

COMMUNITY

Meetings

• UNION — The Union Rural Fire Protection District will have its monthly board meeting Tuesday, March 16, at 7 p.m. at the fire hall. For more information, contact Kim George, Union RFPD clerk, at 541-910-3114 or union.rfpd@outlook.com.

Briefs

Volunteers welcome at woodlot work day

LA GRANDE — The Neighbors Together emergency woodlot is having a work day Saturday, March 13, from 9 a.m. to noon. Volunteers are sought to come and help get firewood ready to give to households in need.

The woodlot is at 3309 N. Umatilla St. in La Grande. For more information go to www.neighbors-together-of-unioncounty.org or call 541-963-9126.

Walla Walla VA holds vaccination clinic for vets

WALLA WALLA, Wash. — The Jonathan M. Wainwright Memorial VA Medical Center, which serves veterans in Northeast Oregon, is holding a COVID-19 vaccination clinic at its main Walla Walla campus Saturday, March 13, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The clinic is open to enrolled veterans age 60 and will take place at 77 Wainwright Drive, Building 143. Appointments are required. Call 509-525-5200 (select 2, then 2 or ask for the call center) to schedule an appointment.

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Lottery

- Megabucks:** \$2.8 million 8-13-22-28-38-39
- Powerball:** \$138 million 11-31-50-52-58 — PB 18 x4
- Mega Millions:** \$68 million 4-33-46-58-65 — MB 13 x2
- Win for Life:** March 8 52-59-63-68
- Pick 4: March 9**
- 1 p.m.: 1-3-0-7
- 4 p.m.: 8-1-1-6
- 7 p.m.: 9-6-8-7
- 10 p.m.: 9-4-5-7
- Pick 4: March 8**
- 1 p.m.: 0-3-8-3
- 4 p.m.: 0-6-9-8
- 7 p.m.: 6-3-0-6
- 10 p.m.: 0-9-2-7

DELIVERY ISSUES?

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

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Monday, March 8

9:48 a.m. — A caller reported a hit-and-run on the 2500 block of Adams Avenue, La Grande. An officer took a report.

2 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1500 block of Adams Avenue for a disturbance. An officer explained options.

2:54 p.m. — La Grande residents on the 200 block of Sixth Street reported theft of mail.

4:59 p.m. — A resident on the 700 block of Alder Street, Elgin, asked the Union County Sheriff's Office to provide extra patrol due to vandalism.

6:39 p.m. — Union County sheriff's deputies responded to a disturbance at a residence on the 200 block of North Main Street, Union, and cited one juvenile.

11:29 p.m. — La Grande police responded to a civil disturbance on the 400 block of Division Avenue.

Recent Oregon State Police activity

March 2, 3:28 p.m. — An Oregon State Police trooper stopped a Honda Civic heading west on Interstate 84 near milepost 278 for not having visible plates or a temporary registration sticker. During the stop, according to OSP, the

Dorothy M. Hunt

1925-2021 • La Grande

Dorothy M. Hunt, 95, of La Grande, died March 3 at her home. At her request there will not be a public service. Private burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Baker City. Arrangements are by Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, La Grande.



Dorothy was born April 19, 1925, in Portland, to Herbert E. and Sybil A. (Carpenter) Hunt. The J.R. Hunt and U.S. Carpenter families were early settlers in Baker Valley. Dorothy was raised and attended school in Portland and Baker City, graduating from Baker High School in 1944.

Following high school, Dorothy joined the Cadet Nurse Corps. She completed the nursing program at Sacred Heart School of Nursing in Spokane, Washington, and a nursing degree program at the University of Washington. In 1953 she served two years of active duty in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps, stationed at Fitzsimons Army Hospital in Denver, Colorado.

After her tour of duty with the Army, Dorothy returned to the Puget Sound area in Washington and was employed by the U.S. Veterans Administration. She worked at V.A. Medical Centers in Seattle and Tacoma until her retirement in 1982.

In 1988 Dorothy moved from the Puget Sound area back to Eastern Oregon, settling in La Grande. She enjoyed outdoor activities, crafts, traveling and volunteer work. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church and the Grande Ronde Hospital Auxiliary.

Surviving relatives include her nephews, Mark Masterson of La Grande and Glen Masterson and wife, Nancy, of Arizona and Michigan.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Marjorie Masterson.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the charity of one's choice.

Michael C. Dunn

1999-2021 • La Grande

Michael "Mike" Christopher Dunn, 21, of La Grande, died Feb. 21 at his residence. A service will be held at a later time.



Known as Mike, he was born July 13, 1999, in Hermiston, to Ralph and Elisia (Walters) Dunn. He resided in La Grande and graduated from La Grande High School.

Mike was employed with Northwood Manufacturing. He enjoyed woodworking, gaming, model building, hunting, fishing, shooting and spending time with friends and family.

trooper smelled marijuana coming from the vehicle. The driver, Matthew M. Keller, 33, of Spokane, Washington, did poorly on sobriety tests. The trooper arrested Keller for driving under the influence of intoxicants (controlled substance) and booked him into jail in Union County.

March 3, 12:57 a.m. — An Oregon State Police trooper responded to

Mike was a kind and gentle soul. The staggering loss is bearable only because we had him in our lives, albeit for too short of a time.

Surviving relatives include his parents, Ralph "Chris" and Elisia Dunn of Moselle, Mississippi; brothers and sisters-in-law, Brandon and Melanie Dunn of Missoula, Montana, and Kaylon and Amanda Dunn of Niceville, Florida; and sister, Heather Little of Pueblo, Colorado.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Robert Dunn.

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

William 'Bill' C. Paxton

1932-2021 • Union

William Charles "Bill" Paxton, 88, of Union, died Feb. 26 at a retirement community in Baker City. A service will be held at a later time. Arrangements are by Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, La Grande.



Known as Bill, he was born July 8, 1932, in La Grande, to Charles William and Jennie Belle (Tracy) Paxton. He was raised and educated in Elgin and

Union, graduating from Union High School in 1950.

Bill joined the U.S. Air Force and served most of his enlistment in Germany as a teletypist. After his honorable discharge in 1955 as a senior staff sergeant, he went to the Portland Radio and TV College and earned an associate degree. In 1956 he married Ann Schmidt in Portland. Ann died in 1988 after 32 years of marriage. In 1990 Bill married Betty "Betsy" Anderson in Union.

Bill worked as a manager and technician in television and cable installation and repair. He designed and installed the first cable system in La Grande, Baker City and Hood River and also in Oroville, California. He also worked on the family ranch and ran the Pebble in Union.

Bill was an active member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars High Valley Post #4060 and the Oregon Defense League. He was an honorary member of FFA and received the FFA State Farm Award. He enjoyed traveling, hunting, fishing, mushrooming, huckleberry picking, gardening, anything out of doors. He also enjoyed model ship building and was an avid reader.

Surviving relatives include his wife of 31 years, Betsy of Union; children and spouses, Wayne and Julie Paxton of Baker City, Bonnie and Gary Baxter of Baker City, and Donna Moss of Camas, Washington; stepson and spouse, Steve and Faith Courtney of Union; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grand-

children and two great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Ann; brother, Ross; son-in-law, Woody Moss; and stepson, Ron Courtney. Memorial contributions may be made to the VFW High Valley Post #4060, P.O. Box 526, Union 97883.

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children and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Ann; brother, Ross; son-in-law, Woody Moss; and stepson, Ron Courtney.

Memorial contributions may be made to the VFW High Valley Post #4060, P.O. Box 526, Union 97883.

Claytie L. 'Lori' (Nickell) Greenway

1959-2021 • Joseph

Claytie Lorraine "Lori" Greenway, 61, of Joseph, died Jan. 10 at her home. A memorial service will be held March 13 at 3 p.m. at the Enterprise First Baptist Church. Arrangements are by Bollman Funeral Home, Enterprise.



Known as Lori, she was born Dec. 2, 1959, in Pocatello, Idaho, to William and Joy (Thorn) Nickell. The family lived in Joseph when she was a young child and her father was a Wallowa Lake Park ranger.

Lori never forgot this special place. After spending nearly a decade in California and giving birth to four children, in 1985 Lori returned to Wallowa County with then-husband Pat Lynn and their children.

Lori worked more than 30 years for the U.S. Forest Service in engineering and timber and retired at the end of 2019.

On July 17, 1999, Lori married Perry Greenway in Enterprise, followed by an outdoor reception at Wallowa Lake. Together they enjoyed barbecues, frequent family gatherings, walks with their dogs, the mountains, road trips and camping.

Lori loved photography, the outdoors, music and dancing. Over the years she traveled to all ends of the state to watch her grandchildren and their teammates compete in sports. She was a devoted member of the First Baptist Church of Enterprise.

Lori had a huge heart and her door was always open. She was a thoughtful listener who didn't judge others. She had a sharp

Upcoming local services



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

March 12 — CAR-MELLA BOURHILL:

2 p.m. celebration of life, Island City Faith Center; view the livestream at www.lovelandfuneral-chapel.com.

March 13 — LORI GREENWAY: 3 p.m.

memorial service, Enterprise First Baptist Church.

March 19 — RAYMOND JOHNSON: 11 a.m. graveside service, Summerville Cemetery.

March 20 — CHARITY HENRY: 11 a.m. memorial service, La Grande Church of Christ.

April 24 — BECKY ROBERSON: 2 p.m. celebration of life, Elgin Community Center.

— calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande

sense of humor and kept those around her laughing with her quick wit and twinkling smile.

After being diagnosed with ocular cancer two years ago and losing an eye, Lori showed her great ability to make lemonades from lemons by sporting an eye patch and creating pirate fun with her family and friends. Lori and Perry made many long treks to Portland for treatment and found time to enjoy the Oregon Coast together. They also took a long road trip with their dogs to visit loved ones last summer.

Though she fought valiantly to the end, treatments proved unsuccessful. Perry remained her faithful caregiver, aided by her children and her brother, Bill Nickell.

Surviving relatives include her husband, Perry Greenway; daughter and son-in-law, Mandy and Joe Nelson of Enterprise; son and daughter-in-law, Sean and Melissa Lynn of Joseph; sons, Michael Lynn and Patrick James Lynn of Enterprise and Max Greenway of Umatilla; mother, Joy Thorn of Joseph; sisters, Carole Parrish, Debbie Campbell and Lisa Kinkaid; brother, Bill Nickell; seven grandchildren; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father, William Ray Nickell Sr.; daughter, Tracy Lynn; and brothers, Kevin and Kenny Nickell.

Memorial donations may

be made to the First Baptist Church, 1520 W. North St., Enterprise 97828.

Walter G. Haldenwang

La Grande

Walter George Haldenwang, 81, of La Grande, died March 3 at his home. Arrangements are by Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, La Grande.

Gerald Crawford

Joseph

Gerald Crawford, 84, of Joseph, died March 7 at his home. A private family burial was held at Joseph Cemetery, and a celebration of his life will be held this summer. Arrangements are by Bollman Funeral Home, Enterprise.

Carmella M. Bourhill

La Grande

Carmella M. Bourhill, 86, of La Grande, died March 8 at Grande Ronde Hospital. A celebration of her life will be held March 12 at 2 p.m. at the Island City Faith Center. Attendees must wear a mask and practice social distancing to meet COVID-19 guidelines. The service will be livestreamed for those who cannot attend. Go to 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.

March into Spring!!!

Throughout the entire month of March shopping, supporting and saving local can EARN YOU BIG PRIZES

- Shoppers collect punches by making purchases at participating locations (EACH DOLLAR spent earns a punch). Fill as many cards as you wish.
- Up to 50 punches per purchase!
- Turn in punch cards by 3/10, 3/17, 3/24 for weekly drawings
- All punch cards must be turned in by 4:00 p.m. on March 31st for a chance to win the Grand Prize Drawing!

Turn cards in at Chamber (207 Depot), La Grande Main Street (102 Depot St.) or any participating location.

The Union County Chamber and La Grande Main Street have teamed up with local businesses to encourage you to safely shop and support local businesses as we March into Spring!!

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