

## Scouts properly dispose of flag



Boy Scouts Carson DeClue, left, and James Anderson of Troop 514 prepare an American flag for appropriate disposal as specified by the U.S. Flag Code, on Wednesday, June 8, 2021, at the conclusion of the Friends of Scouting Breakfast at Riverside Park's pavilion. The flag, which was becoming tattered, was displayed throughout the breakfast before it was formally retired. About 90 people attended the annual breakfast, raising \$16,000 for Boy Scouts of America's Blue Mountain Council. Those honored at the breakfast included the husband and wife team of Lloyd and Janice Nelson, of Baker City, who received the Eagle Within Award that goes to outstanding adult volunteers for scouting in its Eastern Oregon District. The Nelsons have been Cub Scout and Boy Scout volunteers for three decades.

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## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9

5:51 a.m. — Local law enforcement received a report of vandalism on the 700 block of K Avenue, La Grande.

9:49 a.m. — A caller complained about dogs on the loose on the 700 block of East Delta Street, Union. An animal enforcement officer responded and will follow up.

2:09 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 2100 block of Walnut Street on a report of harassment. An officer made contact and explained options.

2:24 p.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy observed five juveniles trespassing on the 100 block of Adams Avenue and trespassed each from the site.

3:30 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office took a report for wolf depredation near Cove.

5:36 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of a disorderly tenant at the Moon Motel, 2116 Adams Ave. The officer explained options.

6:59 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a report of an assault on the 1300 block of Alder Street, Elgin. A sheriff's deputy made contact and will follow up.

8:05 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1100 block of W Avenue on a report of a careless driver. Officers issued a

warning to juveniles.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 10

9:32 a.m. — La Grande police received a report of a person threatening self harm. Officers responded and found the subject willingly sought help.

9:49 a.m. — A caller reported livestock on the loose in the area of Summerville Road and Highway 204 west of Elgin.

11:39 a.m. — A caller in the area of 70800 Summerville Road reported the theft of a bull. Local law enforcement made contact and took information.

2:24 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1100 block of Adams Avenue on a report of vandalism. An officer took a report.

4:43 p.m. — A caller reported a person threw a piece of wood through a window on the 2200 block of Penn Avenue, La Grande. Police responded and arrested a 42-year-old man on misdemeanors of reckless endangering and second-degree criminal mischief.

10:11 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 3200 block of Alder Street on a report of a juvenile causing a disturbance. Officers counseled all parties at the scene.

10:33 p.m. — A caller reported a person walked onto their porch and looked in the window. An officer located the subject and determined she was at the wrong house.

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

### MEETINGS

**IMBLER:** The Imbler School Board of Directors will meet for a regular session Tuesday, June 15, in Room 1 of the high school, immediately following the 7 p.m. budget hearing. The public is welcome to attend all open sessions of the Imbler School Board.

**LA GRANDE:** A public meeting of the Union County 4-H & Extension Service District Budget Committee to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022, will be held by remote conferencing Wednesday, June 16, at 8:30 a.m. For connection information call 541-963-1010 or email Union-CountyExtension@oregonstate.edu by 5 p.m. June 15. Written comments must be received by noon June 15 at OSU Extension Service, 10507 N. McAlister Road, Room 9, La Grande 97850. A copy of the budget document may be obtained by calling the Oregon State University Extension Service at 541-963-1010 Monday-Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

**LA GRANDE:** Members of the Facilities Study Committee of the La Grande School District will

meet Thursday, June 17, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Willow Elementary gymnasium. To join virtually via Google Meet, go to <https://meet.google.com/asc-zxox-psg>.

### BRIEFS

#### Learn about Wallowa Resources' past and future

**JOSEPH** — "Wallowa Resources: 25 years of Work, and Future Priorities" is the focus of the June 15 Brown Bag lecture at the Josephy Center for Arts and Culture. Beginning at noon, Nils Christoffersen, executive director of Wallowa Resources, will reflect on the organization's first 25 years, report on current programs and discuss future priorities. The gathering will be held in person at the center, 403 N. Main St., Joseph, and also will be streamed live on Zoom (go to [www.josephy.org/brown-bags](http://www.josephy.org/brown-bags) for the link).

Christoffersen has diverse experience in place-based natural resource management from working around the world, including ranching in Australia, farming in Israel, fishing and forestry in Norway, and forestry and wildlife in southern Africa. He is pas-

sionate about working landscapes and the role of rural communities in their stewardship.

Brown Bag programs at the Josephy Center are free and open to the public. Attendees are encouraged to bring a lunch or snack. For more information, contact Rich Wandschneider at 541-432-0505 or [rich.wandschneider@gmail.com](mailto:rich.wandschneider@gmail.com).

#### Give blood, save lives

**LA GRANDE** — A La Grande community blood drive will take place June 15-16, in the gym at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1802 Gekeler Ave. The drive will run from noon to 6 p.m. June 15 and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 16. To schedule an appointment, go to [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter "LaGrande" or the ZIP code 97850. Call Linda Strand at 541-963-4261 for more information.

Downloading the Red Cross' blood donor app is another way to schedule and manage blood donation appointments. The app also creates a digital donor card, tracks lifetime donations and allows the user to follow their donation on its way to a hospital.

— *The Observer*

## OBITUARY

### Shirley M. (Betty) Nice

1936-2021  
La Grande

Shirley Mae Nice, 85, of La Grande, died May 26, 2021, at Grande Ronde Hospital. A celebration of her life will be held July 24 at 11 a.m. in Arco, Idaho.

Shirley was born April 12, 1936, in Blackfoot, Idaho, to Delbert and Claire (Brown) Betty. She resided in California, Idaho and Oregon.

Shirley was an artist, painter, quilter and an avid storyteller.

Survivors include her children, Delbert Stiffler,

Melody Willis, Sherry Prestridge, Belinda Hall, Todd Stiffler, Carol Nave, Mary Price and Sarah Reece; 32 grandchildren; 68 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, William Stiffler; second husband, Ken Nice; son, Jeffrey Stiffler; and daughter, Carrie Carreon.

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

## DEATH NOTICE

### Gerald L. Crawford Joseph

Gerald Leon Crawford, 84, of Joseph, died March 7, 2021, at his home. Interment was at Prairie Creek Cemetery with a service officiated by Archie Hook of Enterprise Community Church, assisted by the Joseph Masonic Lodge. A celebration of his life and potluck gathering will be held July 3 at 2 p.m. behind the Enterprise Community Church.

## UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



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

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

**June 19 — GEORGE SMITH:** 10 a.m. graveside service, Elgin Cemetery (casual dress preferred); reception immediately follows at his home.

**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.

**July 3 — GERALD CRAWFORD:** 2 p.m. celebration life and potluck gathering, behind Enterprise Community Church.

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

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### Larry Ray Snyder

January 4, 1948 - May 30, 2021

Larry Ray Snyder, also known as "Lar", "Honey", "Dad" and most fondly, "Papa", peacefully passed away on May 30th, 2021 at his home in Cove, Oregon, with his wife, Judy, by his side. His death was a result of complications brought on by a 20 year struggle with Parkinson's disease. At his request, there will not be a public service.



Larry was born on January 4, 1948 to Leo and Marie (Kruse) Snyder in Green River, Wyoming. He graduated high school in Fairbury, Nebraska and went on to attend college in Omaha, graduating with a degree in electronic engineering. Larry served in the US Army Signal Corp while stationed in Vietnam. His career was spent repairing and servicing televisions, radios, audiovisual equipment and computers. He and Judy were married in 1979 and enjoyed 42 years of marriage. Larry lived his personal life "the cowboy way" and anyone who spent much time with him knows his motto was "It's not the easy way, but it's the cowboy way." Larry had a soft spot for all animals (excluding one nasty rooster) and at a young age fell in love with horses. He bought his first horse with money saved from his paper route and at every opportunity was either riding, breaking, training or caring for his horses. He loved horseback riding with most anyone and his favorite riding companions were a group of friends affectionately nicknamed "Snyder's Riders." He loved rides into camps in the Minam and Hells Canyon, for hunting or for fun, and often took the role as camp cook. He spent the majority of his time the last 23 years enjoying his family and grandchildren, his home and his horses.

Larry is survived by his wife, Judy; children, Kris (Garrett) Pedro and Jeff Garrett; his grandchildren, Gabrielle, Kaylyn and Aiden; and his great-granddaughter, Hazel Rose; sisters; Joyce Spencer and Cleo Snyder and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Leo; mother, Marie; brothers, Harold and Lee; sisters, Jeanne Clark and Betty Larkin.

Charitable donations in his memory may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, PO Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD, 21741 or to a charity of one's choice.

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

## BIRTHS

### GRANDE RONDE HOSPITAL

**ALDRICH:** Emma Aldrich, June 3, 2021, daughter of Jenny K. Aldrich and Jason E. Aldrich of La Grande. Grandparents are George and Susan Aldrich and Cindy Shearer.

**BOYD:** Julietta Augustine Boyd, May 24, 2021, daughter of Jillian Melissa Boyd and Jared David Boyd of La Grande.

**GREGORY:** Gemma Elizabeth Gregory, May 16, 2021, daughter of Elizabeth Shaw Gregory and Ian Michael Gregory of La Grande. Grandparents are David and Sarah Shaw and Michael and Sally Gregory.

**HARTENSTEIN:** Ruth Mae Hartenstein, May 29, 2021, daughter of Reva Rose (West) Hartenstein and Samuel Hartenstein of Imbler. Grandparents are Russ West, Mary West and Tom and Maureen Hartenstein.

**JOHNSON:** Eliza Victoria Johnson, May 27, 2021, daughter of Justise Lynn Johnson and Caden Ray Johnson of La Grande. Grandparents are Rodney and Patty Johnson and Ruth and Dinny Johnson.

**MCGARVA:** Jack Fraser McGarva, May 27, 2021, son of Brandi Marie McGarva and Curtis Fraser McKenzie McGarva of La Grande. Grandparents are Charlie and Dawnita Picard and Troy and Lone White.

**SCHUETTE:** Eleanora M. Schuette, June 2, 2021, daughter of Brittney M. Johnston and Luc D. Schuette of La Grande. Grandparents are Dan Schuette, Dorene Stevens, Lonnie Johnston, Cliff Dayley and Lora Montgomery.

## ON THE MENU

roll, green salad, baked apples, milk.

**Thursday:** ham and cheese hoagie, chips, celery sticks, fresh fruit, milk.

**Friday:** chicken Alfredo, green salad, fresh fruit, cookie, milk.

### 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.

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The family of **Rick Smith** would like to thank everyone for their prayers, texts, flowers, food, phone calls, dinner after the service and love during his illness and passing. Special thanks to his care providers at Grande Ronde Hospital, Elgin Clinic, and Elgin Ambulance for taking such good care of him and us.