

COMMUNITY Meetings

• **LA GRANDE** — The City of La Grande Landmarks Commission will meet for a work session today, at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers of La Grande City Hall, 1000 Adams Ave.

• **LA GRANDE** — The Union County Historical Society meeting scheduled for March 14 has been canceled.

• **IMBLER** — Imbler School District's board of directors will meet for a regular session on Tuesday, at 7 p.m. in room 1 of the high school. The public is welcome to attend all open sessions of the Imbler School Board.

• **LA GRANDE** — Union County Retired Educators will meet Tuesday, March 17, at 11:30 a.m. at Denny's on Island Avenue in La Grande. The program will be "Music for Spring" hosted by Doyle Slater.

Briefs Share your ideas for Union's community center

UNION — The Friends of the Historic Union Community Hall is hosting a pizza dinner as a chance to inform the community about the transition and purchase of the United Methodist Church building and to get feedback about what people would like to see the community center do and become. The event is at 6:30 p.m. today in the S.E. Miller gym at the Union Elementary school.

Celebrate American Legion's birthday Saturday

LA GRANDE — American Legion Auxiliary Unit #43, La Grande, will host a public celebration of the American Legion's birthday Saturday from 5-7 p.m. at the legion hall, 301 First St. Admission is \$12 and includes a full corned beef and cabbage dinner.

Meet candidates at Wallowa County Republican dinner

ENTERPRISE — The Wallowa County Republican Lincoln Reagan Dinner will be held Saturday, at the Enterprise VFW Hall, 800 N. River St. The speaker at the steak dinner and pie auction will be Chris Barreto, Oregon's representative to National Republican Party. Social hour with an opportunity to meet and talk to candidates running for State Rep. Greg Walden's and Sate Rep. Greg Barreto's seats begins at 5 p.m., and dinner is served at 6 p.m. Cost is \$20. Call 541-263-0385 for more information.

Senior center hosts foot clinic

LA GRANDE — The Union County Senior Center, 1504 Albany St., La Grande, is hosting a foot clinic Thursday March 19. To schedule an appointment or for more information, stop by the front desk or call 541-963-7532.

Sign up for concealed handgun class

LA GRANDE — The Union County Sheriff's Office will offer a concealed handgun class April 4 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Union County Sheriff's Office, 1109 K Ave., La Grande. The cost of the class is \$50 (payable by cash or check, due at time of class), and pre-registration is required.

For more information and to register, contact the sheriff's office at 541-963-1017, ext. 382. Participants must bring their valid driver's license or state-issued ID card. Do not bring any weapons or ammunition to the classroom.

ODOT closes Highway 204 for repairs

ELGIN — The Oregon Department of Transportation announced the closure of a portion of Highway 204, the Weston-Elgin/Tollgate Highway, to repair a culvert under the highway.

ODOT will close the highway at milepost 37, 4 miles west of Elgin, from Thursday at 6 p.m. until Friday at 6 a.m.

"No traffic will be able to cross the work zone during the closure and motorists will need to use alternate routes," according to the department's news release.

The transportation department also plans to conduct another slowdown next week on Interstate 84 between La Grande and Pendleton for tree removal.

The agency staged rolling slowdowns Wednesday for eastbound and westbound Interstate 84 to accommodate the removal of hazard trees along the freeway between mileposts 228 and 238. That will occur again Wednesday, March 18, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

During the operations,

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pilot cars will reduce speeds to 30 mph for about 15 minutes each time. Once traffic has passed the tree removal work site, the pilot cars will exit the freeway and drivers can return to regular speeds.

ODOT will temporarily close freeway on-ramps in the slow-down zones during the operations until the pilot cars and traffic pass. Travelers will be able to exit the freeway at those interchanges but may experience delays in getting on the freeway toward the direction of the work zones.

The road department also reported the rolling slowdown "will create a window of time when no vehicles will be at the work sites for approximately 10 minutes. This will allow us to safely fell the hazard trees without traffic in the area."

For updates check Trip-Check.com or call 511-800-977-6368. Outside Oregon, call 503-588-2941.

Census invitation mailers on their way

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Look in your mailbox

for an initial invitation to participate in the 2020 census.

The United States Census Bureau announced it is sending invitation letters March 12-20 to 143 million homes in the nation. The letter includes instructions on how to fill out the surveys.

"Depending on how likely the area is to respond online, households will receive either an invitation encouraging them to respond online or by phone (about 112 million households)," according to the news release, "or an invitation along with a paper questionnaire (about 31 million households)."

All households receiving an invitation in the mail will receive a second letter shortly after reminding them to respond. Then, households that still haven't responded will receive a series of additional reminders, including a paper questionnaire in mid-April. Census takers will follow up with households that don't respond to collect responses in person.

Public Safety Report

MONDAY

An Elgin caller at 10:07 a.m. reported the theft of mail on the 300 block of South 11th Street.

A Union caller at 11:22 a.m. complained about a dog on the 700 block of South Third Street. A Union County sheriff's deputy warned the dog owner.

La Grande police at 2:16 p.m. received a report of a burglary on the 3200 block of Union St. Police took a report.

A La Grande caller at 2:56 p.m. reported a pig on the loose at Spruce Street and May Lane.

La Grande police at about 3:55 p.m. arrested Joshua Tyler Gunshore, 22, of La Grande, for violating probation and felony methamphetamine possession.

A caller at 4:04 p.m. reported people riding carelessly on electric bikes on the 2900 block of Spruce Street, La Grande.

A caller at 7:34 p.m. reported a male with a weapon on the 1800 block of 26th Street, La Grande. Police responded and did not find the male had a weapon.

The Union County Sheriff's Office at about 11:45 p.m. arrested Robert Glenn Rysdam, 68, for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

TUESDAY

The Union County Sheriff's Office at about 6:25 a.m. cited a 16-year-old male for minor in possession of a vaping item and a 12-year-old male for minor in possession of

marijuana.

La Grande police at 8:03 a.m. received a call about a driver going the wrong way at Island and Adams avenues. Officers found and counseled the driver.

The Union County Sheriff's Office at 12:54 p.m. received a request from Elgin High School, 1400 Birch St., for a deputy because of a fight.

La Grande police at 1:38 p.m. received a report of possible child neglect.

La Grande police at 3:09 p.m. received a report of a sex crime. Police began an investigation.

A caller in Cove at 5:43 p.m. reported an aggressive dog on the 1100 block of Orchard Street.

The Union County Sheriff's Office at 4:16 p.m. received a report of people threatening a person in a van on the 200 block of South Sixth Avenue, Elgin. A deputy responded, and the caller agreed to stay somewhere else for the night.

La Grande police at about 6:45 p.m. responded to a report of juveniles throwing rocks at a car at Island and Adams avenues. Any miscreants were gone by the time police arrived.

A caller at 8:08 p.m. reported a disturbance on the 300 block of South 11th Avenue, Elgin. A Union County sheriff's deputy and an Oregon State Police trooper responded.

And La Grande firefighters responded to nine calls on Tuesday and four calls on Monday.

OBITUARIES

Baker City, with a reception to follow at 2525 College St. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Ronald McDonald House or a charity of one's choice in care of Gray's West & Company Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City 97814. To light a candle in memory of Tara or to leave a condolence for the family, visit www.grayswestco.com.

Beverly DeLashmutt

La Grande

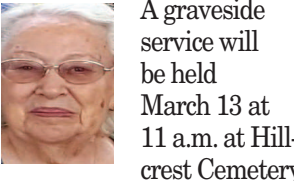
Beverly DeLashmutt, 72, of La Grande, died March 11 at a local care facility. Arrangements are entrusted to Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center.

Beverly L (Strong) Kirkwood

La Grande

1928-2020

Beverly Lucille Kirkwood, 91, of La Grande, died March 8 at her residence.



A graveside service will be held March 13 at 11 a.m. at Hillcrest Cemetery.

Beverly was born May 26, 1928, in La Grande, to Leonard and Wilma (Thompson) Strong. Her parents divorced when she was 2 years old, and later her father married Mildred Ann Thompson.

Beverly attended Greenwood Elementary School and La Grande High School. On Dec. 21,

include his wife, Carol; children and their spouses, Butch and Roxanne Stephens of La Grande and Sheri and Clay Wilhelm of Elgin; brother and sister-in-law, Donnie and Linda Stephens of Vancouver, Washington; sister, Kay Piper of El Cajon, California; sister-in-law, Carol Stephens of Prineville; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alva and Rita Stephens, and brother, Stan Stephens.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Elgin School District FFA, 111 N. 15th Ave., Elgin 97827.

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

Mary 'Marie' Payne

La Grande

Mary "Marie" Payne, 95, of La Grande, died March 7 at a local care facility. Arrangements are entrusted to Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center.

Tara L. Warren

Formerly of La Grande

Tara Lee Warren, 56, of Baker City and formerly of La Grande, died March 5 at St. Alphonsus Medical Center in Boise, Idaho. A memorial service will be held March 21 at 2 p.m. at Gray's West & Company Pioneer Chapel,

1946, she married Orville "Swede" Kirkwood in La Grande. Her husband's untimely death in October 1979 left her a widow.

Beverly's home and flower garden became her sanctuary. She was very artistic, doing drawings and pictures of nature and the world around her. She loved being outdoors. Beverly was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and she influenced the lives of many of the children she taught in Primary.

Surviving relatives include her siblings and their spouses, Carol

Wilhelm of Elgin, Myron and Martina Strong of Springfield, Allen and Debbie Strong of Salem, Thora Fuller of Woodville, Walter and Cora Elhart of Idaho, Gary "Kip" and Irene of Caldwell, Idaho, and Thomas Butcher of Portland; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Orville "Swede" Kirkwood and brothers, Merrill Strong and Thomas Mason.

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

Lois Henderson

March 30, 1927 - March 7, 2020



Lois Henderson 92, of La Grande, OR died Saturday, March 7, 2020 at home with her family at her side. A traditional graveside service will be held Friday March 13, 2020 at 1 p.m. at the Summerville Cemetery in Summerville, OR. A reception will be held immediately following the service at the Imbler Christian Church.

Lois was born March 30, 1927 in La Grande, OR to parents John and Treasa (Brown) DeFries.

She was raised and educated there along with 13 sisters and 3 brothers.

Lois met her husband Howard Henderson while she was working on the Kennel family farm. They were married on October 28, 1948 and had 7 children together which they raised on the Henderson family farm.

Lois worked various jobs throughout her life. While still in high school she worked for Syden's grocery store until her marriage. In January 1980 after 31 years of marriage Howard passed away. Lois went back to school and earned her GED. From there she attended business school in La Grande and began a job working for the US Forest Service Experiment Station. Soon after, she moved to Walla Walla, Washington to help her brother take care of their mother. After her mother passed away, her brother became ill and she took care of him until his death.

Lois cherished spending time with family and doing activities. She enjoyed spending time volunteering at the Union County Senior Center. She loved quilting and enjoyed gardening. In her younger years she played ladies league volleyball and was an active member of the Union Co. Cowbells during the late 60's early 70's.

She will be remembered for her value as a wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. We will miss her home-made ice cream and Holiday caramel corn and all the treats she made at Christmas. It brought great joy to all.

Lois is survived by her daughters Peggy Tuma of Seattle, WA, Linnea (Rick) Denis of Imbler, OR; sons Steve Henderson of Imbler, OR, David (Pam) Henderson of La Grande, OR, and Andy (Julie) Henderson of Cove, OR; 10 grand children and 10 great grand children; sisters Pat Sansburn, Myrtle Halley, Reba Moore, Frieda Beach, Roxa Isitt, Joyce Walker and Marcheta Ingstrom; special niece Durinda (Ron) Henderson Mann.

She was preceded in death by her husband Howard; son Dan and daughter Patty Henderson; grandsons Daniel and Jared Henderson; brothers John, Charles, and Delbert DeFries; sisters Helen Kenneda, Nadine Wood, Donna Weber, Judy Gilbert, Wanda Allison, and Barbara Ackerman.

For those who would like to make a memorial donation in honor of Lois, the family suggests either Doernbecher Children's Hospital or Grande Ronde Hospice through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services, PO Box 543 Halfway, Oregon 97834. Online condolences can be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

UPCOMING FUNERALS AND VISITATIONS

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March 14 Deborah Rudd: 11 a.m. memorial service, Island City Faith Center.

Robert Wolfe: 3-5 p.m. celebration of life with potluck taco bar, La Grande Mavericks clubhouse.

Roxanne Clarke: 3 p.m. celebration of life, Wallowa Community Center.

March 21 Justin Chocholak: 2-4 p.m. celebration of life, Cove Sportsman Club.

Patricia Ellen Tusten

November 22, 1931 - February 21, 2020

Patricia Ellen Tusten 88, of La Grande, passed away peacefully in her home on Friday, February 21, 2020. A Funeral Service will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Stake Center on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at 2:00pm.

Patricia was born on November 22, 1931 in Portland, Oregon to Gerald and Martha (Riggs) Crane. She was a woman full of life who loved her family more than anything. When she wasn't with her family, you could find her crocheting, cooking, gardening, painting ceramics, gold mining or just enjoying the outdoors.

Patricia is survived by her husband, Donald; children, Marieta Gallagher of Union, OR, Scott Mayhead of Umatilla, OR, Patrick Mayhead of Union, OR; brothers, Bob Crane of Medford, OR, and Michael Crane of Portland, OR; sister, Kate Treber of Astoria, OR; grandchildren, Dorothy Estrada, Michelle Lee, Michael Mayhead, Michael Stoutenberg and Shanna Stoutenberg; 8 great grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents Gerald and Martha; brothers, Russle Crane and Gorden Crane and son, Charlie Mayhead, Jr.

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

