

## COMMUNITY

## Meetings

• **ELGIN** — The Elgin Museum and Historical Society will hold its first meeting of the year Monday, June 1, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting is scheduled at the Elgin Depot, but if there are any complications, the board members will move to the museum.

The agenda includes the status of the newsletter, opening dates for the museum, organization of the displays and progress of the old jail.

The meeting is for museum board members and associates. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

• **COVE** — The City of Cove will hold its regular council meeting Tuesday, June 2, at 7 p.m. at Cove City Hall, 504 Alder.

To submit public comments, email [cityadmin@cityofcove.org](mailto:cityadmin@cityofcove.org) before 6:45 p.m. the night of the meeting.

Attendance to the meeting will be available virtually: go to [www.gotomeet.me/CityofCove](http://www.gotomeet.me/CityofCove) or dial in by calling 1-312-757-3129 or toll free 1-877-309-2073 (Access Code: 566-891-733). Instructions are given at [www.cityofcove.org](http://www.cityofcove.org). Members of the public also may request a link and the agenda by emailing [cityadmin@cityofcove.org](mailto:cityadmin@cityofcove.org).

# Flora School moves annual pioneer celebration online

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**FLORA** — The coronavirus outbreak has led to the cancellation of School Days at Flora School. But the Flora School Education Center is working on a Virtual School Days for 2020.

Normally held the first Saturday in June, the pioneer celebration will go virtual if at all possible on Saturday, June 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the Flora School's Facebook page.

More information will be available on the school's Facebook page, website and newsletter.

The Flora School Board also voted to cancel all classes and activities for the remainder of 2020, though some may be held when the "stay home" orders lift in Oregon, Idaho and Washington.

The school is about 35 miles north of Enterprise in Flora and close to the border of each state. The school will reschedule classes and activities into 2021.



Photo contributed by Flora School Education Center  
Pioneer demonstrations and activities are featured during Flora School Days 2019. The annual event helps raise money for the Flora School restoration project and to highlight the folk arts. The school moved the 2020 celebration online to the school's Virtual School Days 2020 group Facebook page.

## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

### WEDNESDAY

8:20 a.m. — A caller in Summerville asked to speak to someone with the Union County Sheriff's Office about options for moving some cattle. A deputy contacted the person and discussed the situation.

10:54 a.m. — A caller reported vandalism to a vehicle on the 2500 block of Adams Avenue, La Grande. An officer responded and took a report.

11:45 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 800 block of Grandy Avenue for a possible fight. Officers separated the people involved and determined the incident did not rise to the level of a mandatory arrest.

2:33 p.m. — A caller on the 67100 block of Miller Lane, Union, reported someone was the victim of a dog bite. An animal enforcement officer responded and took a report.

8:42 p.m. — A caller reported a careless driver on the 200 block of 16th Street, La Grande. A call 11 minutes later reported a careless driver on the 700 block of West Delta Street, Union. Law enforcement did not find the drivers.

10:34 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1500 block of 21st Street for a possible residential burglary.

### THURSDAY

10:20 a.m. — A caller reported a vehicle struck a cat on the 2100 block of Second Street, La Grande. The animal enforcement officer responded and took the cat to an animal care center.

1:32 p.m. — A La Grande resident reported harassment. An officer contacted the person, took information and referred that to a domestic violence detective.

3:40 p.m. — A caller reported horses on the loose on Deal Canyon Road, La Grande. Dispatch contacted the owners of the horses, which were returned.

4:42 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office cited Mitchell Dean Day, 50, of Union, on accusations of driving under the influence of intoxicants.

5:48 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a request to check on the welfare of an Elgin resident who has mental health issues. A deputy determined the person was fine.

9:12 p.m. — La Grande police responded to a request to check on someone also suffering mental or emotional problems. The person also was deemed OK.

## OBITUARIES

### Miriam E. (Carter) Hill

La Grande • 1920-2020

Miriam Elizabeth Hill, 99, of La Grande, died May 23. A private graveside service will be held.

Miriam was born Oct. 27, 1920, at her grandmother Yates' home in Ogden, Utah, to Francis

Edgar and Mary (Yates) Carter. She grew up in Park Valley, Utah, on her family's ranch.

After graduating from Box Elder High School in Brigham City, Utah, Miriam attended beauty school and worked in shops in Ogden and Morgan, Utah. When World War II started, there was a demand for war plant workers so in February of 1943 Miriam started working in the payroll department at the Army Supply Depot in Ogden.

Miriam married Ralph Arnold Hill in the Logan Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on June 22, 1945. They resided in Utah and California but lived most of their married life in the Grande Ronde Valley.

Miriam was a 4-H sewing club leader for several years and not only taught her own daughters how to sew but many other girls. She worked for Federal Crop Insurance for a couple of years before she and Ralph bought Zimmerman's Furniture and Hardware Store in 1972 and ran it together until their retirement in 1988.

In retirement, Miriam and Ralph worked hard in their yard and their farm in Cove. They enjoyed several winters in St. George, Utah, until Ralph was too ill to make the trip. Miriam then spent her time taking care of her husband until his passing in 2005.

Miriam was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in many capacities, including years in the Cub Scout and youth programs. A very compassionate person, she was always taking food to others and serving in any way she could. She has left her children and grandchildren a great example of how to serve others.

Surviving relatives include her children and their spouses, Ralph "Bill" and Marcia Hill of Cove, Frank and Linda Hill of Lake Forest, California, JoAnn and John Huntsman of Athena, Tamra Hooton of Hyrum, Utah, and Duane and Dawn Hill of Owings, Maryland; and 27 grandchildren and 54 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded

in death by her husband, Ralph; infant son, David Carter; son-in-law, Craig Hooton; and three great-grandchildren.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com](http://www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com).

### John D. Finley

Formerly of La Grande • 1930-2020

John David Finley, 90, formerly of La Grande, died May 22 at Salem Hospital. A private family

graveside service will be held at Willamette National Cemetery. Arrangements are by Virgil

T. Golden Funeral Services of Salem.

John was born Feb. 24, 1930, in Baker City, to Alvin Otis Finley, from Smithville, Indiana, and Hannah Mae Conner, from Enterprise. He was raised in La Grande.

When John turned 18, he joined the U.S. Navy, serving from 1948 until 1952, including two years during the Korean War. Returning to Northeast Oregon, he married Joan Marie Houston in 1952. John and Joan had three sons: Dennis, Randy and Bruce.

John worked at various jobs having to do with mechanics, machining and welding for a variety of companies, including but not limited to Boise Cascade Mill, Boeing and Precision Cast Parts. During the middle years of his working career, John attended Linn-Benton Community College and graduated with an associate's degree in metallurgy. The comment about John

**Upcoming local services are pending due to efforts to curb the spread of the coronavirus.**

was: "There wasn't anything John couldn't fix."

John was a Christian and believed deeply in the Lord. He and his wife were active in the churches in which they were members, most recently West Salem Christian Church.

Surviving relatives include his wife of 67 years, Joan; son, Randy Finley; son and daughter-in-law, Bruce and Joanne Finley; sister, Laura Mae Feldhacker; and two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Jason Finley; and eldest son, Dennis Finley.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Korean War Veterans Association or West Salem Christian Church.

### Carl Nelson

La Grande

Carl Nelson, 74, of La Grande, died May 27 at his home. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

### E. "Kaye" (Down) Jenkins

Union • 1949-2020

Ethel "Kaye" Jenkins, 70, of Union, died May 25 at her home in the Ramo Flat Apartments in Union. She will be buried with her sister and their parents at the Summerville Cemetery. Arrangements are entrusted to Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center of La Grande.

Known as Kaye, she was born Nov. 12, 1949,

in Joseph, to Eldon and Shirley (Keener) Down. Kaye moved with her family to La Grande, Baker, Missoula, Montana, Boise, Idaho, and Texas before returning to Boise and then Union.

Kaye graduated from high school in Missoula, Montana, with the class of 1968. She worked as an administrator for the Albertsons grocery store chain until her retirement. Kaye enjoyed bowling and tole painting.

Surviving relatives include her son, Greg Malone of Portland, and sister, Sharon Middleton of Union.

She was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Barbara Woods.

Memorial contributions

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

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.danielsknopp.com](http://www.danielsknopp.com).

### Delmar E. Free

North Powder

Delmar E. Free, 94, of North Powder, died May 27 at his home. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

### Charles L. Poe

Island City

Charles L. Poe, 73, of Island City, died May 28 at his residence. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

### Victor Abbott

May 18, 1936 - May 10, 2020

Victor Abbott, 83, of Summerville, died Sunday, May 10th in his favorite hunting place in the mountains between Unity and Sumpter. Arrangements are entrusted to Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center in La Grande.

Victor was born May 18th, 1936 in Huntington to Robert Wade and Muriel Ruth (Greenslade) Abbott. In 1946 the railroad moved his family from Huntington to La Grande where he graduated from high school in 1954. After graduating he joined the Navy and served with the sea bees as a heavy equipment operator until 1962. After his honorable discharge he worked for the railroad, then as a logger then drove log truck and later purchased his own truck. On September 6th, 1984 he was married to Barbara Swope. In 1988 they made their home in Summerville.

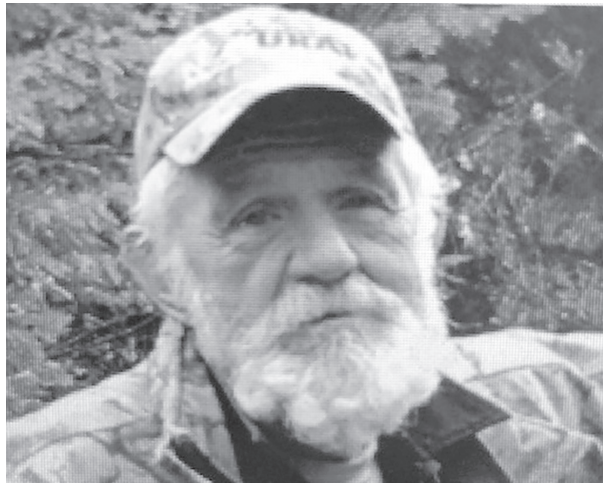
Victor was a devoted member of the New Song Community Church in La Grande. He loved hunting, fishing, camping and spending time in the outdoors. He also enjoyed leather and wood working.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Barbara Abbott; children, Tracy & Beth Abbott of Nampa, ID, Tim & Kris Abbott of Fresno, CA, Randy Abbott of Boise, ID, Shari & Bill Schaffer of La Grande, step daughters, Bonnie Campagna of Louisiana, Bette Daline of Arizona; siblings, Wade Abbott of Port Orchard, WA, Kay and Harold Rogers of La Grande, Nancy Sargent of Telocaset, Jim & Mary Abbott of Deer Park, WA; 18 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren.

Victor was preceded in death by both of his parents. He was a loving husband and father and very much enjoyed his church.

Contributions in memory of Victor Abbott may be made to New Song Community Church, 3008 Cove Avenue, La Grande, OR 97850.

Online condolences may be left at [www.danielsknopp.com](http://www.danielsknopp.com)



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