

COMMUNITY

Meetings

- ISLAND CITY — The Island City City Council will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11, at Island City City Hall. Elected councilors will be sworn in.
- UNION — The Union City Council will meet Monday, Jan. 11, for a work session at 6 p.m and a regular meeting at 7 p.m., both at Union’s city hall.
- LA GRANDE — The La Grande Rural Fire Protection District will meet Tuesday, Jan. 12, at 6 p.m. at the fire hall in Island City. Call 541-910-3114 for more information.
- LA GRANDE — The City of La Grande Planning Commission meets Tuesday, Jan. 12, at 6 p.m. via electronic communications. To listen to the meeting, or participate in the public comment opportunity, call 253-215-8782 and enter meeting ID 819-3717-1987 then enter password 607237. Public comment or questions may be submitted by emailing mboquist@cityoflagrande.org.
- LA GRANDE — The Board of Directors of the La Grande School District will meet Wednesday, Jan. 13, at 7 p.m. The meeting will be available online, by phone and on the Blue Mountain Translator District. Meeting access information is given on the agenda at www.lagrandesd.org.

Briefs

Place an order for next Cove senior lunch

COVE — The Cove senior meal program is now offering takeout lunches on the first and third Tuesday of the month. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, meals are picked up in front of Founders Hall instead of being served inside. The lunch will be handed out from noon to 12:30 p.m. Enter the driveway in front of the Ascension Founders Hall on Church Street from the north.

The Jan. 19 menu features chicken enchilada casserole, Spanish rice, corn, green salad, rolls and cookies. There is a \$5 charge per meal. If you haven’t been contacted, call Imie Bristow at 541-568-4545 by Wednesday, Jan. 13, to order your meal.

Lottery

Megabucks: \$6.7 million
19-23-34-41-43-46
Mega Millions: \$447 million
20-43-51-55-57 — 4 x2
Powerball: \$410 million
1-20-22-60-66 — PB 3 x3
Win for Life: Jan. 7
9-11-12-71
Pick 4: Jan. 7
• 1 p.m.: 1-7-1-1
• 4 p.m.: 1-3-6-2
• 7 p.m.: 2-4-6-7
• 10 p.m.: 2-9-3-0
Pick 4: Jan. 6
• 1 p.m.: 9-7-8-8
• 4 p.m.: 7-8-2-5
• 7 p.m.: 6-3-8-7
• 10 p.m.: 7-9-8-7

DELIVERY ISSUES?

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

Menus

Union County Senior Center takeout lunches

Pick up 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at 1504 N. Albany St., La Grande. For delivery, call 541-963-7532 before 10 a.m. Age 60+, \$3 suggested donation; all others, \$5. Public is welcome. Inquire about family meals and prepackaged sides.

- JAN. 11-15**
Monday: cheeseburgers, steak fries, fresh fruit, dessert.
Tuesday: teriyaki chicken wrap, salad, fruit, cookie.
Wednesday: fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, spinach salad, rolls, cobbler.
Thursday: traditional macaroni and cheese, salad greens, baked rolls, fruit, dessert.
Friday: sweet & sour meatballs, rice pilaf, freshly baked bread, carrot-raisin salad, fruit garnish, cookie.

Children’s free takeout breakfast & lunch menu for Jan. 11 through Jan. 15

Pick up 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Central, Greenwood or Island City elementary schools, La Grande. Free breakfast and lunch for anyone age 18 and younger. Fresh vegetables, seasonal fruit and 1% milk are offered daily.

CENTRAL

- Monday:** BREAKFAST: strawberry yogurt, graham crackers, apple juice; LUNCH: chicken Caesar salad, cucumber slices.
Tuesday: BREAKFAST: mini waffles, fresh fruit; LUNCH: parmesan chicken bites, whole-grain roll, steamed peas.
Wednesday: BREAKFAST: breakfast burrito, orange juice; LUNCH: BBQ pulled-pork sandwich, red pepper slices.
Thursday: BREAKFAST: yogurt pak with bagel, fresh fruit; LUNCH: popcorn chicken bowl, whole-grain dinner roll, broccoli florets.
Friday: BREAKFAST: mini-cinnis, apple juice; LUNCH: chicken quesadilla, green pepper slices.

GREENWOOD

- Monday:** BREAKFAST: strawberry yogurt, graham crackers, apple juice; LUNCH: chicken Caesar salad, cucumber slices.
Tuesday: BREAKFAST: mini waffles, fresh fruit; LUNCH: parmesan chicken bites, whole-grain roll, steamed peas.
Wednesday: BREAKFAST: mini-cinnis, orange juice; LUNCH: Italian meatball submarine sandwich, red pepper slices.
Thursday: BREAKFAST: French toast sticks, fresh fruit; LUNCH: chicken tacos, broccoli florets.
Friday: BREAKFAST: apple strudel, apple juice; LUNCH: popcorn chicken bowl, green pepper slices.

ISLAND CITY

- Monday:** BREAKFAST: biscuits & gravy, hard-boiled egg, apple juice; LUNCH: tuna sandwich, cucumber slices.
Tuesday: BREAKFAST: mini waffles, fresh fruit; LUNCH: parmesan chicken bites, whole-grain roll, steamed peas.
Wednesday: BREAKFAST: breakfast burrito, orange juice; LUNCH: BBQ pulled-pork sandwich, red pepper slices.
Thursday: BREAKFAST: yogurt pak with bagel, fresh fruit; LUNCH: popcorn chicken bowl, whole-grain dinner roll, broccoli florets.
Friday: BREAKFAST: mini-cinnis, apple juice; LUNCH: chicken quesadilla, green pepper slices.

Jessica ‘Jessi’ Winger

1981-2021 • La Grande

Jessica “Jessi” Winger, 39, of La Grande, died Jan. 3 at a local care facility from complications following a heart attack. At her request, there will not be a service.



Known as Jessi, she was born July 9, 1981, in La Grande, to Russ and Cheri (Dohnal)

Winger. She attended Central Elementary School in La Grande, Bristol Bay Schools in Alaska, and finished at Mead High School in Spokane, Washington, as her family moved around.

In 2003, Jessi and Matt Tysor had a son, Aidan Winger, in Spokane. She felt Aidan was her greatest accomplishment in life.

Jessi will be remembered as someone who always spoke her mind, yet she was also a bubbly, fun person everybody wanted to be near. She loved spending time with both children and animals, was an avid reader and enjoyed coloring even as an adult.

Surviving relatives include her son, Aidan of Spokane, Washington; mother, Cheri Dohnal of La Grande; father, Russ Winger of Alaska; brother and sister-in-law, Logan and Barbara Winger of Alaska; sisters, Traci of Texas and

Heather of Wisconsin; three nephews and three nieces; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.lovelandfuneral-chapel.com.

Gracie M. (Dunn) Tarter

1933-2020 • Union

Gracie Mae Tarter, 87, of Union, died Dec. 28, 2020, at Grande Ronde Hospital. A private family memorial service was held at Loveland Funeral Chapel. Interment took place Jan. 4 at Union Victorian Cemetery.

Gracie was born Jan. 10, 1933, in Canon City, Colorado, to Lee William and Minnie Ethel (Simmons) Dunn. She started school in Leadville, Colorado, and then moved to her grandparents’ farm in Canon City. She later moved with her family to Vancouver, Washington, and Salem.

The Dunn family moved to La Grande to open the Cupboard Café, where Gracie worked during her high school years. She graduated from La Grande High School in 1951. She worked for the Oregon State Home Extension Service and for David Baum Sr.

On April 16, 1954, Gracie married Walter



OBITUARIES

R. Tarter, and they made their home in Union. They started a thoroughbred horse racing business in the 1950s and owned, trained and bred thoroughbred racehorses until their retirement in 2000. Walter and Gracie traveled to racetracks in the Northwest including Portland Meadows, Yakima Meadows, Les Bois Park in Boise, and Playfair in Spokane.

Gracie volunteered as the coordinator of the Union Food Bank and Union senior meal program. She was a member of the Grande Ronde Hospital Auxiliary, was a greeter at the Union County Museum and was past president of the VFW Auxiliary.

Gracie was a member of the Union United Methodist Church. She became the assistant racing secretary of the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show. Gracie and Walter were recognized as grand marshals of the EOLS parade.

Gracie was an avid sports fan. She enjoyed attending sporting events at Union High School. She loved the Portland Trailblazers and Seattle Seahawks.

Gracie has a wall in her living room dedicated to her 14 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. On Dec. 22, she was able to meet her newest great-grandchild, who was

Upcoming local services



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

Jan. 9 — LYLE HARMON: 2-6 p.m. celebration of life, 1999 Alder St., Elgin.

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

born Oct. 26, 2020. Baby Gracie is named after her great-grandma.

Surviving relatives include her daughters, Rita C. Bangs of Union, Jacquelynn M. Tarter of Spokane, Washington, Kathy L. Miller of La Grande and Cindy C. Tarter of Spokane; son and daughter-in-law, Robert M. and Ho’ Onani Tarter of Rockaway Beach; sister and brother-in-law, Jeanne and Jim Stewart of Flippin, Arkansas; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lee Dunn and Minnie Leavitt; husband, Walter; brother, Robert Dunn; and oldest daughter, Brenda Cantrell.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Union High School Bobcat Foun-

dation, EOLS or the Historic Union Community Hall, a nonprofit organization that is purchasing the Union Methodist church property.

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

Ruth Metlen

Baker City

Ruth Metlen, 92, of Baker City, died Jan. 6. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory.

Albert H. Quebbeman

La Grande

Albert Hurshel Quebbeman, 86, of La Grande, died Jan. 8 at his home. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory.

Grande Ronde Symphony Orchestra’s music contest underway

By DICK MASON

The Observer

LA GRANDE — Talented local musicians may put their skills to the test this month, not at a concert hall but at home.

The Grande Ronde Symphony Orchestra is accepting applications for its annual instrumentalist and vocalist contest. The winners will receive scholarships or cash prize awards and an invitation to perform with the GRSO.

The winners of the Concerto + Aria Competition will be selected based on video recordings they submit. The contest has young student, advanced student and open categories. The young student category is for musicians and vocalists in sixth grade through high school who live in Eastern Oregon or southeast Washington. The advanced student category is for college-bound high school seniors and college students

up to age 26.

The open category is limited to instrumentalists. People of all ages in Oregon, Idaho or Washington may enter.

The winner of the advanced student category will be awarded a \$300 scholarship, the opportunity to perform with the symphony at its May 26 Spring Concert and a one-hour free lesson from Zachary Banks, music director of the orchestra.

The winner of the young student category will receive a \$200 scholarship, a chance to play in the orchestra’s spring concert and a one-hour lesson from Banks.

The musician winning the open category will receive a \$900 cash award and a chance to play in the orchestra’s November concerts in La Grande and Baker City.

The opportunities for the winners to play in the

Grande Ronde Symphony Orchestra concerts will be available only if state health regulations allow the May and November concerts.

Musicians can enter in more than one category but are eligible to win just one award.

For information call 541-519-7234, visit www.GrandeRondeSymphony.org or send an email to grsymphony2@gmail.com.

The submission deadline for the contest is Feb. 1.

Archie Badger Patterson

January 27, 1931 - January 3, 2021



Archie Badger Patterson was called home on the 3rd of January 2021 in Riverton, Utah just a few days short of what would have been his 90th birthday. He was born January 27, 1931 to Judson and Lillian Patterson at

a ranch near Burley, Idaho. He graduated from Columbia High School in Richland, Washington, then enlisted in the US Army in 1950 and was honorably discharged after 2 years. He returned home where he launched a 60 year career as a machinist. He married Betty Helen Fred. They made their home in Richland, Washington and later in West Linn, Oregon. They became the parents of three daughters, Shari, Sue, and Jan and one son, John. He loved spending his leisure time riding horses, fishing, hunting, camping and boating with the family. He was a scout master and the family would spend 2 weeks each summer in the Wallowa Mountains during scout camp. Years later, Archie and Betty were divorced.

In the later part of 1980, he was introduced to Donna King Benedict. After a short courtship they stunned everyone who knew them with an invitation to a wedding which took place in January 1981 in Emmett, Idaho. They were subsequently sealed in the Jordan River temple. They went on to calm the nerves of any who may have had doubts about their “out of the blue” match up by going on to have a busy, happy life together for the next 39 years until Donna’s passing in 2019. Archie quickly won the hearts of Donna’s children and grandchildren and easily became an important part of their lives.

Archie and Donna resided for most of their time together in La Grande, Oregon, where they always had a large garden, and kept bees and chickens. They both shared a love for horses and dogs and cats and spending quality time in the great outdoors. They went hunting and fishing together all over Idaho, Oregon and Alaska. They served in the Ventura, California mission from 1994 to 1995 and several years in the Boise, Idaho temple.

Archie was a tough hombre who managed to survive three different malignant



cancers and he even shook off a bout of COVID-19 before old age finally claimed him. Archie was always a cowboy at heart from his western cut shirts to his cowboy boots and hat. He loved country music

and western movies and TV shows, not to mention his complete collection of Zane Grey western novels. He was a strong, easily likeable man with a big heart who touched many lives and will be greatly missed by all of us. He will be missed most for his love and the kind and patient father he was to his children and grandchildren. We feel grateful and blessed to have had him in our lives.

He was preceded in death by his parents and Donna and Betty (who also passed away in 2019). He is survived by his brother Kenneth Patterson of Richland, Washington; and his sister Leola Lewis of Grandview, Washington as well as his children: Sharon Lynn Ginther (Bruce) of Pasco, Washington; John Lyle Patterson (Laura) of Eugene, Oregon; Sue Ann Patterson and Janice Beth Morgan both of Portland, Oregon, and six grandchildren. Donna’s seven children have also called Archie dad: Tim (Kay) Benedict (who passed away serving a mission in Estonia in 2018); James (Christy) Benedict of Logan, UT; Russel (Maxine) Benedict and Jay Stanley (Brenda) Benedict both of Rexburg, ID, Cynthia (Raymond) Capell, of Riverton, UT; Lalove (Richard) Hilton of Dillon, MT and Barbara Benedict of Cedar City, UT.; along with 48 grandchildren to whom Archie was a very well loved granddad.

Due to logistical difficulties due to COVID restrictions there will not be a funeral. There will be a graveside service at 12 noon on Saturday the 9th of January at the Sunset Gardens cemetery, 915 Bypass Highway, Richland, Washington. In lieu of flowers please feel free to donate to the charity of your choice.

Serenity Funeral Home. (801) 255-2801. Contact is Caleb@serenityfhs.com. Due to COVID limitation there will be no funeral. Graveside service will be at 12 noon in Richland, Washington on the 9th at Sunset Gardens Cemetery 915 Bypass, Highway.