs in Roseburg until 1957, when he moved to Richland to work for Morrison Knudsen.

In July 1958, Howard met his future wife, Janelle Singleton, and they were

married March 7, 1959. Howard and Janelle moved to Roseburg, where they had three children: Kimberli Dawn, Julie Ann and Scott Michael. In 1967, the family moved to La Grande, where Howard worked for Boise Cascade. He did several jobs before being promoted to head carpenter until he retired in 1999, after 32 years.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Janelle; children, Kimberli Stofel, Julie DePriest and Scott DePriest; and seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters and one brother; and one great-granddaughter.

Condolences may be sent to the family at 10409 W. Fourth St., Island City 97850, or emailed to grayone2@frontier.com

Jack S. Warren

La Grande
1956-2019

Jack S. Warren, 62, of La Grande, died Feb. 23. He was cremated and as he requested there will not be a service.

Jack was born April 14, 1956, to Arthur Warren

and Sherryl Burke. He was married to Theresa Brown for 42 years and they had five children. They lived in Minnesota for many years before moving to Union and then to La Grande.

Jack loved to draw and do glass etching. Tinkering with things was his passion. He could fix almost anything and enjoyed electronics. He served in the U.S. Army until he got hurt and was discharged. He worked all over until he got sick.

Jack loved the Lord and would talk scriptures all the time. He always tried to help people in need, and often gave people a meal and a warm place to stay. Sherryl Barrett and Alisha Barrett helped him in many ways, and when he was in the hospital in Boise, Sonja Warren was by his side every day.

Survivors include his wife, Theresa Warren of La Grande; mother, Sherryl Burke of Union; Dortha and Warren Sutor of Union, Sean and Sonja Warren of Idaho, Perry and Nancy Warren of Union, Sherryl Barrett and Gil Silva of Union, Stuart and Rachel Warren of La Grande, and Regena Warren of Elgin; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Arthur

Warren; great-niece Shannon Miller; and great-nephew Briar Warren.

Joy R. Jones

La Grande

Joy R. Jones, 67, of La Grande, died March 13 at Grande Ronde Hospital. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

Robert M. Upward

La Grande

Robert M. Upward, 65, of La Grande, died March 11. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. March 20 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory is handling the arrangements.

Rene Stevens

North Powder

Rene Stevens, 90, of North Powder and formerly of Christmas Valley, died March 9. A traditional graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. March 18 at Grandview Cemetery in La Grande. On April 6, a memorial service will be held at the Summerville Baptist Church at 2 p.m. An obituary is forthcom-

ing. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home of Halfway. Online condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Robert L. Bullock

Formerly of Cove
1927-2019

Robert L. (Bob) Bullock, 91, formerly of Cove, died March 1 at his granddaughter's home in Santa Maria, California. A private service will be held. An obituary is forthcoming. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Dignity Health Hospice of Santa Maria or Honor Flight of the central coast.

Local funerals and visitations

The Observer publishes obituaries that conform to its obituary policy at no cost. Obituaries must be under 450 words and are edited for newspaper style. Paid advertising space is also available for those who want additional information included. For more information, call The Observer at 541-963-3161.

Daniel S. Pokorney

February 4, 1954 - March 11, 2019

Daniel S. Pokorney, age 65, of La Grande, Oregon. On Monday March 11th 2019, God's servant Daniel went to join Him in heaven. Daniel wore many hats, Husband, Father, Brother, Civil Servant, Caregiver, Coffee Lover, Knights of Columbus 4th Degree, and Advocate for Life. He was born in Grand Island, Nebraska on Thursday February 4, 1954 to William and Ruby Jeanne

Pokorney of Ravanna Nebraska. After 19 years in Nebraska, Daniel and his wife Linda headed west and settled in La Grande, Oregon. They fell in love with the town and the community and made it their permanent home until his death.

Daniel worked for Boise Cascade at both the sawmill in La Grande and the particleboard plant in Island City for 40 years. He served a number of years on the La Grande School Board and as Mayor of La Grande, in total sixteen years of elected service to the community. He was a true-blooded patriotic American that loved his country. The fight for life at conception was a focal point in his later life and he worked hard to spread the word on the *Right to Life* movement.

Daniel was a hard worker and dedicated to providing a good life for his family. The family bond is strong and he always taught his children the importance of leaving a good legacy. Legacy was important to him. He was able to fulfill that legacy and pass down his story by writing a book and having it published. "*Tragedy to Grace*" was a lifetime goal of his and once completed he felt that his legacy will live on through the hearts of the people who read and were inspired by the book.

He is survived by his brother David Pokorney of Pagosa Springs, Co, his son Jason Daniel Pokorney of Meridian Id, his daughter DaLyn Elizabeth Anderson of Coeur d'Alene Id, Granddaughter Delaney Jade Pokorney of Meridian Id. He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Ruby Jeanne Pokorney and his brothers Tommy and Billy Pokorney, his wife Linda Louise Pokorney (MIIgerl), his grandparents Sherman and Nellie Stickney, and daughter Diedra Marie Pokorney.

The Recitation of the Rosary will be held at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church on Sunday, March 17, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church on Monday, March 18, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. Final interment will be held later at the Highland Park Cemetery in Ravenna, Nebraska. Those who wish may make contributions in his memory to the Right to Life in care of Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, 1502 7th Street, La Grande, Oregon 97850.



Valerie Joan Wilson

April 19, 1956 - February 27, 2019



Valerie Joan Wilson passed away peacefully surrounded by her husband and children on February 27, 2019. Valerie was born in Baker City, Oregon, on April 19, 1956, to Chet and Myrnie Koontz of Hereford, Oregon. She was one of nine children born into the Koontz family. She spent her childhood on the family ranch in Hereford, riding horses, milking cows and helping her dad out in the field. She loved playing cards with her family, which turned into a lifelong pastime. In 1982, Valerie met the love of her life, Rodney Wilson. It didn't take long for them to make a lifelong commitment. They did everything together. Taking long drives in the country, playing cards with Chet and Myrnie, and helping brand calves was how they spent their time together. Rod and Val tied the knot on January 10, 1986. Quickly, their family grew. By 1990, they had four children; Randi, Jocee, CJ and Titus. She always felt like Oregon was her home and lived in many different cities. Rod and Val finally settled down in Unity to raise their family. Valerie loved volunteering at her children's school, riding the bus to swim lessons, and helping plan class parties. Valerie was also very involved in Burnt River Community Church where she faithfully attended for 35 years. Her greatest passion about church was singing. She loved to sing to the congregation. Valerie

loved playing her guitar and recently learned how to play the piano. In 2001, Valerie and Rod adopted their grandson Andrew, who proved to be a perfect addition to the family. Valerie loved attending all her kids sporting events. You could always find her in the bleachers, yelling words of encouragement to everyone. She herself loved to play volleyball and played in the city league. She also loved to crochet and craft. She made several afghans and rugs. Many can attest to her dedication and handiwork when it came to her rugs! She was always quick to make a rug for a wedding or birthday. She loved making them and giving them away. In 2017, Valerie and Rod moved to Tooele, Utah, for a job opportunity and to start a new chapter in their life together. While in Tooele, they enjoyed dining out, taking in the sites and watching their grandkids play softball. In October of 2018, Valerie received the devastating diagnosis of lung cancer. She

fought till the end. We love our mother and her fun-loving spirit. We can all see her dancing around the kitchen, singing her heart out. She will always be our cheerleader.

Valerie is survived by her husband of 37 years Rodney Wilson; her daughters Randi Wilson, Jocee Arriola (Zac); her sons CJ Wilson (Destiny), Titus Wilson (Jessica) and Andrew Wilson (Josette); eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sisters Davelle Baker (Dale), Kristi Ping (Denny), Gwynneth Anderson (Quinton), Michelle Brown (Loren), Kimala Hoskins (Tim), Shauna Andrews (Corey) and her only brother Chip Koontz (Cathleen). She was preceded in death by her father Chester Koontz, mother Myrnie Koontz, loving sister Jonda Myers, her in-laws Lowell and Charlotte Wilson and brother-in-law Richard Wilson. Following her passing, she was cremated at her request. There will be a memorial service on June 23 at Burnt River Community Church in Unity, Oregon.

We would love to say a special thanks to her team at Intermountain Medical Center. Dr. Lowe and his team of nurses took great care of her till the end. We would also like to thank CNS in Tooele, Utah for providing the care and comfort she needed.