

## COMMUNITY

## Meetings

• **ENTERPRISE** — The Wallowa County Public Transit Advisory Committee meets Thursday, Jan. 28, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Wallowa County Courthouse, 101 S. River St., Enterprise. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and/or approve two grants: STF — Special Transportation Fund, state transportation funding serving seniors and people with disabilities with transportation needs; and 5310 — Federal funding to support seniors and people with disabilities transportation needs with capital projects, preventative maintenance and purchased services for transportation providers. The public may join the meeting virtually via Zoom or by teleconference. Contact the Wallowa County Commissioners Office at 426-4543, ext. 1130, for instructions.

## Honors

## Local students make OSU fall 2020 honor roll

**CORVALLIS** — Oregon State University announced the ames of students who made the scholastic honor roll for fall term 2020. A total of 8,378 earned a B-plus (3.5) or better to make the listing. To be on the honor roll, students must carry at least 12 graded hours of coursework.

The following students from Union and Wallowa counties earned a spot on OSU's honor roll:

**Union County**  
Imbler: Alyssa B. Schelin, freshman, psychology.  
La Grande: Erin R. Alberts, senior, microbiology; Nolan M. Clements, senior, fisheries and wildlife sciences; Garren J. Dutto, junior, electrical and computer engineering; Irelyn K. Miles, junior, natural resources; Madison A. Moody, junior, biohealth sciences; Lian Moy, freshman, food science and technology; Deric T. Mussatto, sophomore, public health; MaKayla L. Page, junior, interior design; Sadie L. Royes, freshman, nutrition; Katelyn L. Stirewalt, junior, construction engineering management; Abigail R. Tweten, senior, zoology.  
Summerville: Wade R. McDonald, freshman, biochemistry and molecular biology.  
Union: Kortnee N. Marriot, senior, biohealth sciences; Trevor J. Verhelst, senior, electrical and computer engineering.

**Wallowa County**  
Enterprise: Cody C. Irish, senior, forest engineering.  
Joseph: Natalie M. Goldsmith, freshman, biohealth sciences; Kacie N. Melville, senior, crop and soil science.

— *The Observer*

## Lottery

**Megabucks:** \$74 million  
16-25-33-35-37-47  
**Mega Millions:** \$1.05 billion  
4-26-42-50-60 — 24 x2  
**Powerball:** \$20 million  
5-8-17-27-28 — PB 14 x3  
**Win for Life: Jan. 23**  
2-18-56-64  
**Pick 4: Jan. 24**  
• 1 p.m.: 0-2-7-5  
• 4 p.m.: 7-6-7-4  
• 7 p.m.: 2-6-9-4  
• 10 p.m.: 7-8-1-0  
**Pick 4: Jan. 23**  
• 1 p.m.: 2-0-0-5  
• 4 p.m.: 0-1-0-6  
• 7 p.m.: 7-5-7-7  
• 10 p.m.: 9-7-7-5  
**Pick 4: Jan. 22**  
• 1 p.m.: 8-1-5-3  
• 4 p.m.: 3-6-8-7  
• 7 p.m.: 5-5-5-4  
• 10 p.m.: 4-1-2-9

## DELIVERY ISSUES?

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## Edcil 'Ed' J. Bright

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Edcil "Ed" James Bright, 89, of La Grande, died Jan. 20 at a local care facility. A private service will be held at a later time.



Known as Ed, he was born July 2, 1931, in Wallowa, Oregon, to James Elmer and Jewell (McReynolds) Bright. He resided in Wallowa, Summerville and

La Grande. He married Dorrene Joan Miller on Dec. 28, 1955, in Dayton, Washington. He served in the U.S. Army from 1955 to 1957.

Ed worked on a ranch in Summerville and was employed by Grain Growers and RD Mac. He was a member of the Eagles Lodge. He enjoyed hunting and outdoor activities with his family. He loved his grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren with all his heart.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Dorrene

## Upcoming local services



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

**Jan. 27 — EVAN SCHWEBKE:** 2 p.m. graveside service, Grandview Cemetery, La Grande.

**Jan. 29 — PEGGY GENTLE:** 2 p.m. graveside service, Wallowa Cemetery.

**Jan. 29 — SUNNY GREER:** 2 p.m. memorial service, La Grande First Christian Church.

**Feb. 20 — HARRY BIGLER:** 2 p.m. military honors ceremony, Union City Park.

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

## Thomas F. Dehart

La Grande

Thomas F. Dehart, 72, of La Grande, died Jan. 23 at a local care facility. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

## Millicent 'Peggy' Gentle

Wallowa

Millicent "Peggy" Gentle, 97, of Wallowa, died Jan. 21. A graveside service will be held Jan. 29 at 2 p.m. at the Wallowa Cemetery. Arrangements are by Bollman Funeral Home, Enterprise.

## Marcia 'Sunny' A. Greer

La Grande

Marcia "Sunny" A. Greer, 77, of La Grande, died Jan. 17 at her residence. A memorial service will be held Jan. 29 at 2 p.m. at the La Grande First Christian Church. COVID restrictions limit the attendance to 60 people with masks and proper social distancing. The memorial service will be livestreamed for those who cannot attend. Go to [www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com](http://www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com) and click on the "Funeral Videos" button near the bottom of the home page

just before 2 p.m. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

## Evan D. Schwabke

La Grande

Evan D. Schwabke, 71, of La Grande, died Jan. 22 at his residence. A graveside service will be held Jan. 27 at 2 p.m. at Grandview Cemetery. Attendees must wear a mask and practice social distancing to meet COVID-19 guidelines. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

## Sherill "Butch" Delano Estes

February 10, 1959 - January 15, 2021

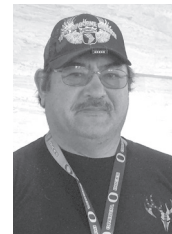
Sherill "Butch" Delano Estes, 61, of Elgin, passed away on Friday, January 15, 2021 at St. Luke's Medical Center, Boise, ID. A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later time.

Sherill, also known as Butch, was born on February 10, 1959 at Traverse Airforce Base in Fairfield, California to Alvie and Haruko (Katoka) Estes. He resided in Elgin, OR, various military bases in the United States and abroad, Colorado then back to Elgin for the remainder of his life. He attended schools in the Elgin School District through high school. He then attended a community college and received his Associates Degree in General Education.

Butch was employed by the United States Army 101st Airborne Staff Sergeant and as a drill instructor until his retirement and worked for Midco Bus Company. He received a Leadership & Dedication award from Panama City, Panama. He enjoyed hunting, gunsmithing and fishing. When he was younger, he enjoyed football, baseball, wrestling, track and bull riding. Butch lived a full life, embracing a blended family and never hesitated to help a neighbor or friend. He gave of himself continually, but never compromised on who he was — a huge-hearted man.

Butch is survived by his wife, Emma; children, Elise Carter (Thomas) of VA, Michael Estes (Stormy) of TX, Dustin Estes (Amy) of AR, Rockne Estes of AR, Robin Kintz of CO, Daniel Kocher of CO, Tucker Suttler of Oregon; sister, Sheila Estes of Ontario, OR, plus extended family includes 3 children brought into the marriage by wife, Emma and 18 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his mother Haruko Estes and sister, Linda Thomas.

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



## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

## FRIDAY, JAN. 22

6:47 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1900 block of Third Street for a disturbance. An officer determined the situation involved a mentally ill person and requested medical assistance.

12:12 p.m. — Local law enforcement responded to the 2500 block of Second Street, La Grande, for a domestic disturbance. Police took a report.

4:32 p.m. — A caller asked La Grande police to check on a person who threatened self harm. An officer made contact, found the person was fine at the time and gave options for support.

9:48 p.m. — A caller reported an attempted break-in at a residence on the 1100 block of Bryan Street, Cove. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded and determined there was no attempted break-in.

## SATURDAY, JAN. 23

10:34 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 600 block of 18th Street for a disturbance. The situation turned out to involve a dog bite. Police took a report.

11:32 a.m. — A caller reported a dog may have been harassing livestock on the 70000 block of Highway 204, Elgin.

11:54 a.m. — La Grande police received a report of a possible sex crime.

4:03 p.m. — A caller reported a disturbance on the 3200 block of Alder Street, La Grande. Officers responded and trespassed two people.

5:37 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office

responded to a report of suspicious people on the 1900 block of Birch Street, Elgin. A deputy spoke to a group of four people but found there was no crime.

10:21 p.m. — La Grande police received complaints about gunshots or fireworks in the area of La Grande Middle School, 1108 Fourth St. Officers responded, found it was fireworks and counseled four people.

11:30 p.m. — A caller reported a possible fight involving a large group of people at a residence on the 2200 block of Jefferson Avenue, La Grande. Offices responded, found a party and talked with the homeowner, who shut down the festivities.

## SUNDAY, JAN. 24

6:18 a.m. — La Grande police received a report of a loud bang in the area of the 200 block of Adams Avenue. Officers responded and determined the cause was a firework.

12:34 p.m. — Caller reported possible harassment on the 3300 block of Columbia Street, La Grande. An officer made contact with both parties and counseled them.

1:38 p.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy responded to the 100 block of South Third Street, Union, on a report of a domestic disturbance. The deputy made one arrest.

2:46 p.m. — A caller reported a burglary at a storage unit on the 200 block of South 19th Avenue, Elgin. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded and took a report.

7:43 p.m. — La Grande

police received a report of a domestic disturbance on the 500 block of Lake Avenue. Officers responded and separated the parties.

11:28 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 2900 block of Third Street for a disturbance involving a juvenile. Police separated the parties.

## Sunny Greer

May 16, 1943 - January 16, 2021

Sunny Greer passed away on January 16 at her home in La Grande, Oregon. She went to be with her Lord quietly, peacefully, with family at her side. We who were with her felt privileged and honored to be able to walk that last life journey with her, to see her off on that great journey and to say a temporary good-bye to her.

Sunny was born on May 16, 1943 to William Robert (Bob) and Shirley J. Gott in Kansas City, Missouri. Her family in Denver have always called her Marcia but her Uncle Nate called her Sunshine and she has always been Sunny to everyone outside her immediate family. Shortly after Sunny's birth, Bob went to Europe with an army transportation battalion and drove trains literally all over Europe carrying troops and supplies to the front lines during World War II. Sunny probably had the same reaction as many military children do when this stranger walked in the door and Mom says, "This is your Daddy."

The family moved to Osawatomie, Kansas where Bob worked as a brakeman on the railroad. They lived there until Sunny was in second grade when the Pottawatomie River flooded and pretty effectively wiped out their house. Bob moved the family, which by this time included Sunny's sister Vicki Joan, to Denver. Sunny had many fond and some not so fond memories of living in Osawatomie including leaving home on Saturday afternoon with twenty-five cents in her pocket. A dime went for the afternoon matinee at the local theater which was usually a western. This kindled her love for all things western, including her love of horses. The rest of the money went for a milkshake at the local drug store. She loved to ride the train to Kansas City, Kansas to spend time with her maternal grandparents, Arch and Cora Shelton. Here she met numerous cousins, aunts and uncles, but more importantly where she felt the most loved and secure.

In Denver, Sunny finished grade school, middle school and high school. At West High she was on the staff of the school newspaper and the year book, and where she earned a National Honor Society Scholarship to Colorado State University. Her brother Steven Robert was born in Denver and being the oldest, Sunny was placed in charge of her siblings until their parents came home from work. This often did not sit well with Vicki as she felt that her older sister was way too bossy.

Starting in middle school, Sunny spent at least a month every summer on a ranch near Cripple Creek with her Uncle Nate and Aunt Tina Snare. There she learned how to ride horses, pound a nail, drive a pickup, milk a cow, fix fence, and



many of the other usual ranch tasks. Her Uncle Nate and Aunt Tina were very major influences in Sunny's life.

Sunny enrolled at Colorado State University (CSU) in the fall of 1961 - so did a brash young man fresh out of the US Navy named Art Greer. Art gave her a ride to the girls dorm after english class one day and they have been sweethearts ever since. They were married in the spring of 1963 and thus began a wonderful and somewhat amazing life together for 57

½ years.

After graduation from CSU, Sunny and Art lived and worked on ranches at Livermore and Eagle, Colorado; at Berthoud, Colorado and in the Nebraska Sandhills. She was Art's major source of support as he earned a MS from CSU, and a PhD from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln (UNL). While in Lincoln, Sunny was raising four children, caring for a husband who was spending most of his time with his nose in books and papers and operating a 5 to 15 head horse boarding business on a farm southeast of Lincoln.

After graduation from UNL, Sunny and Art moved to La Grande where Art had a teaching position with Eastern Oregon State College. Here Sunny and Art put down roots that would last for her until she passed and are still very real for Art and the children.

Sunny was a very active "Mother" in 4-H, Brownies and in First Christian Church. She lived up to her name by being a ray of sunshine in many lives throughout Union County. Many people fondly remember her from the years she worked at Sunflower Books and through the many acts of kindness, caring, and love where these things were much needed and appreciated.

She was preceded in death by her parents and grandparents, and is survived by her husband Art, of 57 years; her much loved children Cora, Nate, and Tina, nine grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and one great-great granddaughter.

There will be a memorial service on Friday, January 29th, at 2:00 pm at the First Christian Church in La Grande. Covid restriction will limit the attendance to 60 people and masks and proper social distancing will be required. The graveside service will be live streamed for those who cannot attend. Go to [www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com](http://www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com) and click on the "Funeral Video" button near the bottom of the home page just before 2:00 pm.

Loveland Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, the Family requests donations be made to Heart 'n Home Hospice.

## Free meals still available for children

The Observer

**LA GRANDE** — In-person instruction will be available for all grades in the La Grande School District beginning this week, and students on campus will be offered a free breakfast and a grab-and-go lunch.

Thanks to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Seamless Summer Program, these meals also are free to anyone

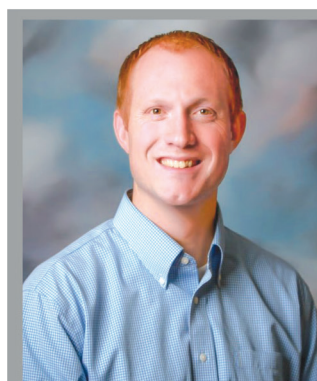
age 18 and younger regardless of their education status.

This includes children who are not yet in school, students who are not on campus that day, and students who are homeschooled or are enrolled in the La Grande Virtual Learning Academy or any other online program.

A daily breakfast and lunch for children of any

age may be picked up on school days between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. at Central, Greenwood or Island City elementary schools.

When available by print time, The Observer publishes the menu for the upcoming week on the Saturday before, both in print and on its website. The menu will be the same for the meals served to on-campus students.



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