

## LOCAL BRIEFING

From staff reports

## MENUS

## UNION COUNTY SENIOR CENTER

## 1504 N. ALBANY ST., LA GRANDE

## LUNCH MENU

## APRIL 29-MAY 3

MONDAY: fish and chips, baked beans, coleslaw, fruit, dessert.

TUESDAY: tomatoes stuffed with cashew-chicken salad, fresh fruit, bread, dessert.

WEDNESDAY: BBQ pork with fried rice, egg rolls, steamed vegetables, Mandarin salad, fortune cookies.

THURSDAY: Cobb salad, hearty soup, rolls, cookies.

FRIDAY: Southwest chilli, cornbread, salad greens, fruit.

## UPCOMING FUNERALS AND VISITATIONS

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## LOVELAND

FUNERAL CHAPEL AND CREMATORY

## April 27

Gary Baldwin: celebration of life, 2 p.m., Loveland Funeral Chapel.

## May 4

Leyton Lindsey: memorial service, 2 p.m., North Powder School gymnasium.

Phyllis Mardis: celebration of life, 2 p.m., 10801 Walton Road, Island City.

## May 10

Donna Fuhrman: celebration of life, 2 p.m., Loveland Funeral Chapel.

## May 14

Bernice Page: celebration of life and lunch, 11 a.m., Union County Senior Center.

## May 15

Brandon Gorrell: graveside service, 10 a.m., Island City Cemetery.

## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

## OREGON STATE POLICE

Arrested: Noe Garcia, 34, Union Gap, Washington, was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence of intoxicants-cannabis.

Arrested: Emanuel R. Samaniego, 30, La Grande, was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence of intoxicants-controlled substances.

Arrested: Dalton J. Kopiec, 20, Greenville, Ohio, was arrested on charges of import/export of marijuana items; possession of marijuana, over 8 pounds; and delivery of marijuana.

Arrested: Kevin M. Vandyke, 24, Greenville, Ohio, was arrested on charges of import/export of marijuana items; possession of marijuana, 8 eight pounds; and delivery of marijuana.

Arrested: Sean Patrick Theriault, 30, Fairview, was arrested on charges of driving under the influence of intoxicants-cannabis, reckless driving and reckless endangering a person, three counts.

Arrested: Long Yao Chen, 65, Baker City, was arrested on charges of resisting arrest, second-degree disorderly conduct and interfering with a peace officer.

## LA GRANDE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Firefighters responded to six calls for medical assistance on Wednesday and nine on Thursday.

## La GRANDE AUTO REPAIR

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MOST ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY AVAILABLE

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Joe Horst

## Slow Food group plans Earth Day event

JOSEPH — On April 28, Slow Food Wallows hosts “Together Let’s Celebrate Earth Day” from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at The Place, 303 S. Lake St., Joseph. Slow Food Wallows will share a tree planting, hear from community resources on good, clean and fair food, and enjoy a potluck. New and renewed membership sign-ups at the event will receive a 15% discount at Alder Slope Nursery.

## Kids fishing derby is Saturday

LA GRANDE — The La Grande Optimist Club annual Fishing Derby for kids will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 27 at Morgan Lake. The event is open to age 16 and younger. There is no entry fee, and all entrants will receive a prize for registering when they stop by the weight site to weigh their catch. Awards will be given for the top

three heaviest fish in three age groups. The derby is sponsored by Bi-Mart of La Grande. Call Ted Blaylock at 541-786-6552 for more information.

## VFW hosts yard sale, breakfast tomorrow

UNION — Union’s VFW High Valley Post 4060 is hosting a breakfast and yard sale April 27. Omelets, biscuits and gravy, juice and coffee will be served from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. for \$7. The yard sale will run from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## Union kindergarten registration due Tuesday

UNION — Union School District is conducting kindergarten registration for the 2019-2020 school year. Children must be 5 years old by Sept. 1. Registration materials are due April 30. Registration packets are available in the elementary school office between 7 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thurs-

day. Contact Deb Titus at 541-562-5278 with any questions.

## Lookout chapter plans initial meeting

LA GRANDE — A new chapter of the Forest Fire Lookout Association called “Friends of Blue Mountain Lookouts” will host an informational meeting at 6:30 p.m. April 29 at Cook Memorial Library, 2004 Fourth St., La Grande. The association is a nonprofit, all-volunteer organization dedicated to the restoration and preservation of historic forest fire lookouts, ground cabins and guard stations. Volunteer staffing of fire lookouts will also be discussed. Anyone interested is welcome. Contact Bob at 509-964-5739 for more information.

## Rotary Youth Exchange info session set

LA GRANDE — A Rotary Youth Exchange informational session will be held

April 29 for families interested in sending a student or hosting a student. The session will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the La Grande High School library. For more information, go to www.youthexchange5100.org or call Michelle Long at 541-910-5137.

## Join conversation on substance abuse

ENTERPRISE — Guest speaker Matt Vogel will lead “Real Talk: An Honest Conversation About Substance Abuse” beginning at 6 p.m. April 29 in the Tomas Conference Room, 309 S. River St., Enterprise. The seminar, which is free and open to the public, is relevant for professionals in any human service field, parents, and interested community members.

## Osteopathic medicine is topic of health talk

LA GRANDE — All are invited to join NEOAHEC for “DO School Night” at

the EOU Health Speaker Series April 30 in Huber Auditorium, Badgley Hall 102, on the Eastern Oregon University campus. The talk will explain the difference between a medical doctor (MD) and a doctor of osteopathic medicine (DO) and explore regional options for DO education. The event will begin at 5 p.m., but guests are encouraged to come a few minutes early to stop by informational tables outside of Huber Auditorium. For more information, go to www.neoahec.org.

## La Grande School Board calls special meeting

LA GRANDE — The La Grande School District Board of Directors will meet in executive session at 7 p.m. April 29 in the conference room at 1305 Willow St. The meeting is pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(b) to hear a complaint or charges brought against employees.

## OBITUARIES

## Amanda J. Schuldt

Cove

Amanda Jane Schuldt, 40, of Cove, died April 24 at Grande Ronde Hospital. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

## Patty L. Grimes

La Grande  
1945-2019

Patty Lynn Grimes, 73, of La Grande, died April 20 at Grande Ronde Hospital. A celebration of her life will be held at 11 a.m. May 2 at Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center. Interment will be at the Cove Cemetery.

Patty was born Dec. 1, 1945, in Charleston, Illinois, to Othal and Maxine (Kanouse) Grimes. The family lived in Missouri and California before settling in La Grande. Patty graduated from La Grande High School in 1964 and later earned a bachelor’s degree in education from what is now Eastern Oregon University. She began her career working as a librarian and substitute teacher then as a bookkeeper for many businesses around La Grande. She most recently worked at Inland Auto Electric.

Patty loved gardening, dogs, horses, Mariners baseball, bird watching at Ladd Marsh, old Western movies and anything science fiction. She was a talented musician, artist and crafter. For many years Patty belonged to the Mavericks and helped local 4-H groups with horse grooming, showmanship and trail riding. She proudly

rode her horse Penny in a few parades and spent many hours at the Union County Fairgrounds and the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show. She will be especially missed by her good friends Sue and Gary Baker of La Grande.

Surviving relatives include her cousins, Ron and Diane Kanouse of LaFayette, Indiana, Jack and Lisa Nichols of Missoula, Montana, and Jill and Stewart Winkle of Boise, Idaho.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Maxine (Grimes) Hohstadt; stepfather, Pat Hohstadt; aunt and uncle, Betty Anne and Joseph Nichols; and grandparents, Fred and Emma Kanouse.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Blue Mountain Humane Association, 3212 Highway 30, La Grande 97850.

## Charles E. Rogers

La Grande

Charles E. Rogers, 68, of La Grande, died April 25 at his residence. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

## Mary Lou (Lathrop) Huffman

La Grande

1927-2019

Mary Lou Huffman, 91, of La Grande, died April 15 at her home. A celebration of her life will be held at 1 p.m. May 11 at the Summerville Cemetery, followed by a reception at the Odd Fellows Lodge in Summerville.

Mary Lou was born June 24, 1927, in Wallowa, to Louis and Hazel Lathrop.

She was the 10th of 13 siblings. Mary Lou went to Leap School and later attended Enterprise High School. In August 1945, Mary Lou married William Huffman. Together they had four children. They later divorced.

Mary Lou lived in Hermiston for 40 years and in La Grande the past five years. She enjoyed gardening, quilting and working in her flower beds. She also loved to cook and bake. Family was most important to her. Mary Lou enjoyed attending the sports events of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and she loved

family gatherings. In her later years she was happiest when surrounded by her little great-grandkids.

Mary Lou had a very sharp memory and loved keeping up on what everyone had going on. She was hardworking and tough, but also kind, thoughtful, generous and full of life.

Surviving relatives include her daughters, Delta Phelps and husband, Roger, of Summerville and Billie Lou Huffman of Echo; sons and daughters-in-law, Craig and Kylene Huffman of La Grande and Steve and Karen Huffman of Sutherlin; and six grandchildren and 19

great-grandchildren.

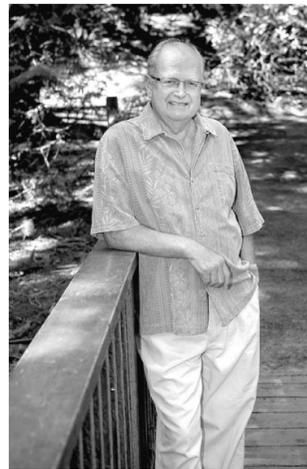
She was preceded in death by her brothers, Quentin, Ollis “Jiggs,” Leo “Tuff,” Harold “Shorty,” Emra “Duke,” Melvin and Robert “Wayne” Lathrop; sisters, Muriel Lathrop, Marian Bowen, Marcel Walker, Gladys Yost and Alice “Sally” Allen Akin; and one grandchild.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children’s Hospital in care of Tami’s Pine Valley Funeral Home, P.O. Box 543, Halfway 97834.

Online condolences may be shared at www.tamis-pinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

## Charles “Mike” Query

January 28, 1939 - April 22, 2019



Charles “Mike” Query, whose heart resided in Grande Ronde Valley and body lived in Boise, ID, was released from both locations on April 22 and, as his sweetheart and wife of 59 years said, “Is sightseeing,” now. Jeralyn will now be able to turn down the volume on the TV and eat refried beans which Mike refused, stating, “They should’ve done it right the first time.”

Mike was preceded in death by his tonsils, thyroid, prostate, and most recently, a large piece of his eye socket. He is now golfing with his father, mother and sister, and awaits with crispy bacon to say Aloha to Jeralyn, his four children—all who claimed they were his favorite. He inherited three extra kids-in-love and 6 grandchildren.

Mike was born January 28, 1939 in San Diego. At 16 years of age he began dating Jeralyn, the prettiest drill team girl in school. A year later he started his journey with Jesus. Mike dodged good grades during his first year of community college and to the great relief of his family, entered the armed forces and married the girl.

Mike was a Flight Navigator in the Air Force and was GPS before there was GPS. He thought he would love flying because his father was a flight engineer, but discovered he had severe air sickness, stating he would ‘navigate with one hand on the maps and the other holding a trash can.’ So that was a fun six years. But he gained two children (Charles and ‘Butter-knuckle’) and his Captain’s bars.

They moved to La Grande in 1968 after he received a degree in Animal Science. It was in

the Grande Ronde Valley where they added their dearest other children (Lani and Andy). Mike was a Purchasing Manager at Terry Trailers and a few years later, he literally bought the farm. They worked the land in Summerville for three decades. During that time he realized you can’t make money farming, got his second degree in Accounting and became an IRS Agent in Pendleton for 14 years. He attended First Baptist Church in La Grande for 44 years where he was an active member, teacher, deacon and board member, and expressed his folksy spiritual perspective through a View From the Ridge publication, which later became a blog.

Mike will be remembered as a humorous and generous man who did everything to take care of his family. There were many hard times on the farm but there was always food on the table and a trip to the doctor if he actually thought you were dying. He dearly loved his many friends and family, and was clearly loved by them.

Not long after retiring he was diagnosed with the first of three cancers, one of which he continued to fight for nine years – which is 7.5 years longer than expected. The benefit of having so many cancers is not having to wear sunscreen, not checking cholesterol, and eating whatever you want. The downside of such complications is having to move to a large city for treatment, which took them to Hawaii, (such a sad plight), Portland, and Boise.

Mike stated he never wanted to die of cancer. He got his wish but the cause of death is boring, and so let’s just say it was a monkey knife fight. Mike chose cremation so that his ashes could be scattered (or shot out from a cannon) onto the old cherry orchard that overlooks the farm in Summerville.

The memorial will be at First Baptist Church in La Grande, OR on April 28 at 4:00 p.m. Please come and celebrate his life with his family.

Instead of flowers, Mike would want you to do an unexpected kindness for someone with cancer or Parkinson’s. When you do it, feel joy and remember Mike’s laugh that made the world smile with him. As a former IRS Agent he would also encourage a tax write off. Donations can be made to Youth for Christ in La Grande or Dan and Bethany Tanner. These were Mike’s favorite charities forwarding the gospel of Jesus and message of hope he so embraced.

## Retirement Reception!

Thank you for  
15 years of Service  
Anna!



Anna Emerson

Join Us Tuesday, April 30th

at the Elgin Branch of Community Bank to celebrate Anna’s retirement!

10 am to 3 pm

Cake, Coffee &amp; Punch will be served

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