

COMMUNITY

Meetings

• ENTERPRISE — The Wallowa County Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund Advisory Council has two public meetings next week. The first, to discuss and approve the STIF grant application, begins at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11. The second, to adopt and submit the STIF grant to the state for approval, begins at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15. Both meetings will be on the first floor of the Wallowa County Courthouse, 101 S. River St., Enterprise. Meetings and hearings are open to the public. A Zoom link for each meeting can be found on www.ccn.org. For questions or to request special accommodations, contact the Wallowa County Commissioners Office at 541-426-4543, ext. 1130.

Briefs

Volunteers welcome at woodlot work day

LA GRANDE — The Neighbors Together emergency woodlot is having a work day Saturday, Jan. 9, from 9 a.m. to noon. Everyone is invited to come and help get firewood ready to give away this winter. The woodlot is 3309 N. Umatilla St. in La Grande. For more information, go to www.neighbors-togetherofunioncounty.org or call 541-963-9126.

LOTTERY

Megabucks: \$6.6 million
5-17-24-26-32-47

Mega Millions: \$447 million
20-43-51-55-57 — 4 x2
Powerball: \$384 million
3-4-11-42-67 — PB 4 x2

Win for Life: Jan. 4
2-6-28-33

Pick 4: Jan. 5

- 1 p.m.: 6-5-1-4
- 4 p.m.: 5-3-6-8
- 7 p.m.: 2-5-4-1
- 10 p.m.: 7-6-6-1

Pick 4: Jan. 4

- 1 p.m.: 8-7-3-4
- 4 p.m.: 3-3-1-1
- 7 p.m.: 3-4-7-2
- 10 p.m.: 2-4-8-7

DELIVERY ISSUES?

If you have any problems receiving your Observer, please call 541-963-3161.

New parents welcome La Grande's first baby of the new year



Abigail Stonebreaker/Grande Ronde Hospital

LA GRANDE – The first baby of the New Year arrived at Grande Ronde Hospital, La Grande. Parents Hunter and Kyra Reddington welcomed their first child, baby boy Rodger McKenzie Reddington, at 12:36 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 4, 2021. Rodger was born at 8 pounds, 10 ounces, measuring 20-1/2 inches long. To celebrate his special arrival, the Reddington family received a special white stocking and gift basket overflowing with diapers and supplies from the Grande Ronde Hospital Auxiliary. Although unable to congratulate the family in person, the Auxiliary passed along its congratulations and well wishes to the family.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

MONDAY, JAN. 4

5:04 a.m. — La Grande police assisted an individual experiencing mental illness on the 2200 block of 2200 block of East Penn Avenue.

8:44 a.m. — The local animal enforcement officer saw two dogs loose on the 2000 block of Fourth Street, La Grande, and contacted and counseled their owner.

10 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1900 block of Fourth Street to help an individual experiencing mental illness.

10:46 a.m. — A caller on the 1600 block of L Avenue, La Grande, reported possible dog poisoning. The animal enforcement officer responded and determined the substance was dog feces and not poisonous.

10:56 a.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy responded to the 67900 block of Summerville Road, La Grande, for a theft. The deputy took a report.

2:31 p.m. — A caller on the 1400 block of Y Avenue, La Grande, asked police for assistance regarding harassment. An officer made contact and explained options.

4:01 p.m. — A resident on the 64100 block of Hunter Road, La Grande, reported fraud. A Union County sheriff's deputy took down information.

4:55 p.m. — La Grande medics and police responded to the 1200 block of Benton Avenue for a possible overdose.

TUESDAY, JAN. 5

12:27 a.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about loud music on the 2400 block of Century Loop.

9:04 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 2500 block of Adams Avenue on a report of a domestic disturbance. Police arrested Jesse Joe Shodin, 46, for domestic violence assault and on a restraining order violation.

9:07 a.m. — A caller on the 73500 block of Gordon Creek Road, Elgin, asked to speak with the animal enforcement officer regarding an aggressive dog. The officer cited the dog's owner for dog at large.

11:33 a.m. — The animal enforcement officer received a request regarding an problem with a barking dog on the 2300 block of Fir Street, La Grande. The officer will follow up.

12:40 p.m. — A caller reported a transient camp on the 10200 block of North McAlister Road, La Grande.

2:02 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a report of a sex crime in Island City.

2:26 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of a possible sex crime.

11:13 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 2500 block of May Lane for a domestic disturbance. Officers trespassed one person from the scene.

Recent Oregon State Police activity

Jan. 1 — An Oregon State Police trooper responded to a driving complaint on Interstate 84 eastbound from Umatilla County when the car crashed at about 7:56 a.m. near milepost 245. The trooper headed to the crash of the blue Ford Focus, state police reported. Troopers searched the area for the driver, but a passing motorist had picked him up. State police caught up with the suspect at the Flying J Travel Center, La Grande.

OSP arrested Dustin Burgess, 30, of Kennewick, Washington, for unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle, unauthorized use of a vehicle, hit-and-run and on multiple warrants, including a nationwide warrant for escape from the Washington Department of Corrections.

Lois Claire Ebel
March 27, 1935 - January 2, 2021



Lois Claire Ebel, 85, of La Grande, passed away on Saturday, January 2, 2021 at her son's residence. A Private Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, January 16, 2021 at 10:00am. The service will be live streamed. If you would like to watch, go to lovelandfuneralchapel.com and click on the "Funeral Video" button near the bottom of the home page just before 10:00am.

Lois was born on March 27, 1935, in Cleveland, Ohio to Lewis and Florence (Waltjun) Kline. After graduating from high school, Lois attended Western Reserve University Nursing School graduating with a Bachelor's Degree. Later, she attended Realty School and earned her Broker's License. Lois was married to John David Ebel, on December 23, 1956, until his passing in 1992. She then married her long-time friend, Bill Gilliam in 2005.

Lois traveled extensively following her careers, first as a trauma nurse and later as the owner of a real estate company, Lois Ebel and Associates Realty, Forest Grove, OR and for Valley Realty in La Grande. She was awarded the top 200 Real Estate Companies in the United States through ERA and was President of the Chamber of Commerce in Forest Grove. As a nurse, in the late 1960's and early 70's, Lois was heavily influenced by the work of Elizabeth Kubler Ross, and was part of the first wave of medical professionals to embrace the concept of a "good death." After moving to Oregon, she co-founded one of the first hospices in the state.

Lois will be remembered as a loving wife, mother and grandmother who embraced and lived the values of her faith throughout the many challenges and successes of her life. She will be deeply missed. She loved serving people, playing bridge, poker and playing other card and board games with her children and grandchildren. She loved to take walks and enjoyed golf for a period of time. She was the Elder and Deacon at the First Presbyterian Church in La Grande. She was a member of PEO, her sorority and La Grande Country Club. Lois was the first woman to join Rotary Club in Oregon. While there were many things in life that were important to Lois, the greatest of these were her Christian faith, her family and of course her animal companions.

Lois is survived by her husband, Bill Gilliam, of La Grande; sons, David Ebel (Nicki) of La Grande, and Donald Ebel (Teresa) of Mankato, MN; brother, Donald Kline (Pat) of Columbus, OH; 11 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren. Lois was preceded in death by husband, John "Dave" Ebel; daughter, Laura Bowman; parents, Lewis and Florence and sister, Linda Lekan.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the First Presbyterian Church, 1308 Washington Avenue, La Grande, OR 97850 or Grande Ronde Hospice, 909 Adams Avenue, La Grande, OR 97850.

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

OBITUARIES

Anthony 'Tony' W. Prince
1953-2020 • La Grande

Anthony "Tony" Wilson Prince, 67, of La Grande, died Dec. 28, 2020, at Grande Ronde Hospital. At his request, there will not be a service.

Known as Tony, he was born Sept. 9, 1953, in Enterprise, to Lester and Ruby (Lyman) Prince. He resided in Enterprise, Island City, Union and La Grande. Tony worked as a ranch hand for local ranches.

Surviving relatives include his sister, Ina Feldmann of Portland, and three nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ruby and Lester, and brother, Michael Prince.

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

John Tye
Enterprise

John Tye, 85, of Enterprise, died Jan. 4 at Wallowa Memorial Hospital. Arrangements are by

Bollman Funeral Home, Enterprise.

Keith Young
La Grande

Keith Young, 70, of La Grande, died Jan. 5. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Archie B. Patterson
Formerly of La Grande

Archie Badger Patterson, 89, formerly of La Grande, died Jan. 3 in Riverton, Utah. A graveside service will be held Jan. 9 at noon at the Sunset Gardens Cemetery, 915 Bypass Highway, Richland, Washington.

Lois C. Ebel
La Grande

Lois Claire Ebel, 85, of La Grande, died Jan. 2 at her son's residence. A private celebration of life will be held Jan. 16 at 10 a.m. The service will be live-streamed; to attend virtually, go to www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com and click on "Funeral Videos" near the bottom of the home page just before 10 a.m.

Upcoming local services



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

Jan. 11 — TERRI BARNHART: 2 p.m. memorial service, Christ Covenant Church (old school gym in Lostine).

Jan. 16 — LOIS EBEL: 10 a.m. celebration of life; attend virtually via the livestream at www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com (click on "Funeral Videos" near bottom of home page just before 10 a.m.).

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



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Eugene LeRoy Williams Sr.
July 8, 1944 - December 25, 2020



Eugene LeRoy Williams Sr., 76 of Pavillion passed away at Casper Hospital on December 25, 2020.

He was born to Manly (Shorty) and Irene Williams on July 8, 1944 in LaGrande, Oregon. His parents moved to Dubois, Wyoming in the early 60's as timber workers. Eugene graduated from LaGrande High School in 1964.

Eugene married Beverly Hoxie June 10, 1964. They both attended Blue Mountain College in Pendleton, OR for a short time before moving to Wyoming. He worked in the woods for awhile and soon the US Plywood Mill as apprentice saw filer, soon to become Head Saw Filer. As head saw filer he and his crew sharpened all the saws used to run a saw mill. Tamra Eileen was born in 1966. Beverly was in a fatal car accident in 1967.

On June 27, 1968 he married Peggy Wempen from Pavillion, Wyoming. Eugene loved snowmobiling, hunting, fishing and motorcycling in the mountains. Eugene loved watching NASCAR and was privileged to attend a couple races.

Eugene and Peggy raised their 4 children in Dubois. Many weekends were spent in the mountains camping in the summer and snowmobiling in the winter. Square dancing, racing stock cars in Riverton, building model cars and most of all if someone mentioned pinochle the games were on. As sawmills began closing the family moved to Colorado, Oregon, California and after retiring back to Pavillion, Wyoming.

Eugene is survived by his wife Peggy, daughter Tamra Stoller (Tim) of Ladysmith, Wisconsin, Dawn Kodesh (Anthony) of Casper, Wyoming, Chad Williams (Tracy) of Baker City, Oregon and LeRoy Williams Jr. of Portland, Oregon. Grandchildren Britany, Brandon, Shelby, Chaz, Desiree, Chelsie, David, and Colton. Great-grandchildren Cash, Zoey and Eugene Maxwell who was born on 12/25/2020.

He is preceded in death by his parents and first wife.

A family Celebration of Life will be held at Crown of Life with Pastor Joe Sifuentes on January 9, 2021.



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