

# LOCAL BRIEFING

From staff reports

## Senior center serves free lunch on Customer Appreciation Day

LA GRANDE — The Union County Senior Center will conclude its salute to Older Americans Month with a Customer Appreciation Day May 29, offering a free lunch to anyone age 60 and older. Served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the lunch will feature roast pork and baked apples. For more information, call 541-963-7532. The senior center is at the corner of Cove Avenue and Albany Street in La Grande.

## Translator District plans public meetings

LA GRANDE — Blue Mountain Translator District will hold three public meetings on May 29 at Mamacita's International Grill, 2003 Fourth St., La

Grande. The board of directors will have a special meeting at 11:55 a.m., followed by the budget committee's annual meeting at noon. At 12:30 p.m., the board will convene a regular meeting. The board packet and 2019-2020 proposed budget are available at <https://bmt.d.org/public-notice/>.

## 'Tapped' documentary exposes bottled water industry

LA GRANDE — "Tapped," a prize-winning documentary about the bottled water industry, will be shown at 6:30 p.m. May 30 at Cook Memorial Library, 2006 Fourth St., La Grande. The film presents startling information (such as: Every day, 50 million single-serve bottles of water are thrown away as plastic waste; and 40% of the bottled water

consumed is actually filtered tap water) and asks: Who regulates the industry? Are the plastic one-use bottles dangerous to our health? How do they endanger the health of others? "Tapped" looks at every aspect of the damaging bottled water industry, inspires outrage and ensures that you will never look at bottled water the same way again. Doors open at 6 p.m. The free showing is sponsored by the Union County Progressives.

## LG School Board Budget Committee meets again

LA GRANDE — The second meeting of the La Grande School Board Budget Committee is planned for 6:30 p.m. May 29 in the District Office Conference Room at 1305 N. Willow. There will be a regular board meeting and

budget hearing at 7 p.m. June 12, also in the district conference room.

## City of La Grande announces sidewalk improvement hearing

LA GRANDE — The La Grande City Council will hold a public hearing during its regular session June 5, which begins at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers in City Hall, 1000 Adams Ave. The hearing is for the purpose of discussing final assessments for Sidewalk Improvement District Number 18-063 for the various completed sidewalk improvements, and for entertaining remonstrances, objections or claims for damages.

Pursuant to Section 33 of the City Charter of the City of La Grande, subsequent to accepting public testimony, the following entitled ordinances will be read for

the first time by title only: "An ordinance of the City Council of the City of La Grande, Union County, Oregon, establishing the final assessments to the property benefited by the 2018 city wide voluntary Sidewalk Local Improvement District Number 18-063; and declaring an effective date."

Direct written remonstrances to Kyle Carpenter, Public Works Director, 800 X Ave., La Grande 97850. Remonstrances must be received by 5 p.m. June 5. A copy of the proposed ordinance and/or additional information may be obtained by calling 541-662-1325.

## Forum on fraud and identity theft offered in Wallowa County

ENTERPRISE — In a world where identity theft

and fraud are an increasing concern, it is more important than ever to understand and implement ways in which you can protect yourself. To that end Umpqua Bank's Enterprise branch, 205 W. Main St., is hosting an open forum at 6 p.m. May 29 on how to recognize fraud and what you can do if you think you have been a victim of identity theft. All are welcome, and light refreshments will be provided.

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# OBITUARIES

## Daryl A. Thompson

Formerly of Wallowa County and La Grande 1935-2019

Daryl Albert Thompson, 83, of Milton-Freewater and formerly of Wallowa County and La Grande, died May 16. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. May 31 at the Milton-Freewater Cemetery with Pastor Owen Frost of the Stateline Community Church officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home of Milton-Freewater.

Daryl was born Oct. 12, 1935, in Enterprise, to Raymond E. and Vera Ellen (Davis) Thompson. He grew up in the Reavis district on Alder Slope and attended Reavis Grade School and Enterprise High School.

In 1955, Daryl married Laverne Holland, and they had four children. They divorced in 1967. He married Sharon Finnell Bozarth in 1968, and they divorced in 1999. He married Roberta Cullen Ison in 2000, and she passed away in November of 2002. In 2004, he married Peggy C. Searles.

Daryl worked as a farm laborer, for Union Pacific and Southern Pacific Railroads in track maintenance, and in the woods as a faller and as a choker setter on high lead logging. When work in the woods slowed down, he became the head custodian of the Warm Springs Grade School on the Warm Springs Reservation.

After taking a home study course in heavy equipment, Daryl was hired by the Case Dealership in Madras. He later moved with his family to Walla Walla, Washington, where he worked for the John Deere Dealership. Later Daryl took a job with the Oregon Highway Department, working in Bend in the summer and at Government Camp on Mt. Hood in the winter. In 1976 he was transferred to the La Grande shop. In 1988 he was promoted to field mechanic in Roseburg, where he re-

tired in 1995. In 2000 Daryl moved to Milton-Freewater.

In his retirement, Daryl enjoyed gardening and wood-working.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Peggy Thompson; daughters, Katherine Moore and Margaret Taylor and her husband, Michael; sons, Joseph Thompson, Gordon Bozarth, Daniel Bozarth and Nolan Bozarth; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; 15 nieces and nephews; and sister-in-law, Royleda Moss and husband, Randy, of San Marcos, California.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Dallas Thompson; sisters, Nelda Isakson, Oveta Falk and Judith Bade; and close friend Sharon Thompson.

To leave a condolence online visit [www.munsellerhodes.com](http://www.munsellerhodes.com).

## Kenneth Ashburn

Union 1949-2019

Kenneth Ashburn, 71, of Union, died May 8 at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, Idaho. No services are planned. His wishes were for his family to spread his

ashes throughout the countryside.

Known as Ken, he was born July 16, 1949, in Montevideo, Minnesota. He later moved to California and Oregon, where he graduated from Hillsboro High School. Ken loved competing in track, football and high school rodeo.

On Sept. 1, 1967, Ken married his high school sweetheart, Vicki Kimmel. Together, Ken and Vicki loved going to rodeos and riding their motorcycle. Ken enjoyed spending time in nature, fishing, hunting and taking scenic drives through the countryside.

Ken worked in manufacturing for 35 years, until he retired in 2002 due to health issues. When he wasn't working or out in nature, Ken was spending time with his family.

Surviving relatives include his wife of 51 years, Vicki Ashburn of Union; mother, Barbara Ashburn of La Grande; son, Timothy Ashburn of Cove; daughter, Cindy of Colorado; grandchildren and great-grandchildren in Colorado, Utah and Oregon; siblings, Ron of Elgin and Beverly of Union; and nieces and nephews in Oregon and Washington.

## Marjorie 'Marge' J. (Larsen) Ettinger

La Grande 1924-2019

Marjorie Jean Ettinger, 94, of La Grande and former long-time resident of Bend, died

May 23 at Wildflower Lodge in La Grande. The family is planning a private memorial service in

July. Arrangements are under the direction of Daniels-Knopp Funeral Chapel.

Known as Marge, she was born Aug. 10, 1924, in Auburn, Illinois, to Albin and Anna Larsen. She met her future husband, Richard "Dick" Ettinger in the third grade. Marge and Dick were married June 9, 1945. They moved to Bend from Chicago in 1954.

Marge took pride in her role as a wife and mother. She held down the fort while Dick worked for long hours and on many weekends, shepherding five children off in different directions to school and various activities. As a family, they enjoyed skiing, backpacking, trail riding and sailing.

Marge took botany courses at Central Oregon Community College and became a botanist specializing in the wildflowers of Eastern Oregon. Her botanical studies inspired her to finish her education. She graduated from Oregon State University in 1987 at age 68. She was the oldest graduate in that year's class.

Dick and Marge took many botany trips together. Marge collected the plants after Dick photographed them. She collected more than 2,600 specimens that are saved in the Harvey M. Waldron Jr. Herbarium at COCC, and she and Dick funded an endow-

ment for the Herbarium. With permission from the Warm Springs Reservation Tribal Council, they studied the reservation's wildflowers from 1979 to 1996. They donated an additional 400 specimens to the Museum at Warm Springs.

Marge introduced her entire extended family to lifetime passions for bird watching, wildflowers, environmental conservation, and wildlife issues, involving them in expeditions throughout the Pacific Northwest and Alaska.

In addition to her botanical achievements, Marge studied the fine art of French cooking inspired by Julia Child's TV series and books. Always supportive of education and intellectual pursuits, she was a life member of PEO-AI.


Surviving relatives include her daughters, Susan Schneider of Bend and Janice Laxson of Anchorage, Alaska; sons, Dr. Chip Ettinger of Summerville, Dr. Tom Ettinger of Cashmere, Washington, and Dr. Bill Ettinger of Spokane, Washington; and 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Ettinger; parents, Albin and Anna Larsen of Ferndale, Washington; and siblings, Maxine Fletcher of Aurora, Illinois, and Donn Larsen of Bellevue, Washington.

Memorial donations may be made to the Ettinger Endowment for the Waldron Herbarium at Central Oregon Community College Foundation in care of Zak Boone, 2600 NW College Way, Bend 97703.



**What's Cooking ?**  
by Sandy Sorrels of  
**TEN DEPOT STREET**



Hope you all are enjoying Memorial Day week-end in spite of our varied weather. **Ten Depot Street** is closed today for the holiday, but will be open again tomorrow.

In spite of the fact that we are cutting back on our music, this week we have two musical events scheduled at the restaurant.

Tomorrow, Tuesday May 28, **Ruben Gonzales** is playing. Ruben who moved to Eastern Oregon from Colorado, is a frequent performer in Baker City. The singer-songwriter first debuted at Ten Depot Street for an open-mic night and made a great impression. We liked him so much that we had him come back and play solo.

Then Thursday playing in the bar is **Like a Rocket**, a trio of singer songwriters from Boise, playing unusual and creative Americana. Lead singer Speedy Gray's voice has been described as having a "strong vocal resemblance to Willy Nelson, only with gothic undertones."

This week for our Blue Plate Special we are serving one of the most popular dishes at the old Mamacita's, **Enchiladas Acapulco**, two chicken enchiladas with almonds, olives, guacamole and sour cream. It is served with a salad topped with our famous **Green Dressing**.

For Friday we have ordered **fresh Mahi Mahi** which we are serving with Mango Salsa. Mangoes are now in season in the southern part of the country and our homemade mango salsa goes great with grilled fish.

By Friday we hope to bring out our long awaited new menu which will include an entirely new selection of appetizers, some different salads and pasta dishes as well as a new section of small plates.

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