

LOCAL BRIEFING

LHS Class of 1954 meets for lunch

LA GRANDE — Members of the La Grande High School Class of 1954 will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. April 17 at the Flying J Restaurant outside La Grande.

Families invited to honor roll assemblies

LA GRANDE — Families of students named to the La Grande Middle School's honor roll for the third quarter are invited to attend assemblies April 17-19 in the LMS gym. Each assembly begins at 8:25 a.m. The sixth-grade assembly will be held Wednesday. Thursday's assembly is for seventh- and eighth-grade students with these

advisory teachers: Bedolla, Carson, Fritz, Leavitt, Patrick, Remily, Singer and Thurman. Friday's assembly is for seventh- and eighth-grade students with these advisory teachers: Bisenius, Benson, Foggia, Kretschmer, Lair, McIlmoil, Nickerson and Schow. The students earning a place on the honor roll are listed on the community page of today's paper.

Town hall focuses on underage drinking

LA GRANDE — Union County Safe Communities encourages the community to attend "Parenting Is Prevention: A Town Hall on Underage Drinking" at 5:30 p.m. April 19 at the

La Grande Middle School, 1108 Fourth St. The free event will feature information specific to Union County and special guest speakers, Union County Sheriff's Office deputies Cody Bowen and Tony Humphries, and Kevin Loveland. For more information, go to www.ucsafe-communities.org or call 541-963-1068.

Veterans Appreciation Fair to be held Wednesday

ENTERPRISE — Veterans, their families and the public are invited to a Veterans Appreciation Fair April 17 at the Enterprise VFW Hall, 800 N. River St. The free event will run from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and

will celebrate veterans with a taco feed, live music by Last Call, and information on community resources and employment opportunities for veterans.

Alleluia Bells concert chases away tax day blues

LA GRANDE — The Alleluia Bells' spring concert begins at 7 p.m. Monday evening at the La Grande First Presbyterian Church, 1308 Washington Ave. The bell concert is a musical journey around the world with selections from different countries and places. The event is free. An ecumenical group, Alleluia Bells has been ringing for the enjoyment of the community for many years.

LA GRANDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Arrested: Thomas Eugene Barnes, 55, unknown address, was arrested on a charge of failure to register as a sex offender. Arrested: William M. Schmutz, 27, unknown address, was arrested by the Klamath Falls Police Department on a Union County warrant charging failure to appear in court on an original charge of first-degree criminal trespassing. Arrested: Skye James Pflingsten, 25, La Grande, was arrested on a charge of violation of a protection order. Arrested: Jacob John Cernazanu, 31, unknown address, was arrested on a Union County warrant. The warrant was connected to an original charge of failure to report as a sex offender. Arrested: Joseph Richard Panek, 55, Summerville, was arrested on charges of pointing a firearm at another, menacing and harassment.

UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Arrested: Ian Riley Anderson, 19, unknown address, was arrested on a charge of third-degree theft, two counts. Arrested: Brandy Jean Toy, 30, unknown address, was arrested on a Union County parole and probation warrant. Arrested: Aaron Jerrell Kelly, 35, Union, was arrested on charges of driving under the influence of intoxicants and driving while suspended-misdemeanor. Arrested: Felicia Anne Lavimodiere, 26, unknown address, was cited on a charge of second-degree trespassing. Arrested: James William Bartlett, 22, unknown address, was arrested on parole and probation detainer. LA GRANDE FIRE DEPARTMENT Firefighters responded to 14 calls for medical assistance on Sunday, five on Saturday and seven on Friday.

OBITUARIES

UPCOMING FUNERALS AND VISITATIONS Sponsored by LOVELAND FUNERAL CHAPEL AND CREMATORY April 15 Erin Endicott: memorial service, 11 a.m., Lighthouse Pentecostal Church, La Grande. Esther "Tess" Wallace: funeral, 3 p.m., Cove Calvary Baptist Church. April 19 Keith Hescock: celebration of life, 5 p.m., Elgin Stamped Hall; potluck dinner follows.

La Grande Seventh-day Adventist School.

Survivors include his mother, Judy Schaffer of West Richland, Washington; wife, Suzette Schaffer of La Grande; daughter, Kim Schaffer and husband, DeWayne, of Spokane, Washington; sons and wives, Jason Schaffer of Spokane; Matthew and Niki Martin of Imbler, and Marc and Angie Martin of La Grande; sister, Darla Schaffer of Pasco, Washington; uncle and aunt, Charles and Martha Shaffer of Kent, Washington; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Lloyd Shaffer.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Seventh-day Adventist Church, 2702 Adams Ave., La Grande 97850. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com.

ing time with her grandchildren and with her longtime friends.

Survivors include her children and their spouses, Dennis and Kathy Thompson of Thornton, Colorado, Thomas Thompson of La Grande, and Patti Kaye and Graydon Pihlaja of New Canaan, Connecticut; three grandchildren; and six of her eight siblings, Mary Neeninger of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, Jack Hoefler of Knoxville, Tennessee, Joe Hoefler of Doniphan, Missouri, Shirley Whitelock of Eureka, Missouri, Martha Hoefler of Eureka, Missouri, and Rosie Smith of Springfield, Illinois.

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William 'Bill' R. Coleman

La Grande 1929-2019

William "Bill" Ralph Coleman, 89, of La Grande, died April 4 at Grande Ronde Hospital. At his request, there will not be a service.

Known as Bill, he was born Aug. 31, 1929, in La Grande, to William and Myrtle (Hale) Coleman. He grew up and lived most of this life in La Grande. As a young boy, he spent many summers ranching and farming on his uncle's ranch in Condon. Bill attended La Grande schools and graduated in 1947. He went on to attend what is now Eastern Oregon University and the University of Oregon. Bill was an accomplished athlete and excelled in football and basketball. He was awarded numerous athletic scholarships and played ball for EOU and UO.

In 1951, Bill enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in Korea. On Sept. 22, 1956, he married Arlene Sinclair in Winnemucca, Nevada.

Bill worked in farming, ranching, logging and trucking, and he was a business owner. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. A skilled horseman, Bill had a great eye for a good horse. He passed his knowledge of horsemanship on to his daughters and grandchildren, and he and Arlene thoroughly enjoyed watching and supporting their

daughters and grandchildren at their rodeos and sporting events.

Bill and Arlene loved to go to the mountains to fish, pick huckleberries or just take a drive. Bill was a 55-year member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Survivors include his daughters and sons-in-law, Nancy and Gary Wright of Union, Gail and Henry Manjarres of La Grande, and Debbie and Chris Woodward of Union; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Arlene; parents, William and Myrtle; son, Michael Tracy Coleman; and grandson, Braden Michael Manjarres.

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

Leyton R. Lindsey

North Powder 2017-2019

Leyton Robert Lindsey, 1, of North Powder, died March 28 at St. Luke's Children's Hospital in Boise, Idaho. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. May 4 in the North Powder School gymnasium.

Leyton was born Sept. 30, 2017, in La Grande, to Trevor Lindsey and Katherine Moore. He always loved to dance. It didn't matter what was playing. His all-time favorite song that put the biggest smile on his face was "Baby Shark."

Leyton's best friend and playmate was his cousin Madilynn. They loved to chase each other throughout the house, laughing, and playing peek-a-boo together. Leyton loved to make loud noises, and his favorite loud noise was Nana's pots and pans banging together. He was a mommy's boy for sure. Even when his mom made him mad by putting his beautiful long hair into a man bun, he loved to have his snuggles afterward.

Leyton and his big brothers were always dancing around the living room. He loved to sit on top of his brothers and laugh while he pulled their hair. They loved to help and play with him. Leyton was loved very much.

Survivors include his parents, Trevor and Katherine, and brothers, Brandon Sory and Michael Sory, all of North Powder; aunts and uncles, Chelsea Moore, Mackenzie Moore, Michelle Lewis and Shawn Wood; and grandparents, Raymond and Christine Moore.

He was preceded in death by his great-grandfather, John C. Moore.

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Ross L. Brätt

Formerly of Wallowa 1932-2019

Ross Lee Brätt, 86, of American Fork, Utah, and formerly of Wallowa, died March 12 in Provo, Utah.

Ross was born July 29, 1932, in Spokane, Wash-

ington, to Verne Perry and Amy Marie (Salisbury) Brätt. He graduated from Wallowa High School in 1950 and from Brigham Young University in 1955.

On June 10, 1953, Ross married Melba Elizabeth Norton in the Cardston, Alberta, temple, and they had eight children: Perry, Jon, Amy, Beth, Paula, Lynn, Sam and Bonita. Melba passed away in June 1972. Ross married Gean Starkweather on June 28, 1974, and she brought Susan, Terry, Glenn and Jim into the family.

Ross taught seminary at Pleasant Grove High School and American Fork Junior High for 18 years, during which time he instilled in his students a love and appreciation of the teachings and gospel of Jesus Christ.

For more than 25 years, Ross was involved with his sons in the Brätt Landscape business (now called Stratton and Brätt). Wherever he lived, he was actively involved in the church and

the community. Ross was constantly serving friends and neighbors by working to beautify their yards, streets and parks.

Barbara Rooslet

Formerly of Elgin Barbara Rooslet, 85, of El Paso, Texas, and formerly of Elgin, died March 17. Services were held April 11 at Fort Bliss Cemetery, Texas. An obituary is forthcoming.

Dorothy J. Hammack

Enterprise Dorothy Jean Hammack, 89, of Enterprise, died April 4 at Wallowa Memorial Hospital following a short battle with lymphoma cancer. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. April 20 at the Enterprise Christian Church. An obituary is forthcoming. Arrangements are entrusted to Bollman Funeral Home.

Lamar Lazenby

La Grande Lamar Lazenby, 90, of La Grande, died April 11 at his home. A service will begin at 10 a.m. April 20 at Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center. An obituary is forthcoming.

Mike O'Rourke

Joseph Military services for Mike O'Rourke, of Joseph, will be held at 1 p.m. April 26 at the Joseph Cemetery. Mike died Feb. 3 at the age of 96 at Wallowa Memorial Hospital. Bollman Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements.

Donald 'Biden' Tippett

Enterprise Donald "Biden" Tippett, 93, of Enterprise, died April 11 at Wallowa Memorial Hospital. An obituary is forthcoming. Bollman Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements.

Laryl 'Buck' Schaffer

La Grande 1955-2019

Laryl "Buck" Schaffer, 63, of La Grande, died April 1. A celebration of his life will be held at 3 p.m. April 19 at the La Grande Seventh-day Adventist Church. Pastor Mike

Armayor will officiate, and a reception will follow.

Known as Buck, he was born May 28, 1955, in Prosser, Washington, to Lloyd D. and Naoma "Judy" (Makovsky) Schaffer. A sister, Darla, joined the family three years later. Buck attended Moses Lake Christian Academy through the ninth grade, then continued his education at the Upper Columbia Academy in Spangle, Washington, graduating in 1974.

Buck grew up working and learning about the agriculture business in the Columbia Basin with his father. He would often say, "You could take the farm boy out of the dirt, but you could not take the dirt out of the farm boy." Buck always enjoyed the fresh smell of spring mornings on the farm, right down to the dirt.

On Dec. 28, 1986, Buck married Suzette Layng. Together they raised their combined family of four children, Kim and Jason Schaffer and Matthew and Marc Martin.

Buck learned how to do auto upholstery and opened several upholstery shops in his lifetime. He enjoyed riding motorcycles and belonged to the United Motorcycle Club International. Buck had a passion for the outdoors, woodworking, making writing pens, panning for gold and camping with his family and friends.

Buck also loved the Lord and had committed his life to Jesus Christ from a young age. He was a lifelong member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and held many positions at the

Marjorie 'Marge E. (Hoefler) Thompson

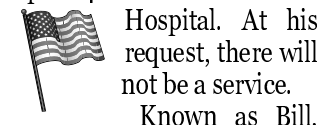
La Grande 1921-2019

Marjorie "Marge" Ellen Thompson, 97, of La Grande, died April 3 at a local care facility. No service is planned at this time.

Known as Marge, she was born July 4, 1921, in Doniphan, Missouri, to Carl and Mazie Hoefler.

Marge earned a bachelor's degree in education from Southeast Missouri State College and a master's degree in education from Columbia University in New York, New York. She taught high school history and physical education in Cairo, Illinois; Cape Girardeau, Missouri; Molalla and Portland. During her occupation in Japan, she taught at various military bases. While in Japan, she met and married John D. Thompson, and they relocated to Oregon, where they both were teachers. During that time, they had three children. John later became a dentist and bought a practice in La Grande. He passed away in 1972.

Marge was an outstanding tennis player and competed in both high school and college. Her interests included playing golf, traveling and painting. She enjoyed spend-



Shelter From the Storm 10901 Island Avenue, Island City • 541-963-7226 Three years ago on this date, I was sexually assaulted here. Coming back to this spot still evokes serious nausea, but I return here to make a point. Sexual violence is preventable. 1 in 6 women will be assaulted in her lifetime. These women are your friends, sisters, neighbors, peers. We can stop this violence from occurring. I won't be silent about this issue, and neither should you. Get active.

What's Cooking? by Sandy Sorrels of TEN DEPOT STREET Happy tax day! Probably not that happy for most of us, but at least accountants can feel some relief. Anyway, we have good music and specials this week at Ten Depot Street. Tonight for our Monday Barbecue Special, we are preparing spicy Jamaican Jerk Chicken with Homemade Dipping Sauce for just \$11.95. If you like spicy food, this is a delicious way to enjoy chicken. On Tuesday April 16, Elwood is performing. Headed by Colt Haney, a singer-songwriter with roots in Eastern Oregon, Elwood plays original folk, country and soul. The landscape of Eastern Oregon is inextricably tied to Elwood's music, which is truly appreciated by all ages. Then Thursday on tour from Portland, artist and poet duo Dusty Santamaria and Moira Ichiban are performing again at Ten Depot. The husband and wife team "delves deep into mid-century R&B, gospel, doo-wop, country and punk." Their minimalist dream songs are "ablaze with shouts, shudders and symbolism." Both nights the music starts at 8:00. This week for our Blue Plate Special, we have comfort food at its best, homemade meatloaf with mashed potatoes and gravy. We are making our meatloaf with beef from Country Natural Beef, a co-op of ranchers including several from the Baker Valley, who produce naturally grown grass fed beef. For Friday we have ordered more Fresh Oysters from Willapa Bay in Washington. These are amazingly delicious oysters if you like them raw and come from what is rated as the cleanest estuary in the entire United States. At just \$12 for six, they make a great appetizer. And for the main course, we have more fresh Alaskan Halibut this week.