OMMUNITY

Briefs June 1 Cove senior meal will be served in person

COVE — The final lunch of the Cove senior meal program this season will be served Tuesday, June 1, as a sit-down dinner inside Founder's Hall at the Ascension School Camp and Conference Center, 1104 Church St., Cove. Up until now, COVID-19 safety guidelines prevented in-person gatherings. The meal was previously announced as takeout.

On June 1, the in-person meal will be hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, potato salad and green salad, with strawberry shortcake for dessert. Coffee and tea will be available at noon, and the meal is served at 12:15 p.m. There is a \$5 charge per person. If you haven't been contacted, call Imie Bristow at 541-568-4545 by Wednesday, May 26, to RSVP.

LG School District offers summer programs, discounted child care

LA GRANDE — The La Grande School District this summer is offering students numerous programs, including more than 50 camps, literacy picnics, high school credit options and driver education. For more information and to register, go to www.lagrandesd.org/summer.

Also, the district has partnered with La Grande Parks and Recreation to offer summer child care at a discounted rate for La Grande students and families. Through a state of Oregon grant, the district is able to pay 75% of the \$100 weekly fee associated with this program. For more information, go to www. lagrandeparks.org (coupon code:

Help children cope with divorce, separation

LA GRANDE — The next session of "Helping Children Cope with Divorce and Separation," the court's mandatory parent education course, will be via Zoom Wednesday, June 9, from 6-9 p.m. Mary Lu Pierce leads the class, which the Union County Family Law Advisory Committee sponsors. The class is free but requires preregistration; send an email to teala.sunderman@ojd.state. or.us including the registrant's name, mailing and email addresses, phone number and the date of the class. Call Teala at 541-962-9500, ext. 42, for more information.

Lottery

Megabucks: \$2.8 million 22-28-30-34-40-42 Powerball: \$183 million 4-10-37-39-69 — PB 24 x3 Mega Millions: \$475 million 3-5-56-61-66 — MB 4 x2 Win for Life: May 17 5-20-43-58

Pick 4: May 18

Pick 4: May 17

- 1 p.m.: 3-7-8-3; 4 p.m.: 6-0-5-7 • 7 p.m.: 8-4-1-3; • 10 p.m.: 2-2-6-0
- 1 p.m.: 9-8-2-2; 4 p.m.: 3-2-2-4 • 7 p.m.: 4-8-8-5; • 10 p.m.: 8-8-0-0
- Pick 4: May 16 • 1 p.m.: 6-3-9-8; • 4 p.m.: 1-8-5-3
- 7 p.m.: 5-7-7-3; 10 p.m.: 7-4-0-9

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receiving your Observer, call 541-

Public Safety MONDAY, MAY 17

6:37 a.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about parking at the Garden Club Park.

3:45 p.m. — A caller reported a possible burglary at a residence on the 1500 block of 21st Street, La Grande.

6:43 p.m. — Local law enforcement responded to a report of a possible vehicle crash at Island Avenue and Interstate 84, La Grande. Officers determined someone was changing a vehicle's tire.

7:02 p.m. — A caller reported a disturbance at a residence on the 62700 block of Bird Lane, La Grande.

TUESDAY, MAY 18 4:12 a.m. — A caller reported a burglary at a residence on the 1500 block of Division Street,

Elgin. 9:25 a.m. — La Grande police received a complaint of possible stalking. An officer called the person who made the complaint. That person said she was OK

and hung up. 3:51 p.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy responded to the 10800 area of South Walton Road, Island City, on a report of a juvenile smoking. The deputy resolved the situation and

counseled the juvenile. 4:58 p.m. — Local law enforcement responded to the 100 block of Harrison Avenue, La Grande, on a report of a person who fired a gun into the air outside a residence. Officers found no evidence of anyone firing a gun.

OBITUARIES

Kathleen M. Arrand 1969-2021 • Formerly of Elgin

Kathleen Marie Arrand, 51, formerly of Elgin, died May 13, 2021, at a care facility in Milwaukie. A funeral service will be held



May 22 at 2 p.m. at the Elgin Nazarene Church. Attendees must wear masks

and practice social distancing to meet COVID-19 guidelines. The service will be streamed live 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.

Known as Kathy, she was born July 16, 1969, in Covina, California, to Estill and Edna (Cmeyla) Arrand. She resided in La Verne, California; Elgin; Sanntee, California; and Oregon City. She graduated from Elgin High School as valedictorian and was on the basketball, volleyball and track teams and was a member of the FBLA.

Kathy was employed with the Fish Hatchery and Diamond Cabinets. She enjoyed being outdoors, snowmobiling, fishing and being with friends and family, going on trips with her dad and hiking.

Surviving relatives include her father, Estill Arrand; brothers and sisters-in-law, Gary and Gwen Arrand of Elk, Washington, Johnny and Kathy Arrand of Idaho, and Tom and Mercedes Arrand of Elgin; and sister and brother-in-law, Carolyn and Gale Culver of Elgin.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Edna Arrand, and grandparents, Viola and Orville Arrand.

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

George D. Carratello 1947-2021 • Union

George Dominick Carratello, 74, of Union, died April 16, 2021, at Grande Ronde Hospital, La Grande.

At his request there will not be a service.



George was born Jan. 18, 1947, ın Sut fern, New York, to Dominick and Lucy (Mendchinsky) Carratello. He graduated from Santiago

in 1965 and then enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. He served while in active duty from 1966-1970 and was in the Reserves from 1970-1972. His first marriage was to Deborah Rose. He later married Debra

Johnson-Strohmer. George worked for many years as an aircraft inspector. He enjoyed bowling, photography and watching baseball. His favorite teams were the Dodgers and USC.

Surviving relatives include his wife of 34 years, Debra Carratello of Union; children and spouses, Brandon and Jenae Carratello of California, Christopher and Jennifer Carratello of Summerville, Amy Swalberg of La Grande, Dustin Carratello of California, and Lenore and Frank Strohmer-Vu of Arizona; siblings, Mick Carratello and Rita Car-

RECORDS AND MORE

ratello; 10 grandchildren; and two nieces and nephews. He was preceded in

death by his parents, Dominick and Lucy Carratello. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.lovelandfuneral-

Patricia A. (Thorkildson) Gemaehlich

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1938-2021 • La Grande Patricia Ann Gemaehlich, 82, of La Grande, died May 15, 2021, at her residence. At her request, there will not be a service.

Patricia, also known as Pat, was born July 28, 1938,



in Silverton, to Conrad and Marie (Larsen) Thorkildson. She resided in Mollala, Marquam, Portland

and La Grande. Pat graduated from Mollala High School and then attended the Pacific Lutheran University School of Nursing. She married Duane Gemaehlich on Nov. 9, 1959.

Pat worked as a registered nurse for 15 years. She then was the bookkeeper for the home business, La Grande Drywall, for 25 years, and retired from La Grande High School as the school secretary. She enjoyed snowmobiling, trips to the family's cabin at Wolf Creek, four-wheeling, trips to the Oregon Coast and reading.

Surviving relatives include her husband, Duane; children, Lori Grimes of Missoula, Montana, Lisa Johnson of Vancouver, Washington, and Deb "Scottie" Butcher of La Grande; sisters, Norma Halseth of Brush Prairie, Washington, Ann Anderson of Henderson, Nevada, and Barbara Marquam of Portland; and nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Conrad and Marie; stepfather, Ross Marquam; daughter, Karla Holdun; and grandson, Nick Butcher.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Heart 'n Home Hospice, 2104 Cove Avenue, Suite A, La Grande 97850. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com.

Ermal M. (Maynard)

High School Goucher 1929-2021 • Union

Ermal M. Goucher, 91, of Union, died May 15, 2021, in La Grande. A memorial service will be held June 6 at 11 a.m. at Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande, immediately followed by a



celebration of life gathering at Island City City Hall. A graveside service begins at

noon June 8 at the Clarkston Cemetery in Clarkston, Washington.

Ermal was born Dec. 5, 1929, in Lapwai, Idaho, to Mead and Nellie Maynard. She married James "Jim" R. Goucher on Sept. 25, 1946,

in Clarkston, Washington. Ermal worked as a cake decorator in Walla Walla, Washington. She enjoyed taking care of her husband and family and going hunting and fishing. She loved flowers and

watching the hummingbirds and enjoyed crocheting and making homemade Christmas decorations.

Ermal loved cooking for her family and always made sure food was ready whether you were hungry or not. Her grandchildren absolutely loved her extra gooey popcorn balls. Her family is grateful to Mike Colkitt and the Union Market who in turn made sure she had everything she needed.

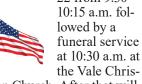
Surviving relatives include her daughter, Deanna; son and daughter-in-law, Doug and Pam; five grandchildren; and numerous grea-t and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mead and Nellie; husband of 66 years; son, James Jr. "Jimmy" in 1965; brother John; and sister, Mary Lou.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association.

Robert 'Bob' Harrod 1934-2021 • Formerly of La Grande

Robert "Bob" Harrod, 86, formerly of La Grande, died May 6, 2021, in Vale. A viewing will be held May 22 from 9:30-



tian Church. After that will be a full military service at the Valley View Cemetery in Vale.

Known as Bob, he was born Oct. 3, 1934. Bob attended what is now Eastern Oregon University from 1953-1957 and earned a bachelor's degree in education. He married Shirley Romine of La Grande on Sept. 12, 1954.

Bob joined the Oregon National Guard in La Grande in February 1957 and retired with more than 30 years of service at La Grande and Ontario.

Surviving relatives include his son, Robert Jr.; daughter, Lynn Harrod (McLay) McKinney; and three brothers-in-law who grew up in La Grande, David Romine of Richland, Jerry Romine of Clarkston, Washington, and Larry Romine of La Grande.

Karen R. (Gray) Phifer 1943-2020 • Formerly of La Grande

Karen Rae Phifer, 77, formerly of La Grande, died Dec. 16, 2020, in Spring-



field, after a short illness. A quiet burial will be held at Hillcrest Cemetery in La Grande May

22 at 2 p.m., followed by a gathering at the Riverside Park Pavilion at 3 p.m. Masks are requested.

Karen was born March 21, 1943, to Raymond and Frieda (Kennedy) Gray, in their family home on Cedar Street in La Grande. Karen was active in many clubs and activities. She graduated from La Grande High School in 1961. She continued her education at the University of Oregon, where she explored her love of art and dance and graduated with a bachelor's degree in education.

After college, Karen fulfilled her dream of traveling the world. While visiting Australia, she met and married Robert Phifer, also formerly of La Grande. Together they had two sons,

Upcoming local services



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

May 22 — BOB **HARROD:** 9:30-10:15 a.m. viewing and 10:30 a.m. funeral service, Vale Christian Church; full military service follows at Valley View Cemetery, Vale.

May 22 — RICKY SMITH: 10 a.m. graveside service (casual dress preferred), Elgin Cemetery.

May 22 — BRUCE **HILDE:** noon memorial service, Skyview Cemetery, between Pendleton and Pilot Rock; celebration of life lunch follows.

May 22 — KAREN PHIFER: 2 p.m. burial, Hillcrest Cemetery, La Grande; gathering follows at 3 p.m. at Riverside Park Pavilion.

May 22 — KATHY ARRAND: 2 p.m. funeral, Elgin Nazarene Church; view the livestream at www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com (click on the "Funeral Videos" button near bottom of the home page).

May 23 — CECLE DeFRIES: 2 p.m. celebration of life, Union High School football field (casual dress preferred).

May 29 — BEV-**ERLY LEDRIDGE:** 1 p.m. memorial graveside service, Summerville Cemetery.

June 6 — ERMAL GOUCHER: 11 a.m. celebration of life, Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande; reception immediately follows at Island City City Hall.

June 14 — GERALD RIMBEY: 10 a.m. graveside service, Island City Cemetery; reception follows at 11 a.m. at La Grande Christian Church.

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

TOUCHE-MOSER: 1-3 p.m. celebration of life open house, 404 Depot St., Enterprise. June 27 — MERI

OLMSTEAD: 1 p.m. memorial service, Riverside Park Pavilion, La Grande.

calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande

Jeremy and Kennedy, and continued to have adventures around the globe.

Karen returned to La Grande in 1981. She found her next great passion when she became a teacher of the visually impaired. She excelled at creating communication systems for deaf and blind students. She thoroughly enjoyed the students, families and other educators whom she worked with throughout Northeastern Oregon.

After retiring Karen moved to Eugene to be close to her sons and grandchildren. She continued to paint, travel and spend time with her lifelong friends.

Surviving relatives include her sons, Jeremy Phifer of Eugene and Kennedy Phifer of Eagle Point, Idaho; two grandchildren; brother, Denis Gray of Corona del Mar, California; and numerous other family members.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the National Federation of the Blind of Oregon.

Ricky D. Smith Elgin

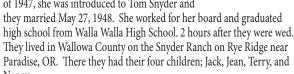
Ricky D. Smith, 64, of Elgin, died May 12, 202, at Vibra Hospital of Boise, Idaho. A graveside service will be held May 22, 2021, at 10 a.m. at the Elgin Cemetery. The family prefers casual dress. Attendees must wear masks and practice social distancing to meet COVID-19 guidelines. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Reta Mae (Witherrite) Snyder September 27, 1929 - May 14, 2021

Reta Mae (Witherrite) Snyder, age 91, died on May 14, 2021 at the Wildflower Lodge in La Grande,

Reta was born Sept. 27, 1929, to Lyal & Sylvia (Whitman) Witherrite. She was born at home in

Enterprise, Oregon, moving to the Imnaha River homestead when Reta was in 2nd grade. In the fall of 1947, she was introduced to Tom Snyder and they married May 27, 1948. She worked for her board and graduated



In 1963 they moved to Kettle Falls, WA, where they were involved in a family business: Singers Junction Café, service station, and motel. Reta always had big gardens and worked hard at keeping the family fed. We always had plenty of home canned vegetables and fruit. Reta made western shirts for Tom and the boys and many clothes for the girls, also. In 1964 Tom went to work for ASARCO Mining Co. Then 1971 Tom was transferred to the Black Cloud mine in Leadville, CO, still with ASAR-CO. They resided in Buena Vista, CO, out in the country were Reta could have a garden and Tom could have horses. Tom was transferred back into the beautiful northwest with the mining company and they moved to Troy, MT, in 1981, where Reta had a huge garden, fruit trees, large yard and lots of flower beds. They both worked hard to make this a beautiful place. Tom retired, and they moved to Wallowa, OR, in 1997. She was a member of the Methodist Church in Troy, MT, and in Wallowa, OR, then the Christian Life Center in Elgin and then Enterprise Christian Church in Enterprise when she moved to the Alpine House in Joseph, OR. Church was a big part of her life.

Reta bought property and built a home in Elgin, OR, after Tom's death in 2002. She lived in Elgin until 2013 when she moved to Alpine House assisted living, in Joseph, OR. Then she moved to the Wildflower Lodge in La Grande, OR, in February of 2021 to the memory care unit.

Reta is survived by her sons; Jack Snyder of Joseph, OR, Terry Snyder of Paradise, OR; daughters; Jean (Gary) Sublie of Deer Park, WA, Nancy (John) Rolfsrud of Keene, ND; eight grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild; brothers, Weldon (Barbara) Witherrite of Enterprise, OR, Jerald (Lou) Witherrite of Imnaha, OR and Orson (Pam) Witherrite of Kennewick, WA; brother-in-law William "Bill" or "Bud" (Rita) Snyder of Corvallis, OR, and numerous nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her husband, Tom Snyder; parents Lyal & Sylvia Witherrite; sisters, Dorene (Earl) Wattenburger, JoAnn (Fred) Haslam/Banks; brothers, Lyal Jr. (Clare), Norman and (Fern), Terrel (Alice) Witherrite; mother and father-in-law, Jeff and Ruby (Graham) Snyder; brother-in-law, Frank (Marge) Snyder; sister-in-laws, Myrna Witherrite, Lillian (Joe) Beach; daughter-in-law, Jody (Foster) Snyder; great-granddaughter, Auburn Schaefer.

Funeral services will be held at Merchant Funeral Home in Clarkston on May 22, 2021 at 2pm, with burial services at the Vineland Cemetery, Clarkston, WA, following the funeral service. At Reta's request there will be a private viewing for family before her service. Please mask up to attend the service.

In lieu of flowers, if desired you may send donations to the Vineland Cemetery, Clarkston, WA or to the Enterprise Cemetery, Enterprise, OR, for maintenance. Please designate your preference.

Appreciation and thank you goes out to our family and friends, as well as all the staff at Alpine House assisted living, Joseph, OR and the same to Wildflower Lodge, La Grande, OR for all the care Reta got in her last leg of life, as well as Heart 'n Home Hospice, La Grande, OR, for all their tender and loving care in her last days.

Virtual EOU event offers access to student works

LA GRANDE — The aanual Eastern Oregon University Spring Symposium is an opportunity for undergraduate students to showcase and present their creative activities and accomplished studies to fellow students, faculty and the community.

This year the symposium will be held virtually. The event is Thursday

and Friday, May 20-21. To watch presentations, go to the eou.edu/sympo-

sium website and join the

with the presentation you are interested in seeing. TEN DEPOT STREET

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