

OBITUARIES

Carrel R. Hurst

1935-2020 • Summerville

Carrel Richard Hurst, 84, of Summerville, died June 12. A private interment will take place at the Summerille Cemetery.

Carrel was born Dec. 20, 1935, in King Hill, Idaho, to Carrel and Lois Hurst. He resided in Bonners Ferry, Idaho, where he attended high school. He joined the U.S. Army and was stationed at Fort Irwin before being deployed to Korea.

Carrel married Esther Birks on Nov. 10, 1955. They lived in Bonners Ferry for several years before moving to Morgan Hill, California, where Carrel worked for Ford Motors Corp. as a line foreman.

In 1970, he and his family moved to Elgin and later to Summerville. Carrel worked for Boise Cascade particle board plant in La Grande before purchasing the Elgin Texaco Station, which he ran with his family. After a few

years, he sold the station and went to work for Fleetwood Travel Trailers in Island City for several years until suffering a debilitating illness. He then worked for Northwood Travel Trailers and went on to take courses at the local college to learn AutoCAD, a commercial computer-aided design and drafting software application, and worked at Nash before retiring.

Carrel always loved figuring out how to make things run more efficiently and was a true problem solver. He loved to hunt and fish and planted a garden every year. He was quick witted and would send you a glance with a smirk after his comment, just to make sure you got it. Carrel was a strong independent man and loved his wife and family very much.

Surviving relatives include his sons and daughters-in-law, Curtis and Lillie Hurst of Summerville, Gene and Kathleen Hurst of Eagle, Idaho, and Greg and Shuree Hurst of Pullman, Washington; daughter and son-in-law, Lanna and Andy Dollar of Kennewick, Washington; 18 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by

his wife, Esther Hurst; daughter, Sherry Moosman; parents, Carrel and Lois Hurst; and siblings, Valda Shierling and Sid Hurst.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.love-landfuneralchapel.com.

Victoria A. (Sanchez) Cox

1961-2020 • Elgin

Victoria Ann Cox, 59, of Elgin, died unexpectedly June 10 at her residence. A private celebration of life service will be held for the family June 20 at 6 p.m. To view a livestream of the service or watch it later, go to <https://anything2digital.com/loveland-funerals>.

Victoria was born March 17, 1961, in Long Beach, California, to Robert and Nancy (Davis) Sanchez. She graduated from Kennedy High School in 1979. With three sons from a previous marriage, she married Kineth Cox on Jan. 31, 2000.

Victoria enjoyed the beach, traveling, camping and spending time with family and friends. Her heart was open to everyone. She never had a deaf ear and, like it or not, always had the right thing to say. She had many friends she considered to be family.

Surviving relatives include her husband, Kineth Cox of Elgin; sons, Bobby Waters, Lee Waters, Koltin Waters and Keegan Sanchez; daughter, Cassie Englund; stepdaughters, Tawny Savage, LaRissa Smith and Kaely Knight; and father, Robert Sanchez.

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JoAnne R. (Needham) Croteau

Formerly of La Grande

JoAnn Rae (Needham) Croteau, 58, formerly of La Grande, died May 2. A service will be held June 22 at 10 a.m. at the Island City Cemetery.

Roslain Yohp

La Grande

Roslain Yohp, 74, of La Grande, died June 12 at her residence. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory.

Eva W. Bennett

La Grande

Eva Winnefred Bennett, 95, of La Grande, died April 26 at her residence. A private interment will take place June 20 at 2 p.m. at

Upcoming local services



June 20 — EVA BENNETT: 2 p.m. private interment; viewable online at <https://anything2digital.com/loveland-funerals>.

June 20 — VICTORIA COX: 6 p.m. private celebration of life; viewable online at <https://anything2digital.com/loveland-funerals>.

June 22 — JOANNE CROTEAU: 10 a.m. service; Island City Cemetery.

June 25 — LEROY POE: 4 p.m. celebration of life, Summerville Baptist Church.

— *Calendar*
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the Island City Cemetery. Those who would like to watch it online may do so at <https://anything2digital.com/loveland-funerals>.



Contributed photo
The Wallowa History Center in Wallowa received a \$6,534 grant from the Oregon Heritage Commission.

Grant boosts Wallowa History Center promotion efforts

The Observer

WALLOWA — The Wallowa History Center in Wallowa received more than \$6,000 in a grant from the Oregon Heritage Commission.

The commission awarded \$74,999 in grants to 11 museums throughout the state in amounts ranging from \$1,063 to \$8,284. The Wallowa History Center received \$6,534 to help cover the cost of designing and implementing a new website, installing highway signs and developing an interpretive video and marketing materials.

The Baker Heritage

Museum in Baker City received a \$7,800 museum grant to develop and distribute the “Baker County Heritage & Cultural Passport” to increase tourism to heritage sites in Baker County.

The Oregon Heritage Commission is part of the Oregon Heritage program at Oregon Parks and Recreation Department and offers the museum grant program annually. The grants began in 1965 when only 24 organizations were eligible for the program. Oregon Parks and Recreation funded this grant cycle rather than lottery or park fee funds.

— PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT —

TUESDAY

7:55 a.m. — A resident on the 1200 block of Willow Street, La Grande, reported the theft of cans.

12:28 p.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about possible animal neglect on the 2200 block of Pine Street.

1:23 p.m. — La Grande police responded to a report of a person suffering a mental or emotional crisis. The person planned to contact mental health services.

6:50 p.m. — La Grande police received a request to check on someone screaming on the 400 block of Jefferson Avenue. An officer found the noise was coming from youth playing video games.

10:52 p.m. — La Grande police responded to Second Street and H Avenue on a report of a loud bang but found no one suspicious upon arrival.

Recent Oregon State Police arrests and citations

June 9 — Jonathan S. Allred, 36, of Bingham, Utah, on accusations of driving under the influence of intoxicants (alcohol).

June 13 — Benjamin Steven Monti, 43, on accusations of DUII (alcohol).

Shirley Jean Stephens

September 29, 1941 - June 2, 2020

Shirley Jean Stephens, 78, of La Grande, passed away on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at St. Luke's Hospital in Boise, Idaho. At her request, there will not be a service.

Shirley was born on September 29, 1941 in Prineville, Oregon to Claud and Sylvia Binam. She resided in Prineville and La Grande, OR. She married her one true love, Wallace Stephens, on October 24, 1958. They had three children.

Shirley worked various factory jobs in Prineville and was employed by Community Connections in La Grande. She loved the Lord and her family more than they will ever know.

Shirley is survived by her son, David Stephens of La Grande, OR; grandchildren, Julia Matthews (Tim) of La Grande, OR, Nick Rust of Waldport, OR and Eric Lincoln of La Grande, OR; 2 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Wally; son, Jimmy Stephens; daughter, Regina Lincoln; parents, Claud and Sylvia Binam; brother, Archie Binam; and sisters, Betty Gross, Doris Halsey, and Dianna Thorson.

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Elgin School Board adopts budget

■Cuts may be needed despite the \$7.42 million figure

By Dick Mason

The Observer

ELGIN — The Elgin School Board voted Monday to adopt a 2020-21 total budget of \$7.42 million, an increase of about 9% from its current spending plan.

The budget would allow the school district to retain all of its staff and programs, yet the possibility of cuts remains a distinct possibility because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The district built the budget on the assumption the state will provide school districts with all of the funding the Legislature approved for education last summer when it

passed the budget for the 2019-21 biennium.

The funding outlook for Oregon's schools has become murky at best because of the coronavirus pandemic, which forced the state to shut down many businesses for two months, costing it significant income tax revenue and crippling the economy. The state's school fund is expected to lose about \$490 million in revenue based upon the state's May 20 budget forecast. Education officials throughout the state are pushing legislators to draw from the state's reserves to backfill funding for schools so they will receive all of the money initially allotted to them.

It will not be known if school districts will be backfilled and thus fully funded until the

Legislature meets to decide on this in July or August. The Elgin School Board is making contingency plans in the event schools don't receive full funding.

“The board talked about making plans for reductions if they need to,” said Superintendent Dianne Greif.

The Elgin School Board does not have the option of waiting until the Legislature decides because state law requires school districts to adopt their budgets by June 30.

The deadline for school districts and the Legislature's meeting schedule for discussing school funding, Greif said, “do not line up well.”

The Elgin school budget is up primarily because of state grants. These include funding from the Student Suc-

cess Act and Measure 98. The Student Success Act, funded by a new corporate tax, provides additional money for school nutrition programs, counseling and more. Measure 98 funds are to be used to reduce dropout rates and boost career and technical education. Greif said it is not known how much money the Elgin School District will receive from the grants because of the economic crisis caused by COVID-19.

“We don't know what level we will be funded at,” Greif said.

A third new major grant Elgin is expected to receive is provided by the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, also known as the CARES Act. Greif said this grant would be for \$58,000.



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Salmon Cakes \$8

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Soup

Chicken Bisque

Salad

Taco Salad-beef or chicken \$12

House Salad \$7

Add chicken or shrimp \$3

Sandwiches

Roast Beef Dip \$14

Cajun Chicken \$14

Blue Plate Special \$12

Tostada Suprema

Entrees

Grilled New York Steak \$23

Shrimp and Pasta \$15

Small Plate

Tenderloin Kabobs \$12

Salmon Cake \$12

Desserts

Our Very Best Chocolate Cake \$6

Cheesecake \$6

Chocolate Hazelnut Torte \$6

Pie Time

Raspberry Rhubarb Pie

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Barbara Henkel Odegaard

April 30, 1927 - June 7, 2020

Hips that swung from side to side and a pearl necklace conveniently dropped in a suit jacket pocket began a romance and a family. Barbara Henkel Odegaard was born April 30, 1927 in White Bear Lake, Minnesota and passed away June 7, 2020, surrounded by family. Barbara received her Nursing degree from Northwestern

in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Barbara eventually met Erling (Ode) Odegaard and they were married on November 13, 1949 and began their journey together.

Barbara had an amazing career working as an RN. At Grande Ronde Hospital in La Grande, Oregon, Barbara was ahead of her time as she worked her way up to many leadership positions including Director of Nursing and finally Administrator of the Hospital. Barbara also served on many Board of Director's including several civic organizations and on the Foundation Board for her beloved Eastern Oregon University. Barbara was full of life where ever she went. She was elected Queen of a 1976 bicentennial parade in La Grande, could sit on a hydrant with a beer like a boss, threw amazing parties and was kind to all she met. “Meme”, as she was known by her grandchildren and many friends; adored her grandchildren and great grandchildren and she was their biggest cheerleader at every concert, ceremony or sporting event they participated in. Barbara was beloved by many people who became her children even if they were adults, and they loved her like their second Mom. Barbara will be missed by many.

Barbara is now celebrating with her parents, siblings and her husband as they went on before her. She is survived by her four children; Ruth Gelbrich, Peggy Odegaard, Kelly Odegaard, of Salem, Oregon and Mary Phiroz from Louisiana, as well as her four grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Barbara will be interred at a later date in a private ceremony at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, Oregon. The family asks in lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her name to the Salvation Army or Eastern Oregon Wrestling Program. Cared for by City View Funeral Home, Salem, Oregon.

