

MILESTONES



Terry & Christy Gaertner — 50th anniversary

The family of Terry and Christy Gaertner invites family and friends to help celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at a reception held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. June 14 at First Baptist Church, corner of Sixth and Spring in La Grande.

— Courtesy photo

OBITUARIES

Karen L. Homan

Union
1965-2019

Karen Lynne Homan, 54, of Union, died June 4 at her residence. At her request, there will not be a service.



Karen was born March 3, 1965, in Baker City, to Richard and Fern (Searles) Homan. She resided in Baker City and Union.

Karen loved cross-stitching, reading, collecting barbie dolls, and watching "The Real Housewives," "Big Brother" and cooking shows. She was a published writer and poet.

Surviving relatives include her mother, Fern Homan of Baker City; brothers and sisters-in-law, John B. Hunter of Oregon, Larry E. and Mary Hunter of Idaho, and Allen D. and Mary Hunter

of Oregon; sisters, Julie A. Homan of Oregon and Linda D. Weldon and husband, Steve, of Washington; numerous nieces and nephews; and numerous aunts and uncles.

She was preceded in death by her father, Richard; stepfather, Jack Hunter; and brother, Jimmy F. Hunter.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made via Facebook Pay/Messenger to John Hunter.

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

Walter R. Olp

La Grande

Walter Ralph Olp, 91, of La Grande, died June 6 at his residence. A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. June 21 at the La Grande Church of Christ. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory is handling the arrangements.

Maxine 'Lucile' (Thomas) Howell

La Grande
1927-2019

Maxine "Lucile" Howell, 91, of La Grande, died Feb. 4. A celebration of her life will be held June 21 in Canby.

Known as Lucile, she was born May 14, 1927, in Los Angeles, California, to Bernice and Albert Thomas. She met her future husband, Bruce Howell, when she and her best friend, Beverly Nordstrom, were given a high school graduation trip to Yosemite National Park. The girls (and their parents) were surprised to discover that Yosemite was being used as a rehabilitation center for World War II veterans.

Lucile and Bruce were married Aug. 4, 1945, on Long Island, New York. Their daughter, Carol Anne, was born May 7, 1946. Their son, James Eugene, was born Dec. 14, 1948. In 1951, Bruce and Lucile moved their family west, eventually settling near Salem. Bruce worked for Pacific Northwest Bell until his retirement.

When their children were still young, Lucile was active in the community and served as a 4-H leader. In 1961, she went to work for the State of Oregon and later became administrative assistant for the Federal Bureau of Reclamation in Salem, where she worked until her retirement in 1981.

Bruce and Lucile moved to Apache Junction, Arizona, in 1986. They were married for almost 60 years at the time of Bruce's death in 2010. They loved traveling, dancing, being outdoors and spending time with their children, grandchildren and,

later, great-grandchildren. In 2017, Lucile moved to La Grande to be near her son, Jim Howell.

Surviving relatives include her children, Carol Howell and Jim Howell; six grandchildren; and a number of great-grandchildren.

Douglas E. Dick

Island City
1941-2019

Douglas Elvin Dick, 77, of Island City, died June 6 at his residence. A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. June 12 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in



Island City.

Known as Doug, he was born Sept. 21, 1941, in Idaho Falls, Idaho, to Ivan and Lorna (Gardner) Dick. He attended Idaho Falls High School and was married to Julia "Kay" Dick.

Doug worked for Boise Cascade in Elgin for nearly 40 years. He encountered many hardships in life but took great pride in becoming financially successful while working for a company he loved.

Doug enjoyed spending time with his family as well as volunteering for the Union County Backpack Program. His hobbies included working in his yard and gardening.

Surviving relatives include his daughters and sons-in-law, Joan K. and Tom Duncan of La Grande and Connie J. and Rick Hoskin of Summerville; son, John D. Dick of Kennewick, Washington; brother-in-law, Jim Simpkins; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Julia Kay (Krupp) Dick; parents, Ivan and Lorna Dick; and sisters, Diane Simpkins, Sheila Eiman and Joelen Garrison.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Union County Backpack Program.

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

Gilah M. Dickenson

La Grande

Gilah M. Dickenson, 90, of La Grande, died June 8 at a local care facility. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

Cove's Summer Reading Program begins Tuesday

COVE — The Cove Library's Summer Reading Program begins at 11 a.m. June 11. This year's summer program focuses on the universe, stars and planets and will offer lots of fun activities and interesting information. Children are invited to the library at 11 a.m. on Tuesdays until Aug. 6. For more information, call Donna at 541-568-4230.

Parks & Rec commissions meet this week

LA GRANDE — The Community Landscape & Forestry Commission meets June 11 and the La Grande Arts Commission meets June 12. New commissioners are needed for both these commissions. On June 13, the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission meets. Each meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Parks & Recreation offices inside Pioneer Park.

For information on how to join a city commission, contact Stu Spence, Parks & Recreation director, at sspence@cityoflagrande.org or call 541-962-1348.

Cove City Council meets tomorrow

COVE — The City of Cove will hold its regular council meeting on June 11. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at Cove City Hall, 504 Alder.

Landing Hotel and Dining holds open house

LA GRANDE — An official opening, ribbon-cutting and "Entrepreneur Meet and Greet" at the Landing Hotel and Dining in La Grande is planned for 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. June 12. Stop by 1501 Adams Ave. for food samples, tours of the hotel, and conversation with the people behind the scenes of the facility.

County weed tour set for Thursday

LA GRANDE — The Union County Weed Board and Union County Commissioners will be going on a weed tour of the south end of Union County from 8:30 a.m. to noon June 13. The tour begins and ends at the Union County Courthouse, 1106 K Ave., La Grande. Contact Union County Weed Supervisor Brian Clapp for more information at 541-805-5399.

Excursion Train announces new schedule

ELGIN — The Friends of the Joseph Branch announced reservations can now be made for the 2019 Eagle Cap Excursion Train revised June schedule. In June, two rides are scheduled to help honor fathers and families over Father's Day weekend, with trains departing

LOCAL BRIEFING

From staff reports

from the Elgin Depot at 10 a.m. June 15 and June 16. Both rides have the added excitement of robberies by the Gold Rush Bandits.

On June 22, the Summer Solstice Dinner Train leaves the depot at 5 p.m. for a rare evening ride, complete with dinner and adult beverage of choice. The train will return to the depot in Elgin at about 8:30 p.m. This trip is catered by Chuckwagon Sisters of Joseph.

The Veterans' Train will leave the Elgin Depot at 10 a.m. June 29. This ride is free to veterans and active military personnel and each may bring one guest. Lunch is included, with the train returning to Elgin at 1:30 p.m. The Friends thank Anderson Perry & Associates for their continued support for this event. Businesses are invited to help sponsor this ride and show appreciation for those who serve our country. For information on sponsorship or to make a private donation, call Peggy Weishaar at 541-786-0094.

A Bigfoot Train on July 27 and a fall foliage excursion on Sept. 14 are also available for booking. To make reservations, go to www.eaglecaptrainrides.com or call Alegre Travel at 541-963-9000.

Minam Campground will be closed June 14-15

ELGIN — The campground at Minam State Recreation Area, near Elgin, will be closed June 14-15 while contractors perform construction work on the park's campground road to repair the effects of weather and heavy use. The 22-site campground is expected to reopen by 6 p.m. June 15. Park rangers are

asking campers to vacate the campground by 4 p.m. June 13 to accommodate the construction work.

Campers can move back into the campground any time after 6 p.m. June 15. Campers planning a trip to the area can choose from several other local camping options during the closure, including Wallowa Valley Stay N Wash, Wallowa River RV Park and Hu-Na-ha RV Park.

LHS Class of 1974 plans reunion

LA GRANDE — The La Grande High School Class of 1974 will have its 45th reunion Aug. 2-3. Classmates from out of town are encouraged to make their motel reservations as soon as possible, as it will be a busy weekend in La Grande, including the Union County Fair and a baseball tournament.

The registration fee, to help cover events and supplies, is \$40 per person and may be mailed to Jakki Berg, 66905 Market Lane, Cove 97824.

The reunion's events include a get-together on Friday after the fair parade, around 6:30 p.m., at Bud Jackson's.

On Saturday there will be a catered dinner and activities beginning at 4 p.m. at the White Barn on Hunter Road. For more details, join the LHS Class of 74 Facebook group.

UPCOMING FUNERALS AND VISITATIONS
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June 12 Douglas Dick:
10 a.m., funeral, Island City Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

June 15 Lawrence "Gene" Bowman:
memorial service, 3 p.m., Enterprise Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Jean Enderlin:
noon to 4 p.m., potluck-style celebration of life, 277 W. Bryan in Union.

Molly Murrill:
memorial service, 4 p.m., Bollman Funeral Home, Enterprise.

Frances "Fran" Perren:
10 a.m., Mass of Christian Burial, St. Katherine Catholic Church, followed by vault interment at the Enterprise Cemetery.

Casey Kuiper:
4 p.m., memorial service, Faith Center in Island City.

June 21 Walter Olp:
2 p.m., funeral service, La Grande Church of Christ.

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

We have some great seasonal specials this week at **Ten Depot Street**. Chef Bill is preparing *Alaskan Rock Cod with Fresh Mango Salsa* which will run Tuesday through Thursday.

We have fresh local rhubarb for the daily desserts. There are many amazing rhubarb desserts. My favorite that we make is the Rhubarb Cream Cake, a recipe that we got from the Observer twenty years ago.

We have a few *Morel Mushrooms* for the beginning of the week. So far this year the Morels have been hard to find. Hopefully with the nice sunny weather after the rain, we will see more this week.

For some extra spice, try our *Blue Plate Special* this week, *Paul Prudhomme's Shrimp Creole*. Paul Prudhomme in his New Orleans restaurant, probably made the best Shrimp Creole in the whole U.S. The version that we make is a little toned down, but still true to his recipe.

Last week we introduced our new menu at Ten Depot Street. We have dropped some items and have put others in their place. Our Appetizers are completely different. Our new appetizers include a delicious *Warm Artichoke Dip with Baguette from Knead's Bakery* and *Tenderloin Beef Kabobs with Whiskey Glaze*. Both have been a big hit. We plan to change the appetizers seasonally.

A week from Thursday, June 20, we will have a big party celebrating Kevin Boylan's retirement from bar manager at Ten Depot, complete with music by the reggae band *Naughty Pine* and super burger specials.

Congratulations to all the EOU students who are graduating on Saturday!

BLUE PLATE SPECIAL \$10.95

Shrimp Creole, rice, green salad, bread (served Monday through Friday)