

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

FRIDAY, JUNE 11

8:16 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 900 block of 12th Street on a complaint about criminal mischief. An officer took a report.
 12:37 p.m. — Firefighters and a Union County sheriff's deputy responded to a fire at 64019 Ruckman Road, Cove.
 4:45 p.m. — Grande Ronde Hospital, 900 Sunset Drive, La Grande, reported a patient who was a victim of a dog bite. An animal enforcement officer responded and took a report.
 4:56 p.m. — A caller reported the theft of a vehicle from Cove. A Union County sheriff's deputy made contact and took information.
 7:05 p.m. — A La Grande resident complained about theft of services on the 2000 block of Fir Street.
 11:40 p.m. — La Grande police received a noise complaint from the 1600 block of M Avenue. An officer responded, and the homeowner quieted down.

SATURDAY, JUNE 12

2:13 a.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about a loud party on the 1500 block of Seventh Street. An officers responded. The people involved shut down the party.
 10:32 a.m. — A caller reported a fight on the 2100 block of Maple Street, La Grande. An officer responded and took a report.
 12:31 p.m. — A caller reported animal neglect at a residence on the 1800 block of 26th Street. An animal enforcement officer made contact.
 1:15 p.m. — A caller reported animal neglect at East Delta and North Bellwood streets, Union. An animal enforcement officer responded and arranged to move dogs.
 6:56 p.m. — Local law enforcement responded to a residence on the 2000 block of Gekeler Lane on a report of a disturbance. Officers separated the parties involved.
 7:54 p.m. — Local law enforcement returned to the residence on Gekeler Lane for a subsequent disturbance. La Grande police arrested a 25-year-old man for disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

SUNDAY, JUNE 13

9:48 p.m. — A caller reported juveniles driving carelessly on motorized bikes in the area of Birch Street and W Avenue, La Grande. An officer searched the area but did not find the subjects.
 11:11 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office responded to a traffic crash on Union-Junction Lane, Union. Deputies arrested Patrick Wayne Mayhead, 62, of Union, for DUII.

10:55 a.m. — A caller reported a burglary at a storage unit on the 900 block of Baltimore Street, Elgin. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded and took a report.
 11:13 a.m. — La Grande police responded to Island and Adams avenues on a report of a suspicious person. Police arrested a 29-year-old woman for second-degree disorderly conduct.
 12:59 p.m. — Union County sheriff's deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance on the 1500 block of Conklin Road, Cove, and gave one person a ride to a motel.
 6:14 p.m. — A caller reported a hit-and-run to a vehicle at Walmart, 11619 Island Ave, Island City. A Union County sheriff's deputy made contact and took information.
 9:05 p.m. — A caller reported a doe stuck in a sewer drain at Sixth Street and D Avenue, La Grande. The animal was free prior to an officer arriving.
 10:52 p.m. — People in a loud argument in a parking lot on the 1500 block of 21st Street, La Grande, prompted a call to police. Officers arrived and arrested a 23-year-old man on a Umatilla County probation violation warrant stemming from misdemeanors of theft, trespass, criminal mischief and DUII.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

MEETINGS

• LA GRANDE — The Grande Ronde Symphony Association's annual meeting begins at 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 15. This will be the first in-person meeting in over a year and organizers are eager to share their perspective on the past season and their planning for 2021-2022. The meeting is open to the public and will be held at the La Grande First Christian Church, 901 Penn Ave.
 • LA GRANDE — The Board of Directors of the La Grande School District will convene at 7 p.m. Monday, June 21, for a special board meeting, work session and public hearing on the approved 2021-2022 budget. Due to social distancing, the meeting will be available online and by phone. Access information is available on the agenda posted at www.lagrandesd.org/page/board-meetings.

BRIEFS

Giant rummage sale set for June 19

LA GRANDE — A giant rummage sale will be open from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 19, at La Grande's First Christian Church, 901 Penn Ave. Hosted by the Christian Women's Fellowship, the sale will take place on the back lawn and parking area.

Family History Center is open to the public

LA GRANDE — The Family History Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is now open to the public. The hours are Monday and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon, Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Wednesday from 6-9 p.m. The center is at 1802 Gekeler Lane and masks are required.

DEATH NOTICES

Marlene Brown
Union

Marlene Brown, 85, of Union, died June 13, 2021, at her home. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Virginia M. Oldham
La Grande

Virginia M. Oldham, 90, of La Grande, died June 11, 2021, at a local care facility. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

OBITUARIES

Lois A. (Cole) Johnson

1939-2021
La Grande



Johnson

Lois Ann Johnson, 82, of La Grande, died June 7, 2021, at her home. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Lois was born May 4, 1939, in Jackson, Kentucky, to Lester and Bonnie Marie Cole. She married Robert Charles Johnson on Jan. 23, 1970, and they were married for 51 years.

A very adventurous and outgoing woman, Lois was full of life and loved her family more than anything. She always had a smile on her face and was a bright light in many lives, including that of her caregiver and friend Jessica Wade Weaver. Lois

had a lot to teach people and never hesitated to put others first.

Lois loved the outdoors, especially camping and fishing. She always had her fishing gear packed and ready to go. She was up for an adventure every day and always faced everything head-on.

Surviving relatives include her husband, Robert Johnson; son, Mike Johnson; daughter-in-law, Jennifer Johnson; 13 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Lester and Bonnie Marie Cole, and children, Lori West and Steven Johnson.

Gerald L. Crawford

1936-2021
Joseph



Crawford

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. For details call 541-398-1130. All friends are invited.

Gerald was born July 2, 1936, in Baker City, to Harry and Norma (Jensen) Crawford. He grew up in Baker City, graduating from Baker High School in 1953 at age 16 then immediately starting work at Oregon Lumber.

Gerald met Mary "Lorraine" Christman, of North Powder, in 1955, and they married on Oct. 5, 1956. The couple moved to Pilot Rock in 1957, where Gerald worked at US Gypsum. In 1962, taking a leap of faith, he enrolled at what is now Eastern Oregon University, and the family, which now included two sons, moved to La Grande. In 1966, Gerald graduated cum laude from EOU with a bachelor's degree in education and was hired to teach at the Halfway Elementary School in the Pine Eagle School District. He attended summer school at San Jose State on a grant in 1968 and

earned a master's degree in education from EOU in 1972. The family moved in the summer of 1976 to Joseph, where Gerald taught until 1994.

After retiring, Gerald and Lorraine traveled extensively across North America. He volunteered as an assistant coach for boys golf and scorekeeper for girls basketball at Enterprise High School.

Gerald contributed to his community through his 50-plus-year membership in the Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star, serving in various state offices and committees and as the Maxine Assembly's Rainbow Dad and once as State Rainbow Dad. He was also proud of his work as a 40-year member of the Shrine.

Gerald enjoyed woodworking, fishing, camping, hunting and golf. The Crawfords were members of the Enterprise Community Church.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Lorraine; children and partners, Michael and Tammy, of Enterprise, and Darryl and Tammy, of Cocolalla, Idaho; brother and sister-in-law, Donald and Beverly, of Pendleton; and four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Portland Shriners Hospital for Children, 3101 SW Sam Jackson Park Road, Portland 97239.

Chane 'Chain' Le Barnard

1955-2021
La Grande



Le Barnard

Chane Le Barnard, 66, of La Grande, died June 2, 2021, at Grande Ronde Hospital. A celebration of life will be held later.

The family has made a private Facebook group called "Celebrate Chane" (www.facebook.com/groups/803232833714365) to keep people updated on upcoming services.

Nicknamed "Chain," Chane was born March 6, 1955, in Hawthorne, California, to W. Tennan and Delilah (Nicely) Barnard. In 1971, he moved to Homedale, Idaho, with his grandparents, followed later by the rest of the family. He graduated from Homedale High School in 1973.

Chane worked as a welder fabricator for Parma Company in Parma and for Dels Flying Service out of Homedale.

In 1998, he moved to Orovada, Nevada, and for a short time worked for Kings River Ranch. He met a very special friend, Diane, and they set out as fur trappers together. In 2015, Chane moved to La Grande to be closer to his daughter, stepson and grandchildren.

Chane enjoyed racing, fishing and a good game of pool. For years he competed in pool leagues with

Last Chance Saloon in Homedale, and he was a member of Todd's Pool League in La Grande. His family and friends were

very important to him, and as a very outgoing and courageous person he made friends easily. His favorite pal and dog was Buddy, who preceded him in death.

Survivors include his mother, Delilah Barnard, of Wilder, Idaho; daughter, Brandy Larison, of La Grande; stepson, Bill Sharpe, of La Grande; stepdaughter, Tesiea Ann, of Moses Lake, Washington; sister and brother-in-law, Kelly and Tony Burns, of Homedale; brother and sister-in-law, Wes and Donna Barnard, of Homedale; five grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, W. Tennan Barnard; sister, Deonna Aberasturi; and son, Derek Tennan Barnard in 1993.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Firebird Safety Team (call 208-938-8986 or mail to P.O. Box 1398, Eagle, ID 83616) or to St. Luke's Children's Hospital Neonatal Unit (190 E. Bannock, Boise, ID 83712).

Hulett 'Hugh' C. McDowell Jr.

1952-2021
La Grande

Hulett "Hugh" Clyde McDowell Jr., 69, of La Grande, died May 13, 2021, at his residence. At his request, there will not be a service.

Known as Hugh, he was born May 9, 1952, in San Diego, California, to Hulett Sr. and Mildred (Simmons) McDowell. He resided in San Diego and in Portland, Lincoln City and La Grande.

Hugh graduated from Grossmont High School and later attended the Uni-

versity of California at San Diego. He married Ariel Sanita Hessen.

Hugh was employed with YEI, Graffiti Program in Portland. He enjoyed writing and traveling.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Ariel, and sons, Brian, of Union, and Tyson, of New Llano, Louisiana.

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

George W. Smith

1921-2021
Elgin



Smith

George William Smith, 100, of Elgin, died June 4, 2021, at Grande Ronde Hospital.

A graveside service will be held June 19 at 10 a.m. at the Elgin Cemetery; casual dress is preferred by the family. Immediately following the service, a potluck will be held at his home. Attendees must wear masks and practice social distancing to meet COVID-19 guidelines.

George was born March 22, 1921, in Elgin, to Ira and Henrietta (Cruikshank) Smith.

A lifelong resident of Elgin, he attended the one-room Gordon Creek School. He married Sharon Kay Case on Aug. 10, 1962, and they were happily married for more than 50 years until her death in 2018.

George worked as a farmer, rancher, tree

faller and for 22 years at the La Grande saw mill until his retirement in 1984. He loved horses and owned horses into his 90s.

He enjoyed reading, Bible study and old Western movies, and he was an active lifelong church attender.

Surviving relatives include his son, Jeff Smith of Elgin;

daughter and son-in-law, Connie and Glen Carter of Elgin; seven grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Sharon; daughter, Sharma Kay Smith; parents, Ira and Henrietta; brothers, Harry Smith and Tom Smith; and sisters, Florence Smith, Marie Blanchard and Beulah Sams.

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

UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



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

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 of life and potluck gathering, behind Enterprise Community Church.

— calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande

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