

COMMUNITY

Meetings

• UNION — The Union School Board will meet Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 6 p.m. The board will discuss bond-funded projects and other items. For information on connecting to the meeting virtually via Zoom, call the Union School District at 541-562-6115.

Briefs

Advisory council members sought
LA GRANDE — Community Connection of Northeast Oregon is seeking seniors or people who provide services to seniors to join the Advisory Council. The council meets every other month and makes recommendations to Community Connection on the services it provides to seniors. Call 541-963-7532 for an application.

Honors

LMS students earn academic honors while distance learning
LA GRANDE — The following students were named to La Grande Middle School's first-quarter honor roll of the 2020-21 academic year. Students must earn a GPA of 3.50 or higher to be on the LMS honor roll.

6th grade
4.00: Hunter Austin, Sydnee Azure, Angus Boyk, Taylor Browning, Noah Carter, Haiden Davis, Diego Escamilla Ramirez, Aviana Fields, Genevieve Gekeler, Mollie George, Alyson Glabe, Paylan Hampton, Jackson Kimball, Delaney Klinger, Pierce Lair, Jerrick Leonard, Charlotte Luke, Alexace Milner, Wyatt Murie, Kyler Myer, Brennan Palmer, Carleigh Radke, Riken Ritter, Avrey Robinson, Cash Rock, Nolan Rogers, Camilla Romer, Gracie Spence, Brennan St. Claire, Hayden Trice, Sophie Turner, Amiah Tye, Nareesha Ward, Mackenzie Wigginton, Lainey Wolfe, Michael Yifthege, Jane Zastrow.

3.83: Kallen Blakely, Madeleine Burton, Carter Clapp, Alexander De Anda Lopez, Ivan Hibbert, JadyN Hulce, Grayson Loudermilk, Fern McConnell, Treyton Miller, Chad Moran, Chasity Morrison, Quinton Robinson, Holden Sipe, Arianna Wise.

3.80: Dex Dunlap, Brogan Hedgepeth, Kiera Hibbert.

3.66: Rileigh Ackley, Lilly Armstrong, Mikhail Defrates, Kiya Parker.

3.50: Anabella Kaback, Draven Karp, Neshia Sutton, Ruston Taylor.

Viola A. (Land) Millman
1933-2020 • Formerly of Elgin

Viola Angeline Millman, 87, of Richland and formerly of Elgin, died Nov. 9 at her home. A celebration of her life will be held at a later date.

Viola was born Aug. 20, 1933, in Elgin, to Edward and Polly (Clifford) Land in Elgin. During her growing up years, the family moved a lot, but for a time she went to school in Enterprise. Later in life she moved to Las Vegas, Nevada. It was there she worked in the casino industry for 14 years.

On Nov. 4, 1994, Viola married Leland “Link” Millman in La Grande, and they made their home in Elgin. After Link’s retirement from Union Pacific Railroad, they continued to live in Eastern Oregon and settled in Richland.

Viola loved to fish with her children and go for long rides. She enjoyed reading, especially the Clan of the Cave Bear series. Her favorite color was blue and “silver water” was the cure-all to any and all ailments.

Surviving relatives include her children, Nola DeNoto, Glen Cox, Linda Mitre, Carol Hollingsworth and Teresa Bel; nine grandchildren;



dren; five great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leland “Link” Millman.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of choice in care of Tami’s Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway 97834.

Online condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneral-home.com.

Gary E. ‘Mac’ McDonald
1946-2020 • Joseph

Gary Earl “Mac” McDonald, 74, of Joseph, died Nov. 11 at a care facility in La Grande. Per his request, there will not be a service.

Known as Mac, he was born Nov. 11, 1946, in Los Angeles, California, to Earl and Lenore “Lee” (Terlizzi) McDonald. He attended school in California and was a proud member of the Del Reys, a 1950s rock and roll band. His fondest memories were of his time playing in the band. He became an Oregonian at heart after moving to Oregon in his early 30s.

Mac worked as a heavy equipment operator most of his life before retiring in Joseph. He enjoyed fishing

OBITUARIES



Please follow guidelines regarding face coverings and social distancing at all services.

Nov. 17 — PATRICIA “PATSY” BOTHAM: 2 p.m. graveside service, Union Victorian Cemetery (casual dress preferred);

livedreamed at www.lovelandchapel.com (click on “Funeral Videos” button near bottom of home page).

Nov. 19 — ERMA LOREE: 2 p.m. graveside service, Cove Cemetery; livestreamed at www.lovelandchapel.com (click on “Funeral Videos” button near bottom of home page).

— *Calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande*

April M. Schuldt
North Powder

April M. Schuldt, 70, of North Powder, died Nov. 14 at Grande Ronde Hospital. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Gary Smith
La Grande

Gary Smith, 80, of La Grande, died Nov. 13 at Grande Ronde Hospital. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory.

Jack Vincent Smith
June 17, 1928 - October 31, 2020

Jack Vincent Smith, 91, of Sumpter, passed away on Monday, October 26, 2020 at his daughter’s residence.

Jack was born on January 14, 1929 in North Branch, Kansas, to Claude and Ruth (Calahan) Gutscher. He was raised in various locations, spending the last 30 years of his life in Sumpter, Oregon. He married Ona Mae Clark on June 17, 1950 and were together until her passing in 2017.

Jack was employed as a steel worker and a logger. He enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, four wheeling, snowmobiling, camping, woodworking and gold mining. He was a volunteer for the Sumpter Fire Department, and the Sumpter Valley Blue Mtn. Snowmobile Club.

Jack is survived by his daughters, Jeri Lynn Barker (Tim) of La Grande, OR and Jackie Rae Wall (Craig) of Camano Island, WA; 12 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ona and his parents, Claude and Ruth and great-grandson, Jacob.

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



Rita Mae Miller
August 28, 1934 - November 13, 2020

Rita Mae Miller was born into a loving home on August 28th, 1934 in Fullerton, California to Audre and Merwyn (Jiggs) Morris. She was shortly joined by sisters Zenda, Susie and Victoria. A defining moment in Rita’s life was when a young man shared with her mother the doctrine of the LDS church. She was baptized at 14 and remained a faithful member, serving in a variety of callings, until her passing.

Rita met her first husband, Ron, on a California beach when she was 15. They married on November 5, 1945 after Ron returned from the Navy. Rita worked for a phone company a short time before giving birth to their first son, Glenn. Their family blossomed with the addition of Rhonda, Dana, Karen, Sarah and Jonathan. Ron worked as a Mechanical Engineer while in California but the call to drill wells in the mountains of Eastern Oregon drew them to the small town of Cove, Oregon in 1973.

It was there that Rita exemplified the Pioneer Woman — an extraordinary that she was. She started the morning with her “work shoes” on and quite literally didn’t stop moving until well after the sun went down. Born frugal, she perfected gardening, canning, soap making, farming, sewing, cake making, and decorating using the most limited of resources. Her daughters have fond memories of her working until late at night on prom dresses, May Day dresses, square-dancing dresses and jackets for prom dresses that she thought were immodest. With a heart for teaching, one of her greatest joys was volunteering at Cove Elementary molding young minds.

When the wells dried up, mechanical engineering called them back to California in 1985 until Ron retired and they moved back to Cove 10 years later. The retired life was filled with grandchildren, golfing and mother’s continued community service. When Ron passed away in 2008, after 54 years of marriage, she spent her time buying homes and flipping them.

Rita never met a stranger. She loved engaging with people and it was very difficult to live alone for her. Thankfully, in April of 2012, Richard Miller sent her some peaches as a thank you for a meal that she had delivered to him after his wife passed. She reciprocated with a dinner in Cove. They married shortly after that on November 18, of that same year. Traveling, camping and a myriad of home projects filled their days. Richard was a delightful addition to her family. He was a blessing to her and adored by all of Rita’s children. Sadly, he passed away 6 weeks before Rita.

Her sudden passing is considered a tender mercy from the Lord and she will be dearly missed by not only her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, but by everyone who was ever blessed to have known her in any small way. Her joy was abounding and her gift was to make everyone feel better after spending time with her.



— PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT —

FRIDAY, NOV. 13

8:49 a.m. — A La Grande police officer saw a broken stop sign at Greenwood Street and Jefferson Avenue. Dispatch advised the public works department.

1:05 p.m. — A resident on the 2100 block of Maple Street, La Grande, reported mischief to a mailbox.

3:01 p.m. — A La Grande caller asked to speak to police regarding a possible stolen vehicle. The case was referred to detectives.

4:52 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 2200 block of Island Avenue on a report of a driver all over the road. Police arrested Manuel Buenrostro Mora, 51, for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

8:43 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff’s Office conducted a traffic stop at Second and Harrison streets, Union, and arrested Jonathan Edward Marsh, 31, on four warrants out of Linn County for failure to appear in cases involving drugs and other crimes, and on one Benton County warrant for failure to appear in a DUI case.

SATURDAY, NOV. 14

7:47 a.m. — La Grande police received a report of the theft of a vehicle on the 1900 block of N Avenue.

12:55 p.m. — A resident on the 70600 block of Palmer Junction Road, Elgin, reported harassment. A Union County sheriff’s deputy took a report.

4:05 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff’s Office received a report of a burglary in Cove. A deputy made contact and took a report.

6:37 p.m. — A caller reported a vehicle upside down in a ravine about 4 miles north of La Grande. No one was around the vehicle. A Union County sheriff’s deputy responded and attempted to locate the owner of the vehicle.

7:31 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 2100 block of Adams Avenue on a report about a disturbance. Officers arrived and no one wanted to pursue a case.

SUNDAY, NOV. 15

3:04 a.m. — A La Grande resident on the 1400 block of Jackson Avenue asked to speak to the animal enforcement officer regarding an ongoing situation with a barking dog.

11:06 a.m. — La Grande police received a report of a possible theft of a companion animal from the 1600 block of Y Avenue. An officer made contact and will follow up.

11:29 a.m. — A caller reported possible animal abuse or neglect on the 2100 block of Cove Avenue, La Grande.

1:50 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 900 block of Sunset Drive to provide assistance with someone experiencing a mental health crisis.

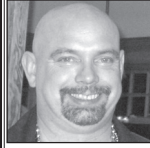
1:55 p.m. — A caller on the 2100 block of Maple Street, La Grande, reported vandalism. An officer made contact, and police would provide extra patrols.

3:38 p.m. — A resident on the 64500 block of Mount Glen Road, La Grande, reported a vehicle was blocking their garage. A Union County deputy tagged the vehicle for towing.

7:19 p.m. — A Union County sheriff’s deputy responded to the area of Buchanan Lane and South Walton Road, La Grande, on a report of a vehicle versus deer collision. The deputy dispatched the deer and the carcass was salvageable.

10:55 p.m. — A Union County deputy reported cattle on the loose in the area of McAlister Road and Buchanan Lane, La Grande.

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