

LOCAL BRIEFING

From staff reports

Preparations are underway to Flora School festival

FLORA — This year's pioneer festival at the Flora School takes place June 1. Volunteers are welcome to aid in preparation at a work day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 18. The day will include a potluck lunch. Ongoing projects include building garbage, installing handrailing, sorting books, finishing the windows in the gym and painting. There will also be work days on May 29-31 to finish projects, clean the school and grounds and set up for the big day.

Blacksmiths are encouraged to sign up for the Blacksmith Competition. All skill levels are welcome. There is a \$50 entry fee, which will be used for prizes and donated to the Flora School Education Center. Bring your own forge (coal or gas) and fuel supply. The metal will be supplied for the contestants. All forged items will be auctioned off as a fundraiser for the education center. For more information, email Nathan Thompson, FSEC board member, at rustyhammerforge@yahoo.com or call/text 509-876-7812. There will be some propane forges for rent.

Entry for the Chili Cook-off is \$5. Beans may already be cooked, but not canned. All other ingredients have to be prepared/cooked on site. The Flora School Education Center will provide a table for you, but you must provide everything else. Awards will be given, with the judging done through People's Choice (\$1 to sample and judge). For more information, call/text Sarah Thompson, FSEC board member, at 509-876-1470 or email monkfarmer18@yahoo.com. For more details on the event go to www.floraschool.org or call 541-828-7010.

The school is located at 80974 College Lane, Flora.

Observe ballot counter test

LA GRANDE — The public is invited to observe the Logic and Accuracy test of the May 21st Special District Election. This test will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 14 at the Union County Clerk's Office, 1001 Fourth St., Suite D, La Grande. Space is limited, but we will accommodate as many as possible. Contact the Clerk's Office at 541-963-1006 for more information.

Spring nominations for LG Beautification Awards due May 25

LA GRANDE — The City of La Grande Community Landscape and Forestry Commission recognizes efforts to maintain and improve the beauty of La Grande's environment through exemplary landscape maintenance and design. Beautification Awards are seasonally given to residential and commercial properties that have been carefully landscaped and attract the viewer. These landscapes must be seen from public access and can include

one or more the following criteria: integrating colors and textures, appropriate use of hardscapes, good use of space, resource conservation, wildlife habitat, seasonal diversity, food production, owners that have overcome special circumstances. Nomination forms are available at the Parks and Recreation Department, 2402 Cedar St. (inside Pioneer Park), and at www.lagrangeparks.org. Nominations may be returned to the Parks Department or by email to trees@cityoflagrande.org. The deadline for the spring award nominations is May 25.

Raymond Addleman

LA GRANDE
Raymond Addleman, 79, of La Grande, died Dec. 25, 2018. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. May 18 at the Grandview Cemetery Veterans Circle, followed by a 3 p.m. celebration of life at the Riverside Park Pavilion. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory is handling the arrangements.

Sara (Jensen) Restrepo

FORMERLY OF LA GRANDE
1984-2019
Sara Restrepo, 34, of Beaverton and formerly of La Grande, died April 21. A small family service was held. Surviving relatives include her husband, Carlos Restrepo; father, Mark Jensen; sisters, Jill and Jenna Jensen; and grandmother, Sharon Jensen. She was preceded in death by her mother, Dr. Susan Jensen.

Kenneth M. Frank

COVE
1930-2019
Kenneth "Ken" Melvin Frank, 88, of Cove, died Feb. 19 at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise, Idaho. A private service will be held at a later time.

Known as Ken, he was born July 3, 1930, in Orafino, Nebraska, to Chris and Emily (McMichael) Frank. He resided in Orafino; Pine Bluffs and Cheyenne, Wyoming; Kimball, Nebraska; Colorado Springs, Colorado; and Union and Cove. Ken served in the USMC and was a military police officer in the Korean War. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal and Navy Occupation Ribbon.

Ken worked for Union Pacific Railroad and was the owner of Frank's Auto Repair Shop. He was a farmer, rancher and heavy machinery technician for Russell Elmer and was an industrial mechanic for Union Lumber Company, North Powder Wood Products and Granger Wood Products in Lewiston, Idaho.

Ken always had a positive attitude and a smile for everyone. He was kind and generous. Two of his favorite charities were the American Heart Association and the Wounded Warriors Project. Along with hunting, fishing and boating, Ken enjoyed gold mining, playing pool, square dancing, target shooting and gemstone collecting. He belonged to the North American Hunting Club, NRA, North America Fishing Club, Bass Angler's Sportsman Society and VFW.

Surviving relative include his wife, Clarice (Lennard) Frank; daughters and sons-in-law, Susan and Theodore Aleson of Spokane, Washington, Lorelei and Patrick Kelly of Valley Center, California, and Christine Frank of Union;

sons and daughters-in-law, Richard an Lynda Frank of Union, Anthony Frank of La Grande, Daniel Frank of Spokane, Washington, Phillip and Josephine Frank of Cleveland, Oklahoma, and Virgil and Stephanie Frank of Washougal, Washington; 23 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Chris and Emily Frank; sister, Ardith (Frank) Ross; brother, Darrell Frank; and infant sister, Darlene Frank.

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

Delores J. Churchill-Houston

FORMERLY OF LA GRANDE
1935-2019

Delores Jean Churchill-Houston, formerly of La Grande, died Feb. 28 in McMinville.

Delores was born in 1935 at Hot Lake. One of her favorite scriptures was "God has made

me to laugh so all who hear will laugh with me" (Genesis 21:6). She will remain a beloved, special lady to all who knew her.

Surviving relatives include her sister, Linda Rake; daughters, Virginia Franklin and Valerie Williams; son, Rick Houston; and three grandchildren and two

great-granddaughters.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Otho Churchill and Hazel Churchill-McPherson; husband, Duane Willard Houston; and brother, Joe Churchill.

Donald Garth "Biden" Tippett

JOSEPH
1926-2019

Donald Garth "Biden" Tippett, 93, of Joseph, died April 11. A memorial service and dinner will begin at 11 a.m. May 18 at the Enterprise First Baptist Church.

Known as Biden, he was born March 20, 1926, in Lewiston, Idaho, to James Harrison "Jidge" and Jessie L. (Wilson) Tippett. He was the fifth of six children and was raised on the family ranch in the rugged canyons on Joseph Creek in southwest Asotin County, Washington.

Biden attended grade

school in the one-room Joseph Creek School House. He boarded out while attending high school, going home to work on the ranch on the weekends, and played football and participated in track and cross-country. In 1944, he graduated from Charles Francis Adams High School.

Biden served in the U.S. Navy from 1944 to 1946 on the USS Gallatin in the Pacific Theater and was awarded many medals. After the war, Biden returned to work on the family ranch on Joseph Creek.

On June 12, 1948, Biden married Betty Heasty in Enterprise. The newlyweds moved to the Jim Creek Ranch on the Snake River in Hells Canyon. Biden and Betty were married for 65 years. They had two children: Donna Kay and Steven Tracy "Casey."

The Jim Creek Ranch was sold to the USFS in 1992. The family continued ranching on deeded pasture land in the Zumwalt country and on farm and pasture land in the Wallowa Valley.

Biden retired in 2010 at the age of 85. His son ran the ranch until 2014 when the Zumwalt land was sold.

Biden said many times he was blessed to be able to live out his life doing what he loved. Ranching was his passion, and he was a good steward of his cattle and land. Honest and reliable, he came to be respected by his peers in the cattle industry and the local community.

Biden was a member of the Wallowa County Stock Growers, Elks, Northwest Livestock Production Credit Association Board and Federal Land Bank Board. He was named the 1958 Labor Days Feeder Chairman, 1962 Cattleman of the Year, 1973 Grassman of the Year, and 2019 Grand Marshall of Hells Canyon Mule Days.

Biden and Betty had purchased a house on South River Street in Enterprise, where he lived until 2017 when he moved to Alpine House Assisted Living in Joseph. In 2018, Biden accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord.

Surviving relatives include his children and their

spouses, Donna and Wayne Bronson and Casey and Kim Tippett; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren and another on the way; and numerous nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Betty; brothers, Bob, Jack and Doug Tippett; and sisters, Betty Fouste and Barbara Fredrick.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Wallowa Memorial Hospital Foundation or Alpine House Assisted Living.

Paul C. Wauer

COVE
Paul C. Wauer, 77, of Cove, died May 10 at Grande Ronde Hospital. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

Thelma Ansell

LA GRANDE
Thelma Ansell, 87, of La Grande, died May 11 at her residence. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. May 18 at Loveland Funeral Chapel. An obituary is forthcoming.



Etta Lucinda 'Lou' De Lashmutt
February 15, 1924 - April 28, 2019

Etta Lucinda 'Lou' De Lashmutt, age 95, of La Grande, died April 28, 2019, at a local care home. At her request, there will be no public services.

Lou was born on February 15, 1924, the daughter of Oliver and Dora Louise (Snyder) Mc Cabe in La Grande. She graduated from La Grande High School in 1941 and in 1944 she graduated from Eastern Oregon College of Education (now Eastern Oregon University).

She was raised on the family farm outside Island City. Lou especially loved the horses and enjoyed training them. She could teach them to rear and play dead. Life wasn't all fun with the horses as she helped with the cooking needed to feed the farm work crew. She became an excellent baker of cakes.

During the war years, she worked a summer in San Francisco at Mare Island as a payroll clerk. From 1944-1945 she taught at Willowdale, a one-room school near Hot Lake. While she was visiting relatives in Medford, OR, she described in a letter home the excitement & celebration of the end of the war. She said the confetti was a foot deep in the streets. That meant her sailor would be coming home and on October 28, 1945, she married William R. De Lashmutt. In 1946, Bill began farming. Being a farm wife meant going to town for parts, keeping the books, driving wheat truck and whatever else needed doing along with keeping up with the three children they eventually had. She was a member of the United Methodist Church and was active in the Wesleyan Circle, Mr. & Mrs. Club, and the church book fair. For many years, Lou enjoyed working on the Election Board counting ballots. She, also, enjoyed sewing, painting, reading, antiquing and attending yard sales, playing pinochle and tending to her yard and flowers.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 70 years, Bill, in October 2016, brother Donald Mc Cabe, granddaughter Amy De Lashmutt, and parents, Oliver Dora Mc Cabe.

Survivors include her children, Sue Bettis of La Grande, William Allen De Lashmutt & wife Sharon of La Grande, and Dr. Steven Arnold De Lashmutt & wife Marilyn of Baker City; sister Eva Fern Bay of Oregon City; grandchildren Marianne Sipe, Melanie Bettis Qahir, Michael Bettis, Darcie De Lashmutt, Jessica De Lashmutt, and Christa De Lashmutt; great grandchildren Julia and Holden Sipe and Parissa Qahir.

Those who wish may make contributions in her memory to the Grande Ronde Hospital Home Health & Hospice, PO Box 3290, La Grande, OR 97850.

Teddy Delmer Atkinson, 71
December 16, 1947 - May 1, 2019

Teddy "Ted" Delmer Atkinson, 71, of La Grande, passed away on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at his residence. A celebration of life will be held later this summer where his ashes will be spread at his favorite timber property.

Ted was born on December 16, 1947 in Baker City, Oregon to John and LaVelle (Givens) Atkinson. He resided in Hereford, OR; Fossil, OR; Baker City, OR; Prineville, OR and La Grande, OR. He attended school in Fossil and Baker City and was a multi-sport athlete in high school. He attended the University of Idaho, where he played football and joined ROTC. In 1967, he transferred to Eastern Oregon University, where he played football and completed his Masters Degree, in 1970. In 1996, he earned his Doctorate Degree from Southwestern University.

Ted worked for Boise Cascade; Prineville School District and Eastern Oregon University. Ted's first priority was his family, he and Patty were married for 51 years. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, huckleberry picking, mushrooming, traveling, playing golf, coin collecting, working to improve his timber property and following grandson Logan's baseball games. He played on the Adult Softball League and with the City League Basketball, and coached Little League Baseball. His other favorite things to do were to watch Mariners Baseball, Portland Trail Blazers and the Seattle Seahawks. He was awarded the Sam Walton Fellow award for his involvement in SIFE 2000-2002, was a Professor Emeritus (Tenured), and received the National Guard's "Being a Pro" award as a supervisor of Guardsman employees. He was a member of the Prineville Elks, La Grande Optimist Club, National Wildland Firefighters Association and was a proud member of the Northern Cherokee Nation and a descendant of the Osage Nation.

Ted is survived by his wife, Patty; son Lee Atkinson of La Grande; daughter Lisa Atkinson (Robert Aguirre) of Seattle, WA and Hawaii; brother, Laine (Vicki) Atkinson of Caldwell, ID; sister, Rhonda (Herb) Hickman of Bend, OR; 2 grandchildren, Logan Atkinson and Brittany Seavert of La Grande; sister-in-law, Terri Hocker (Gayle), brother-in-law, Charles Fisher (Mardell) 12 nieces and nephews, numerous great nieces and nephews, and his aunt Evelyn and uncle Bob Wells. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and LaVelle and grandparents, Elmer and Ethel Graven, and sister-in-law, Larae Hocker and brother-in-law, Michael Fisher.

The family requests that memorial donations be made to the charity of your choice or to the Eastern Oregon University Foundation, One University Blvd, La Grande, OR 97850, the ALS Association, Oregon & SW Washington Chapter, 310 SW Fourth Avenue, Suite # 630, Portland OR 97204 or to the Alzheimer's Foundation, Oregon Chapter, 1650 Northwest Naito Parkway, Suite 190, Portland OR 97209.

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

UPCOMING FUNERALS AND VISITATIONS
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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.

May 18
Raymond Addleman: graveside service, 2 p.m., Grandview Cemetery Veterans Circle; followed by 3 p.m. celebration of life at Riverside Park Pavilion.
Thelma Ansell: memorial service, 2 p.m., Loveland Funeral Chapel.

Blake Hines: celebration of life, 2 p.m., La Grande Church of Christ.
Russel Hunt: celebration of life, 2 p.m., Baker City Christian Church.
Donald "Biden" Tippett: memorial service, 11 a.m., Enterprise First Baptist Church, followed by a dinner.