

**DEATH NOTICES**

**Rusty Mink**  
La Grande

Rusty Mink, 80, of La Grande, died June 18, 2021, at Grande Ronde Hospital. Arrangements are by Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, La Grande.

**Eddie Cascio**  
La Grande

Eddie Cascio, 80, of La Grande, died June 17, 2021, in Boise. Arrangements are by Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, La Grande.

**Donald Schaeffer**  
Wallowa

Donald Schaeffer, 97, of Wallowa, died June 17, 2021, at Wallowa Memorial Hospital. A graveside service will be held June 25 at 11 a.m. at Bramlet Memorial Cemetery in Wallowa. Arrangements are by Bollman Funeral Home, Enterprise.

**Lilyan M. Hale**  
Elgin

Lilyan M. Hale, 80, of Elgin, died June 15, 2021, at Trios Southridge Hospital in Kennewick, Washington. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

**Ted Vandenberg**  
Elgin

Ted Vandenberg, 73, of Elgin, died Dec. 13, 2020, at Grande Ronde Hospital. A celebration of his life will be held June 26 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Riverside Park Pavilion in La Grande. Lunch will be provided.

**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 follows at his home.

**June 21 — VIRGINIA OLDHAM:** 10 a.m. memorial service, Summerville Cemetery Chapel (casual dress preferred).

**June 25 — CATHERINE PETERS:** 10 a.m. celebration of life, La Grande First Baptist Church; interment follows at Grandview Cemetery.

**June 25 — DONALD SCHAEFFER:** 11 a.m. graveside service, Bramlet Memorial Cemetery, Wallowa.

**June 26 — TED VANDENBERG:** noon to 4 p.m. celebration of life gathering (lunch provided), Riverside Park Pavilion, La Grande.

**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

**BIRTHS**

**GRANDE RONDE HOSPITAL**

**MARLER:** Callum Michael Marler, June 7, 2021, son of Morgan Faith Babcock and Justin Michael Marler, of La Grande.

**WILSON:** Hailey Louise Wilson, June 10, 2021, daughter of Micheala Louise Kizer and Eric Lee Wilson, of La Grande. Grandparents are Eldon Kizer, Sarah Kizer, Roberta Smith and Mike Smith.

**ON THE MENU**

**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.

**June 21-25**

**Monday:** Swiss patty melt on rye bread, potato salad, fruit, dessert.

**Tuesday:** Mandarin chicken, rice pilaf, salad greens and vegetables, baked bread, fresh fruit, light dessert.

**Wednesday:** tender roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, salad greens, baked bread, fruit, sherbet.

**Thursday:** pizza, salad greens, fresh fruit, cookie.

**Friday:** pesto chicken, garden salad, fresh melon, Italian bread, fruit tart.

**Union County kids free grab-and-go lunch menu**

Free grab-and-go lunch for anyone ages 1-18, served Monday-Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Riviera Activity Center, 2609 Second St., La Grande.

**June 21-25**

**Monday:** meatballs, rice, fresh veggies, fresh fruit, cookie, milk.

**Tuesday:** ham, scalloped potatoes, roll, green salad, fresh fruit, milk.

**Wednesday:** BBQ chicken, steak fries, roll, veggie sticks, fresh fruit, dessert, milk.

**Thursday:** turkey sandwich, potato salad, fresh veggies, fresh fruit, milk.

**Friday:** chicken strips, steak fries, coleslaw, fresh fruit, cookie, milk.

**PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16**

6:01 a.m. — La Grande police responded to Spruce Street and S Avenue on a report of a disturbance. Officers separated the parties.

10:02 a.m. — A caller on the 1300 block of Jackson Avenue, La Grande, reported someone stole a laptop from a vehicle. An officer made contact and took a report.

12:25 p.m. — A caller reported cattle on the loose in the area of 71200 Palmer Junction Road, Elgin.

2:36 p.m. — A person waved down a Union County sheriff's deputy at Walmart, 11619 Island Ave., Island City, to report they were the victim of a hit-and-run. The person did not want to pursue charges but did exchange information.

7:06 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of a careless bicycle rider at Cove Avenue and Cherry Street, La Grande. An officer responded and warned a juvenile.

10:10 p.m. — Local emergency services responded to a report of a vehicle crash involving injuries on the 59000 block of Foothill Road, La Grande. A Union County sheriff's deputy took a report.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 17**

2:09 a.m. — La Grande police responded to a report of two trespasses at Community Stadium on Sixth Street on the Eastern Oregon University campus. An officer counseled two juveniles and returned them home.

3:22 a.m. — A caller reported a domestic disturbance on the

3000 block of Walnut Street, La Grande. Officers responded and resolved the situation.

6:12 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 2900 block of Fir Street on a report of a juvenile involved in a disturbance. Police found this situation did not rise to the level of an arrest.

6:16 a.m. — A caller reported a domestic disturbance on the 70400 block of Simonson Lane, Elgin. Union County sheriff's deputies responded and took a report.

10:12 a.m. — A caller reported a domestic disturbance on the 1400 block of X Avenue, La Grande. Police arrived and took a report.

3:20 p.m. — La Grande police responded to a report of a disturbance on the 1100 block of D Avenue. The caller did not want to pursue a case.

4:10 p.m. — A caller reported a child missing from the 1100 block of Alder Street, Elgin. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded, but someone found the child before the deputy arrived.

6:45 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1300 block of Cedar Street on a report of a disturbance. Officers determined civil courts will handle this situation.

9:23 p.m. — Union County sheriff's deputies responded to Highway 82, Elgin, for a hit-and-run. Deputies arrested Dean Martin Landenberger, 53, for reckless driving, misdemeanor driving while suspended, hit-and-run and driving under the influence of intoxicants.

**COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD**

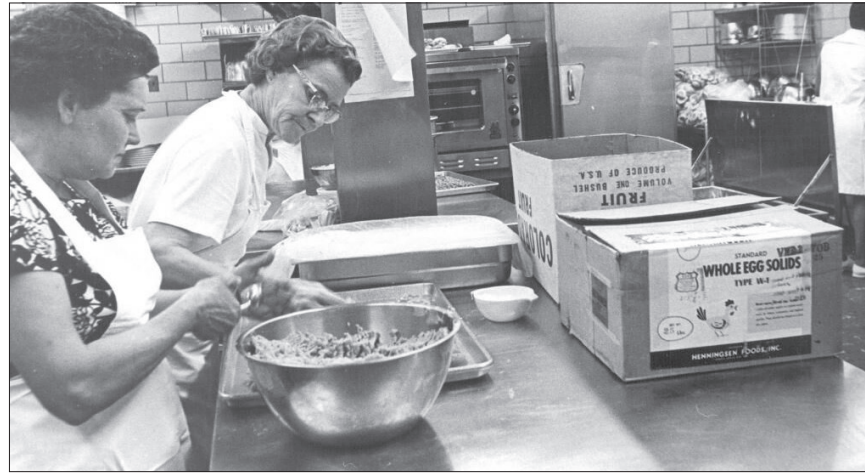
**Library's book club will discuss travel stories**

LA GRANDE — Cook Memorial Library's Genre Book Club for adults meets online Thursday, June 24, at 2 p.m. Members of the book club, which is free to join, meet monthly to talk about books they've read on a chosen topic. During the June gathering members will discuss books about travel adventure. To join, email Rose at rpeacock@cookmemoriallibrary.org for the meeting login.

**Free summer lunches served at three Wallowa County sites**

WALLOWA COUNTY — Research shows a lack of nutrition during the summer months may set up a cycle for poor performance once school begins, according to a press release from Building Healthy Families, a nonprofit based in Enterprise. The organization is operating summer meal programs in Wallowa County to help fill the gap. Grab-and-go curbside pickup of lunches at three sites began June 14 and will be available through Aug. 5.

The lunches are free to all children younger than 18 Monday-Thursday from noon to 12:30 p.m. at the Enterprise City Park on the east side, Evans Park in Wallowa on the east side, and the Methodist United Church parking



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**After realizing food insecurity was not an issue that went away when the school year ended, the Summer Food Service Program began in 1968. Initially just a three-year program, the service provided meals through the public school system. The program has continued into the 21st century, with local organizations and school districts offering free meals to children during the summer across the country.**

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Donations in support of the summer lunch program may be made through Building Healthy Families. For menus or questions, call BHF at 541-426-9411.

**Public comment sought for DHS program**

SALEM — The Oregon Department of Human Services' Office of Developmental Disabilities Services is seeking public comment regarding a number of waiver amendments.

The updates under consideration involve the #0117 children's waiver, #0565 medically involved children's waiver, #40193 medically fragile model waiver and #40194 behavioral model waiver.

The waiver amendments are online at <https://www.oregon.gov/dhs>. Comments may be emailed to [odds.info@state.or.us](mailto:odds.info@state.or.us) or mailed to ODDS Medicaid Waiver/State Plan Analyst, 500 Summer Street NE E-09, Salem 97301. Deadline for comments is July 7, 2021.

— *The Observer*

**Virginia Maxine Goode Oldham**

September 1, 1930 - June 11, 2021



Virginia Maxine Goode Oldham, 90, of La Grande, passed away on Friday, June 11, 2021, at a local care facility. A service in her honor will be held Monday, June 21, 2021 at the Summerville Cemetery in Summerville, Oregon, at 10:00 am. Casual dress is preferred by the family.

On September 1, 1930 the world welcomed an amazing woman into its life. Virginia loved the outdoors and all the animals, large and small, that she encountered.

Born in Portland, Oregon, Virginia lived most of her life in Oregon loving the rural lifestyle including riding and training horses. She always took in any animal that was in need of rescue including wild animals such as lynx, bobcat and badgers. At one time neighbor kids let a wild hawk into the living room believing Ginger would love and take care of it. Eventually it was given to the zoo.

Ginger was an extraordinary artist, mostly painting on porcelain. She had her own kiln and spent days creating masterpieces of wildlife, Native American culture and landscapes. For years she worked at Pixieland amusement park creating art boards and painting rocks which she sold or gave as gifts. Her abilities won her the job of creating art work in the original Oregon Litterbug Campaign.

Not being one to sit still, Ginger held many jobs, mostly involving art, from working for Child's Photography, Rancher Magazine, and Redmond Spokesman. She created several ice sculptures for restaurants to display on their food tables and painted windows with fun imagination for each business.

Virginia considered everything an adventure including working as a sous chef for several prestigious resorts including Henry Thiele, Salishan, Kah-Nee-Ta, and The Safari Club in Estacada.

Memories with her children include being a campfire leader and Sunday school teacher. Several summers camping in the high cascades with horses will bring out stories with great memories.

She has left behind four children; Cathy (Mike) Kaech, Shelley (Monty) Patterson, Cyndi Hoffman and Dave (Missy) Maul; 9 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; extended family of Garth and Tonia Johnson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

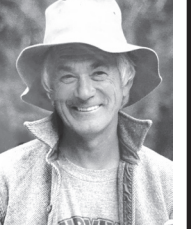
With her strong Christian faith, she has reunited with loved ones that have forged ahead.

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

**Ray D. Stinnett**

July 16, 1933 - May 5, 2021

*Mountain Man, Professor, Husband, Father and Friend*



Ray D. Stinnett passed away peacefully in his home on May 5, 2021, after a year long battle with cancer.

Ray was born on July 16, 1933, in Augusta, Kansas, to Ray Everett Stinnett and Lolah Jane Beesly Stinnett. The fourth of nine children, Ray's family journeyed to the Northwest during the Great Depression where they settled near Selah, Washington.

Ray joined the U.S. Air Force at age 19. There he met and served with his first wife Donna Jean Foreman for six years during the Korean War. Together they had four children; Ray Jr., Kelly, Tom and Suzanne. Upon the death of his first-born Ray Jr., Ray left the Air Force and began college.

Pursuing a career in education, Ray studied in both Washington and Oregon, eventually receiving a PhD in psychology from the University of Oregon. He began teaching at Eastern Oregon University in 1968 and was instrumental in establishing their psychology department. Known for his innate humor, empathy and leadership, he was a beloved professor and mentor to many. Ray loved teaching. After his tenure, he began a private practice and became a school psychologist and expert witness.

An avid golfer, Ray joined the La Grande Country Club, where he engaged in spirited and rambunctious matches.

Ray met his wife and companion Patti Zo Clarke in 1981. Together they raised Patti's daughter Kathy. Ray and Patti shared a love of the mountains and made countless trips into the Eagle Cap Wilderness with their string of pack mules and horses. During elk season, Ray was joined by his compadres for event-filled adventures into the Minam and Snake River country.

When Ray and Patti acquired their cabin at Boulder Park wilderness trailhead, they became such a fixture that Ray was dubbed the informal "Mayor of Boulder Park." Ray was a wonderful host and always had an eye out for a friend. Many a day was spent with family and friends enjoying the high-country splendor. This was Ray's happy place.

Ray was a family man, often thinking about his parents, children, siblings and extended family. In the 70's, he helped his mother relocate to La Grande and many siblings followed suit. Innumerable lively Stinnett gatherings convened over the decades.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents; son Ray Jr.; first wife Donna; daughter Suzanne; great-grandson Ray; brother Bill and sisters; Jo, Chloe, Peggy and Jackie. He is survived by his wife Patti; daughter Kelly (Shauna); son Tom (Kristen); stepdaughter Kathy (Teddy); sister Oddie (Dennis); sister Mavis; brother George (LuFrayne); grandchildren, great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Ray will be remembered as a caring, tough-as-nails mountain man. An authentic mix of psychologist and cowboy, Ray's quick wit, gregarious nature, and big heart often shone through his weathered exterior. He will truly be missed by family and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, July 18th at 10 am at Ray and Patti's ranch on Morgan Lake Road. Due to Covid, masks will be required. RSVP to [tostin111@yahoo.com](mailto:tostin111@yahoo.com). If inspired, bring a favorite Ray story.

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

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