

COMMUNITY

Meetings

• ISLAND CITY — The regional Lone Pine Tree Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution will meet Friday, April 9, at noon at Island City City Hall. Due to COVID-19, there will be no lunch service. Face masks and adherence to health requirements are required. The meeting agenda includes a visit and presentation by DAR State Regent Donna Dial and State History Essay Coordinator Mary Parrott to Sawyer Shoemaker, a La Grande sixth grader who won the Chapter and State History Essay contests. Her essay will be forwarded to the National DAR for the final judging at the National level.

• LA GRANDE — A regular meeting and executive session of the La Grande School District will begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, in the Central Elementary School library. Due to physical distancing requirements, the meeting will be available to the public online, by phone or through Blue Mountain Translator District (www.bmtid.org). For meeting access information, see the agenda at www.lagrandesd.org or call 541-663-3200. To sign up to speak during the public forum portion of the meeting, contact Gaye Young at the above number or email gaye.young@lagrandesd.org prior to the meeting.

• ISLAND CITY — The Island City City Council meets Monday, April 12, at 7 p.m. at Island City City Hall. The agenda includes discussion and action on financial topics, including appointing a budget officer. Public comments may be submitted in writing to city hall or via email to karen@islandcityhall.com prior to the meeting.

• LA GRANDE — The La Grande Rural Fire District holds its monthly board meeting Tuesday, April 13, at 6 p.m. at the fire hall in Island City. Call 541-910-3114 for more information.

Lottery

Megabucks: \$1 million
2-11-12-13-15-34

Powerball: \$32 million
1-12-17-39-53 — PB 5 x2

Mega Millions: \$184 million
1-19-20-32-42-17 — MB 17 x3

Win for Life: April 5
3-49-58-62

Pick 4: April 6
• 1 p.m.: 3-0-5-4; • 4 p.m.: 2-9-4-3
• 7 p.m.: 0-8-1-1; • 10 p.m.: 0-8-3-2

Pick 4: April 5
• 1 p.m.: 0-6-2-6
• 4 p.m.: 7-0-4-1
• 7 p.m.: 2-8-6-7
• 10 p.m.: 5-1-9-3

DELIVERY ISSUES?

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

Carol L. (McDermitt) Buckley

1972-2021 • Elgin
Carol Louise Buckley, 49, of Elgin, died March 30. A graveside service was held April 6 at the Summer-ville Cemetery.



Carol was born March 29, 1972, in Roanoke, Virginia, to Ronald and Jane (Shupe) McDermitt.

She attended Mount Pleasant Elementary School and William Byrd Junior High and High schools. She was married to Russell Buckley for 16 years.

Carol was a day care provider for many children. Her devotion to her family and firm belief in God supported her throughout her life. Carol was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She loved being with her family and all her day care children.

Devoted friends Nancy and Harry Karnes and Bev and Gary Limbaugh were like family to her.

Carol was awarded Young Woman of the Year for Elgin and was involved with the Community Network Budget Committee for the City of Elgin. She enjoyed being a ticket agent at the Elgin Opera House.

Surviving relatives include her husband, Russell; children, Aaron Bunnell, Cameron Buckley, Brandon Buckley, Andrew Buckley and Anna Buckley; mother, Sandra Ousley; brother, Doug; sister and brother-in-law, Mechelle and Travis Trainer; aunt, Alva Reed; uncle, William "Bill" Hoover; and nephew, Justin Ousley.

She was preceded in death by her father, Barry Ousley Sr.; son, Jack Bunnell; and sister, Melissa McDermitt.

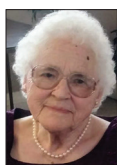
Online condolences may be made to the family

OBITUARIES

at www.lovelandfuneral-chapel.com.

Verla R. (Hawley) Henry

1922-2021 • La Grande
Verla Rachel Henry, 98, of La Grande, died April 1 at a local assisted living facility. A graveside service will be held April 10 at 11 a.m. at the Island City Cemetery. A memorial service will be announced at a later date.



Verla was born on April 13, 1922, to Albert Ford and Martha Nellie (Bennett) Hawley. Her grandparents — Benjamin and Abigail (Miller) Hawley and Thomas and Rachel (Carper) Bennett — were all early settlers in Eastern Oregon. Verla grew up in Wallowa with her four siblings: Verdo, Virginia, Velma and Vern.

Verla married Glen Henry in June 1940, after which they became parents to five children. Last year they celebrated their 80th wedding anniversary.

Surviving relatives include her husband, Glen; children, Glenda Saltzman, Peggy Parsons, Richard Henry, Donald Henry and Alan Henry; and 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her two brothers and two sisters.

Memorial contributions may be made to Meals on Wheels, 1504 N. Albany Street, La Grande 97850.

Richard L. Bidwell

1938-2021 • La Grande
Richard Lee Bidwell, 82, of La Grande, died March 25 at a local care facility. A graveside service will be held April 24 at 2 p.m. at the Elgin Cemetery. Attendees must wear a mask and practice social distancing to meet COVID-19 guidelines.

Richard was born June 21, 1938, in El Monte, California, to Lawrence and Josephine (Zimmer) Bidwell. He attended grade school and high school in El Monte, California. He married Evelyn Faye Batleaan.

Richard opened his home to 47 foster children. He was a loving husband, father and friend and helped everyone he knew.

Richard was employed with LP Lumber Mill located in Willits, California. He enjoyed building cars, riding motorcycles, fishing and hunting. He was a member of the Willits First Baptist Church.

Surviving relatives include his daughter, Rebecca Bidwell of Elgin; one grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn, and sisters, Roberta Sinor, Ruth Bidwell and Ruby Guenette.

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

David W. Council

1968-2021 • North Powder
David Wayne Council, 52, of North Powder, died March 21 at Grande Ronde Hospital. A celebration of his life will be held June 26 at 1 p.m. at the North Powder City Park. Attendees must wear a mask and practice social distancing to meet COVID-19 guidelines.

David was born Dec. 13, 1968, in The Dalles, to Murray and Cecilia (Lovely) Council. He resided in The Dalles, La Grande and North Powder. He attended Greenwood Elementary School and La Grande Middle School and graduated from La Grande High School. He later attended what is now Eastern Oregon University.

David was employed at the Wildhorse Casino as a

Upcoming local services



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

April 9-10 — DOUGLAS CARPER: 5-7 p.m. April 9 viewing, Loveland Funeral Chapel; 2 p.m. April 10 graveside service, Cove Cemetery (view livestream at www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com).

April 10 — BRUCE ARBOGAST: 11 a.m. graveside service, Cove Cemetery; reception follows at Cove Sportsman Club.

April 10 — VERLA HENRY: 11 a.m. graveside service, Island City Cemetery.

April 10 — ELIZABETH McCALLISTER: 1 p.m. celebration of life, Grande Ronde Academy, 507 Palmer, La Grande.

April 13 — DICK WHEELER: 11:30 a.m. memorial service, Enter-

prise Seventh-day Adventist Church; private inurnment at Enterprise Cemetery.

April 18 — LARRY ROBBINS: virtual celebration of life; details TBA.

April 24 — RICHARD BIDWELL: 2 p.m. graveside service, Elgin Cemetery.

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

May 1 — MICHELLE SANDOVAL: 10 a.m. celebration of life, Riverside Park Pavilion.

May 17 — JERRY BROOKSHIRE: 2 p.m. graveside service, Union Historic Cemetery; reception follows at Catherine Creek Community Center, Union.

June 26 — DAVID COUNCIL: 1 p.m. celebration of life, North Powder City Park.

— calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande

"Keno Runner" until he had to leave the position due to an illness. He enjoyed fishing, camping, bingo, playing cards and video games. He was a member of the Wolf Creek Grange, where he was very active in all activities and was the AARP president for two years.

Surviving relatives include his mother, Cecilia of North Powder; brother, Coy T. Council of North Powder; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Murray, and grandparents, Thomas and Elva Lovely and Claud and Rosa Council.

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Joett Williams

La Grande
Joett Williams, 87, of La Grande, died April 5 at Grande Ronde Hospital. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Elizabeth 'Liz' McCallister

Formerly of La Grande
Elizabeth "Liz" McCallister, 41, formerly of La Grande, died March 11 in Page, Arizona. A celebration of her life will be held April 10 at 1 p.m. at Grande Ronde Academy, 507 Palmer, La Grande. In lieu of flowers, donations will be accepted to help with expenses.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

MONDAY, APRIL 5

10:05 a.m. — A caller reported animal cruelty on the 70700 block of Middle Road, Elgin. An animal enforcement officer will follow up.

10:22 a.m. — La Grande police received a report of stalking on the 2300 block of Q Avenue.

1:37 p.m. — A La Grande resident reported a burglary on the 700 block of 12th Street. An officer took a report.

3:01 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of a sex crime. The police department received another sex crime report from a separate location at 5:08 p.m.

8:34 p.m. — A caller reported a person was causing a disturbance on the 900 block of Sunset Drive, La Grande. An officer responded, and Oregon State Police gave a female a ride from the scene.

TUESDAY, APRIL 6

12:37 a.m. — The La Grande Inn, 2612 Island Ave., La Grande, reported a burglary to a storage unit. An officer took a report.

10:19 a.m. — La Grande police received a request for a welfare check on the 200 block of Cove Avenue. An officer responded and found the person was OK.

2:25 p.m. — A caller reported a domestic distur-

bance on the 600 block of 18th Street, La Grande. An officer responded but did not find any disturbance.

3:50 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a report of someone in the area of 54100 Jimmy Creek Road, North Powder, furnishing alcohol to a minor. A deputy made contact and explained options.

6:56 p.m. — La Grande police responded to Pioneer Park on a report of a juvenile disturbance. An officer gave a verbal warning.

9:56 p.m. — A caller reported a possible power line down at N Avenue and Fourth Street. An officer responded and determined it was a low hanging cable.

Recent Oregon State Police activity

March 30, 12:53 p.m. — A trooper stopped a Kia Sorento heading east on Highway 82 near milepost 12 and arrested Laurel Susan Combes, 68, for driving under the influence of intoxicants (alcohol).

April 4, 2:35 p.m. — A trooper stopped a Nissan Versa for speeding on the westbound side of Interstate 84 near milepost 263, La Grande. During the stop, the trooper found the driver, Uriah G. Fellman, 35, of Lakewood, Washington, was "impaired to a perceptible degree" and arrested him for DUII (alcohol).

LG Farmers Market invites growers and makers to vendor meeting

The Observer

LA GRANDE — The La Grande Farmers Market is encouraging people who grow or make local products to attend a meeting for current and prospective vendors for the 2021 season. The Zoom meeting will be 5 p.m. Friday, April 9.

The meeting provides information to new vendors and allows veteran vendors to firm up their commitments. Vendors do not have to commit to the whole season. This is a time to learn more about the market and its staff and board members. Discussion will cover topics such as COVID-19 updates, pricing, guidelines and stall reservations and address questions about being a

vendor at the market
The La Grande Farmers Market takes place at Max Square, corner of Adams Avenue and Fourth Street, on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon and Tuesdays 3-6 p.m. The 2021 season kicks off May 15 and concludes mid-October.

"We are so excited to partner with our vendors in bringing fresh local food, produce, and unique craft items to our community," the farmers market board stated on the market's website. "We would love to help new vendors turn their passion into a small business."

To register for the meeting, and for more information on the market, visit www.lagrandefarmersmarket.org.

Terry Michelle Sandoval

April 3, 1977 - March 29, 2021

Terry Michelle Sandoval, 43, of La Grande, passed away on Monday, March 29, 2021, at her residence. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Riverside Park Pavilion on Saturday, May 1, 2021 at 10:00 am.



Terry, affectionately known as Michelle, was born on April 3, 1977 in Portland, Oregon to Terry and Kristine (Jones) Pedersen. She graduated from Arlington High School in 1995 where she was on the volleyball team and was a cheerleader. She then attended Oregon Health & Science University earning her registered nurse degree in 2004. She married Robert Sandoval on October 16, 1999.

Michelle worked at Grande Ronde Hospital as a registered nurse from 2004-2020. She enjoyed traveling, painting and reading. She was an overachiever.

Michelle is survived by her husband, Robert; children, Baylie Sandoval of Arlington, OR, Camryne Sandoval, Logan Sandoval and Olivia Sandoval all of La Grande, OR; mother, Kristine Pedersen of La Grande, OR; brother, Andrew Bufton of Montana; sisters Lyndsey Laitinen (Scott) of Arizona and Niki Martin (Matt) of Oregon; 1 grandchild, Bryler Sandoval; 10 nephews, 3 nieces; grandmother, Alice Jones and numerous aunts and uncles. She was preceded in death by her father, Terry; brother, Ryan Bufton; uncle, Craig Jones; grandfather Lawrence Jones and grandparents, Marvin and Evelyn Pedersen.

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

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Larry Wayne Robbins

December 12, 1940 - March 29, 2021

Larry Wayne Robbins passed away on March 29, 2021 at the age of 80 years.

Larry was born in Longview, Washington, on December 12, 1940, to Alyce and Fred Robbins. Shortly thereafter, Larry's family moved to Portland, Oregon. While in grade school, Larry met Billie Jo Stewart, and the two remained friends until they started dating in high school. After high school, Larry and Billie Jo married on April 23, 1960 and they remained married for over 58 years up until Billie Jo passed away in March 2019.



After high school, Larry enlisted in the United States Air Force and was stationed at Morón Air Base in Seville, Spain. In August 1961, Larry and Billie Jo gave birth to their daughter Jeannie. After enjoying Spain for two more years, Larry honorably completed his service commitment to the Air Force and he, Billie Jo, and Jeannie moved back to Portland, Oregon. While back in Portland, Larry and Billie Jo were enjoying life in the fast lane—literally, they both raced cars and won several trophies. However, after giving birth to their son Coley in 1965, Larry and Billie Jo decided to trade in the race cars for camping trailers for more family fun.

Around that time, while attending a Billy Graham event, young Jeannie ran down the bleachers to the field where Billy Graham invited members to accept Jesus into their lives. Larry followed her down there at Billie Jo's request to avoid letting their young daughter get lost in the crowd. At that time, Larry invited Jesus into his heart—a moment that drastically changed the rest of his life.

From there on out, Larry was actively involved as a Christian with New Song Church in Portland, Oregon. Larry volunteered as a lay pastor, volunteered to conduct pre-marital counseling and orchestrated countless events for the church's youth group. Whether it was basketball games or camping trips, he even drove the youth group bus for the church. Larry and Billie Jo opened their home and heart to anyone in need, fostering several children and providing a warm home and meal to many more.

Larry was a grandfather of three—Derek, Erica, and Beija. He and Billie Jo raised Beija as their daughter and felt blessed with the opportunity to be parents again. After Larry retired, they moved to Elgin, Oregon. Like in Portland, Larry became actively involved in the Elgin community and their church, where he continued his passionate commitment to serving others. He will be missed!

A virtual Celebration of Life service will be held on Sunday, April 18, 2021, via Zoom. Details will be posted on Facebook and at New Song Community Church in La Grande, Oregon.

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