

COMMUNITY

Briefs

CHD plans another vaccination clinic for ages 12-17

LA GRANDE — Center for Human Development's vaccination efforts continue with clinics held at the Riveria Activity Center, Second Street and Y Avenue, La Grande. Appointments are being taken for first-dose Pfizer vaccinations for ages 12-17 on Monday, May 24. To schedule an appointment, go to www.chdinc.org/get-vaccinated, call 541-962-8800 or email vaccine@chdinc.org. Teens age 16-17 do not need parental consent to receive vaccinations and may come alone to the clinic.

CHD is adding clinics every week. The best way to stay informed on future clinic dates and information is to follow CHD social media or subscribe to the email list serve at <https://www.chdinc.org/subscribe>.

Register by Monday for Cove Soap Box Derby

COVE — An All-American Soap Box Derby Rally Race for ages 7-18 is Saturday, May 29, in Cove. Official AASBD Soap Box Derby cars with Z-Glas wheels will be allowed. Loaner cars and wheels are available for free to borrow. Organizers will help with car setup. First time racers are welcome and will be given instruction and a practice run down the hill. AASBD helmets, which are mandatory, will be available for borrowing.

There will be a double elimination race and a single elimination race. Cost is \$35 per race, with sibling discounts available. For more details and to register by Monday, May 24, email oregonsbd@outlook.com. Registration and weigh-in begins at 9:30 a.m. May 29 at Haefer Lane (between Conklin and Jasper) in Cove.

HQ reopens with live music Saturday

LA GRANDE — With the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions, live music returns to the HQ stage Saturday, May 22. Two musicians will perform at HQ, 112 Depot St., La Grande, marking the reopening of the venue after more than a year.

Local musician Nik Hackney will play original folk-ish tunes on banjo and guitar. Hackney is a member of the local metal band Nogero and co-owner of La Grande's Evergreen Family Farm.

Following Hackney is a semi-recent Oregon transplant from New York, Arthur Buezo, with boot-stomping originals.

Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and the music begins at 8:30.

Admission is \$5 at the door. Masks are required.

Lottery

Find lottery results, as well as other news, online at lagrandeobserver.com.

Gloria L. (Ashworth) Clements

1947-2021 • La Grande

Gloria L. Clements, 74, of La Grande, died May 14, 2021, at her residence. At her request, there will not be a service.

Gloria was born April 1, 1947, in Alexandria, Virginia, to George and Ruth (Keen) Ashworth. She resided in El Segundo, California; in West Virginia; and in Hermiston, Cove and La Grande. She graduated from El Segundo High School in 1965. She married Don Clements, and they later divorced.

Gloria worked at La Grande Nursing Home in the housekeeping department. She enjoyed the crafts and activities at Grande Ronde Retirement. In her younger years, she took her family to Wallowa Lake during the summer every year.

Surviving relatives include her sons, Ray Clements and Lee Clements, both of La Grande.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Ruth; sister, Diane Ashworth; and cousin, Kenneth Roberts.

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

Ricky 'Rick' D. Smith

1956-2021 • Elgin

Ricky "Rick" Dennis Smith, 64, of Elgin, died May 12, 2021, at Vibra Hospital of Boise, Idaho, marking the reopening of the venue after more than a year.

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Attendees must wear masks and practice social distancing to meet COVID-19 guidelines.

Also known as Rick, he was born Oct. 25, 1956, in Eugene, to Spencer and Lois (Wiley) Smith. He was raised in Elgin and attended Stella Mayfield Elementary School. He graduated from Elgin High School, where

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he was an all-star baseball player, and then went on to Treasure Valley Community College. After that, he attended Computers Career Institute in Portland. He married Jennifer Ellen Hays on July 6, 1991.

Rick was the owner of the Elgin Auto Parts Store. He enjoyed dirt track racing, coaching his children's baseball and softball teams, boating, tennis, camping, playing Ping-Pong, pool, golf, and tinkering with his toys. Most of all, he was a devoted family man.

Rick received the Elgin Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year award. He served as mayor of Elgin, president of Elgin Little League and president of the Elgin Outlaw Raceway. He was a member of the Elgin City Budget Committee, Elgin City Council, Elgin Rural Fire Department Budget Committee and Elgin School District Budget Committee. He also was a proud member of Alcoholics Anonymous and a sponsor of numerous Elgin youth organizations.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Jennifer; children, Shelby Byers and spouse, Grayson, of Stanfield and Ian Smith of Elgin; parents, Spencer and Lois of Elgin; brothers-in-law and spouses, Ron and Merlie Smith of La Grande and Russ and Kelly Smith of Summerville; brother-in-law and spouse, Jerry and Tammy Hays of Williston, North Dakota; sisters-in-law and spouses, Dee Dee McClune of Caldwell, Idaho, Gail and Eddie Toney of Elgin, and Denise and Don Ludwig of Elgin; one grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father-in-law, Clarence Hays; mother-in-law, Beverly Hays; brother-in-law, Duke McClune; and nephew, Ryan Toney.

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

Barbara "Bobby" J. (Weatherford) Buce

1928-2021 • La Grande

Barbara Joyce Buce, 92, of La Grande, died May 15, 2021. A memorial service will be held June 5 at 11 a.m. at the Damascus Road Community Church, La Grande.

Barbara, better known as Bobby, and lovingly known as "The Queen," was born Nov. 6, 1928, in The Dalles, to Frank and Daisy Weatherford. She was a classy lady who grew up driving a wheat truck on her family's ranch in Olex. She attended Arlington High School and later Northwest Nazarene College.

At sunrise on Easter morning in April 1950, Bobby married Thomas A. Buce on the 50-yard-line at Arlington High School. They had three children, then moved to Corvallis where she worked to put Tom through school at Oregon State University.

Tom's employment at Boeing moved the family to Seattle, Washington, where they resided until retirement. While in Seattle Bobby owned her own real estate company, where she flipped houses using her interior design skills.

Even after Bobby was retired, she never stopped being active. In her later years, she enjoyed traveling, whether it was on a cruise or somewhere around the world, but her heart always belonged on her ranch in Grant County on Rudio Mountain. Her last chapter was moving to La Grande, where she attended church and made many new friends.

Bobby was well known for her sense of humor, fast-paced lifestyle, generosity and timeless beauty. She honestly believed everything should be covered in diamonds, or "bling blings" as she called them.

Surviving relatives include her children and their spouses, Alana and Bill Durand, Heidi Zimmerlee-McCrory, and Tom M. and Carol Buce; four

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, 70116 US-395 (between Pendleton and Pilot Rock); celebration of life lunch follows at Pilot Rock Community Center.

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).

grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Daisy Weatherford; siblings, Earl and Gayle Weatherford; grandchildren, Shannon Zimmerlee-Halverson and Jamie Zimmerlee; and great-grandchild, Charlotte Edwards.

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

Candy K. Williams

Elgin

Candy Kay Williams, 56, of Elgin, died Dec. 29, 2020, at her residence. A celebration of her life will

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

May 29 — BEVERLY LEDRIDGE: 1 p.m. memorial graveside service, Summerville Cemetery.

May 30 — CANDY WILLIAMS: noon to 2 p.m. celebration of life, Elgin Community Center.

June 5 — BARBARA "BOBBY" BUCE: 11 a.m. memorial service, Damascus Road Community Church, La Grande.

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 — 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

be held May 30 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Elgin Community Center. Refreshments will be provided. Memorial donations may be made to Crime Victim and Survivors Services in care of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home, P.O. Box 543, Halfway 97834. Online condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Betty Alam

La Grande

Betty Alam, 96, of La Grande, died May 18, 2021, at a local care facility. Arrangements are by Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, La Grande

MENUS

Union County Senior Center takeout lunch menu

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.

May 24-28

Monday: shepherd's pie, salad greens, fresh fruit, brownie.

Tuesday: chicken salad on bed of lettuce, vegetable garnish, fruit tart.

Wednesday: turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, cashew-pea salad, dessert.

Thursday: bacon cheeseburger, steak fries, fresh fruit slices, cookie.

Friday: pesto chicken, flatbread, garden salad, fresh melon, fruit bar.

Children's free takeout breakfast and lunch menu

Free breakfast and lunch for anyone age 18 and younger, available on days school is in session. Pick up 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at any La Grande elementary school. Fresh vegetables, seasonal fruit and 1% milk are offered daily. To-go meals are handed out at La Grande schools to on-campus students.

May 24-28

Central Elementary School
Monday: BREAKFAST: mini-cinnis, fruit; LUNCH: meatball sub, veggies, fruit.

Tuesday: BREAKFAST: cereal bar, fruit; LUNCH: hamburgers, goldfish crackers, veggies, fruit.

Wednesday: BREAKFAST: mini pancakes, apple juice; LUNCH: turkey deli sandwich, veggies, fruit.

Thursday: BREAKFAST: strawberry yogurt, graham crackers, fruit; LUNCH: chicken bacon wrap, veggies, fruit.

Friday: BREAKFAST: apple frudel, fruit; LUNCH: fish sticks, roll, veggies, fruit.

Greenwood Elementary School

Monday: BREAKFAST: mini French toast, fresh fruit; LUNCH: hot dogs,

goldfish crackers, veggies, fruit.

Tuesday: BREAKFAST: cereal bar, fruit; LUNCH: meatballs and gravy, mashed potatoes, roll, veggies, fruit.

Wednesday: BREAKFAST: frudel, apple juice; LUNCH: chicken Caesar wrap, veggies, fruit.

Thursday: BREAKFAST: strawberry yogurt, graham crackers, canned fruit; LUNCH: turkey deli sandwich, kettle chips, veggies, fruit.

Friday: BREAKFAST: apple frudel, fresh fruit; LUNCH: pizza, veggies, fruit.

Island City Elementary School

Monday: BREAKFAST: mini-cinnis, fresh fruit; LUNCH: chicken quesadilla, veggies, fruit.

Tuesday: BREAKFAST: farm to school cereal bar, cheese stick, canned fruit; LUNCH: BBQ rib sandwich, cucumber ranch salad, veggies, fruit.

Wednesday: BREAKFAST: breakfast frudel, apple juice; LUNCH: beef nachos with cheese sauce, black beans, veggies, fruit.

Thursday: BREAKFAST: cinnamon-cream-cheese-filled bagel, canned fruit; LUNCH: cheeseburgers, veggies, fruit.

Friday: BREAKFAST: cocoa cereal bar, graham crackers, fresh fruit; LUNCH: walking taco, veggies, fruit.

La Grande High and Middle schools

Monday: BREAKFAST: mini waffles, fresh fruit; LUNCH: ham deli sandwich, veggies, fruit.

Tuesday: BREAKFAST: cinnamon roll, canned fruit; LUNCH: chicken cordon bleu sandwich, veggies, fruit.

Wednesday: BREAKFAST: ham-egg-cheese biscuit, apple juice; LUNCH: egg salad sandwich, veggies, fruit.

Thursday: BREAKFAST: oatmeal cereal bar, cheese stick, canned fruit; LUNCH: hamburgers, golden French fries, veggies, fruit.

Friday: BREAKFAST: sausage breakfast biscuit, fresh fruit; LUNCH: turkey deli sandwich, veggies, fruit.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

10:46 a.m. — La Grande police responded to Ace Hardware, 2212 Island Ave., No. 290, on a call for shoplifting.

11:44 a.m. — A caller reported cows were loose on the 200 block of Cedar Street, Elgin. A Union County sheriff's deputy put the cows back in the pasture.

1:38 p.m. — A caller reported a loud disturbance on the 700 block of North Bellwood Street, Union. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded and counseled the subjects.

1:43 p.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy responded to the area of Walton Road and Buchanan Lane, La Grande, on a report of a

lamb at large. The owner returned and gathered the lamb.

1:54 p.m. — A caller reported the theft of a vehicle from the 1600 block of Seventh Street, La Grande. An officer took a report.

4:53 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 100 block of 20th Street for a disturbance and trespassed one person.

5:57 p.m. — A caller reported youths speeding on four-wheelers on the 500 block of South Fourth Street, Union. A Union County sheriff's deputy counseled the children and their parents.

10:54 p.m. — A caller reported a vehicle was running for more than two hours on the 900 block of

Sunset Drive, La Grande. An officer responded, turned off the vehicle and returned the keys to the owner.

THURSDAY, MAY 20

6:39 a.m. — La Grande police responded to a noise complaint on the 1500 block of Adams Avenue and counseled one person.

11:32 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 500 block of Adams Avenue for a disturbance. Officers separated the parties.

7:35 p.m. — A caller on Fruitdale Lane, La Grande, reported a person was the victim of a dog bite. A Union County sheriff's deputy took a report.

8:15 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a complaint from

the area of 58800 Highway 203 about dogs chasing cattle. Dispatch logged the information for animal enforcement.

8:32 p.m. — La Grande police responded to a residence on the 1800 block of G Avenue for a noise complaint and took information.

8:38 p.m. — Local law enforcement received another complaint about a dog bite, this time on the 900 block of Sunset Drive, La Grande. An officer took a report.

FRIDAY, MAY 21

12:19 a.m. — La Grande police responded to Max Square on a noise complaint. Officers cited Matthew Andrew Pedersen, 53, for furnishing alcohol to a minor.

GRH Behavioral Health Clinic

Grande Ronde Hospital and Clinics is pleased to announce that Blue Mountain Associates, an outpatient mental health treatment center, will become part of the GRH health system. The transition to the new GRH Behavioral Health Clinic takes effect June 1, 2021. For more information, visit grh.org/behavioralhealth.



Joining forces to better provide a broader spectrum of health services for Union County.



GRH Behavioral Health Clinic Providers (back row from top) Joel Rice, MD; Mary Goldstein, LCSW; Jim Sheehy, LCSW; (front row from top) Brittany Pryce, LCSW; Heather Holland, MSW, CSWA; and Gloria Turner, LCSW.

Creating Memories
YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR FOUNDER'S DAY —BBQ—
Sat. May 29, 2021 • 10am - 4pm
Creating Memories Camp @ Wallowa Lake

Tour our camp property, hike the waterfall and enjoy a FREE lunch (11am-1pm). PELASE park at the Marina parking lot. We will provide shuttle service to the camp property! Due to COVID-19 guidelines physical distancing will be maintained.

Door Prizes, Games, Face Painting, Live Music and Karaoke!