

## DEATH & SERVICE NOTICES

### Wayne M. Christensen

La Grande

Wayne M. Christensen, 94, of La Grande, died July 1, 2021, at a local care facility. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

### Raymond R. Eitelgorge

Summerville

Raymond R. Eitelgorge, 66, of Summerville, died July 1 2021, at his home. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

### Brigette A. Ferguson

La Grande

Brigette A. Ferguson, 60, of La Grande, died June 11, 2021, at St. Alphonsus Medical Center in Boise, Idaho. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

### Vera Harmon

La Grande

Vera Harmon, 98, of La Grande, died June 29, 2021, at her home. Arrangements are by Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, La Grande.

### Edith Hewitt

La Grande

Edith Hewitt, 80, of La Grande, died June 29, 2021, at her home. Arrangements are by Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, La Grande.

### William H. Niday

Summerville

William H. Niday, 85, of Summerville, died July 1, 2021, at his residence. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

### Annette M. Cheatham

Union

Annette Marion Cheatham, 78, of Union and formerly of Elgin, died June 21, 2021, at St. Alphonsus Medical Center in Boise, Idaho. A celebration of her life will be held at 1 p.m. July 10 at the La Grande First Christian Church.

### Theresa M. Hansen

La Grande

Theresa Marie Hansen, 58, of La Grande, died April 7, 2021, at her residence. A graveside memorial service and celebration of her life will be held July 10 at 1 p.m. at the Island City Cemetery.

### Kimberly 'Todd' Wilson

Pilot Rock

Kimberly "Todd" Wilson, 52, of Pilot Rock, died June 30, 2021, at St. Alphonsus Medical Center in Boise, Idaho. A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. July 6 at the Cove Cemetery. Casual dress is preferred by the family. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

## UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



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

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

**July 5 — JAMES MAXWELL:** 10 a.m. graveside memorial service with Air Force Military Honors, Haines Cemetery.

**July 6 — KIMBERLY 'TODD' WILSON:** 10 a.m.

graveside service, Cove Cemetery.

**July 10 — CAROLE HALVORSON:** 1 p.m. celebration of life, Carole and Bob's Starkey ranch (RSVP to 58310 Grande Ronde River Road, La Grande 97850; icyriverranch@gmail.com; or 541-428-2139).

**July 10 — GRANT TSIATSOS:** 1 p.m. memorial service, Tsiatsos family cemetery on Baseline Lane in Starkey; followed by celebration of life pot-luck and barbecue at the family home, also on Baseline Lane.

— calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande

## ON THE MENU

### Union County Senior Center takeout lunch menu

Served 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.

#### July 5-9

**Monday:** closed in observance of Fourth of July

**Tuesday:** spaghetti, Caesar salad, fresh fruit, baked bread, cookie.

**Wednesday:** roast pork, baked apples, mashed potatoes and gravy, spinach salad, baked bread, dessert.

**Thursday:** Reuben sandwich, potato salad, fresh fruit, cookie.

**Friday:** chef salad, cup of soup, dinner roll, fresh fruit garnish.

### Union County kids free summer 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 Rivera Activity Center, 2609 Second St., La Grande. Lunch for adults is \$4.

#### July 5-9

**Monday:** closed in observance of Fourth of July

**Tuesday:** spaghetti with meatballs, Caesar salad, fruit garnish, ice cream, milk.

**Wednesday:** roast pork, mashed potatoes, apple slaw, dessert, milk.

**Thursday:** chicken tenders, fries, celery sticks, fresh fruit, dessert, milk.

**Friday:** ham and cheese sandwich, chips, veggie sticks, fresh fruit, cookie, milk.

## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30

7:10 a.m. — An Imbler resident reported two big white dogs went missing. The Union County Sheriff's Office notified their owner the dogs were at an animal shelter.

9:09 a.m. — A caller reported the theft of a bicycle rack from the 2000 block of Q Avenue.

3:54 p.m. — A North Powder resident reported being the victim of identity theft. A Union County sheriff's deputy made contact and took a report.

7:50 p.m. — A caller reported a downed power line on the 1700 block of U Avenue, La Grande. Dispatch notified Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative.

7:52 p.m. — La Grande medics responded to Interstate 84 near milepost 256, a few miles west of La Grande, for a traffic crash.

7:55 p.m. — A caller reported tree limbs took down a power line at Court Avenue and Greenwood Street, La Grande. A call two minutes later reported downed power lines on the 2300 block of North Ash Street, La Grande, and at 7:58 p.m. a caller reported downed trees and power lines on the 1200 block of W Avenue, La Grande.

8:44 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's office received a report of a child locked in a car at McAlister Road and Gekeler Lane, La Grande. A deputy responded and returned the child to the parents.

9:08 p.m. — A caller reported fireworks going off in the area of Palmer Street and Hartford Lane, La Grande. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded but did not find anyone setting off fireworks.

9:29 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 60 block of Rapid Run Loop on a report of a domestic disturbance. Officers

found some people were just being loud.

10:29 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office arrested Jesse Joe Shodin, 47, on a Union County secret indictment charging two counts of first-degree burglary, two counts of first-degree theft and one count of second-degree criminal mischief. The sheriff's office also arrested him on a Union County parole and probation detainer.

### THURSDAY, JULY 1

7:28 a.m. — A caller reported animal neglect on the 500 block of Fifth Street, North Powder.

9:04 a.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy assisted the U.S. Forest Service at a fire along Forest Five Point Creek Road near Hilgard.

11:27 a.m. — A dog bite was reported at 2632 Bearco Loop, La Grande. An animal enforcement officer took a report.

11:47 a.m. — La Grande police arrested Gerard A. Duberow, of La Grande, on a Louisville Metro Police Department warrant charging theft by deception and knowingly exploiting an adult.

3:36 p.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy responded to assist the Elgin Rural Fire District in the area of 73900 Highway 82, Elgin, for a grassland fire.

9:13 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 2800 block of Spruce Street on a report of a juvenile disturbance. Officers separated and counseled the people involved.

10:06 p.m. — A caller reported a domestic disturbance on the 1500 block of Adams Avenue, La Grande. Local law enforcement responded and warned one person for stalking.

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

### BRIEFS

#### How economic inequality affects democracy topic of talk

LA GRANDE — The Union County Chapter of Health Care for All Oregon is hosting a webinar, "Reversing Runaway Inequality," Saturday, July 10, at 11 a.m. The public is invited to attend the special event. The one-hour webinar will be presented by author Les Leopold and address the current U.S. economic inequality that affects our democracy. To learn more

go to [www.runawayinequality.org](http://www.runawayinequality.org); to register, email [unioncounty@hcao.org](mailto:unioncounty@hcao.org) by July 8.

#### Bike Blast held July 8 at Candy Cane Park

LA GRANDE — The second Bike Blast put on by La Grande Parks and Recreation and the Safe Routes to School program runs from 6-7 p.m. Thursday, July 8, at Candy Cane Park on 12th Street. Bike Blast provides bikes for kids, helmet fitting and cycling safety tips, plus activities and

cotton candy. Everything is free. For more information call 541-962-0514.

### MEETINGS

• LA GRANDE — The city of La Grande's Landmarks Commission meets Thursday, July 8, at 6 p.m. at La Grande City Hall. New business to be discussed in the regular session includes considering the historical appropriateness of 1214 Adams Ave. A work session will follow to discuss updates to the historic district standards preservation code.

— The Observer

## Summer Reading Program open to kids and adults



**ROSE PEACOCK**  
OFF THE SHELF

Cook Memorial Library is pleased to announce that our longtime children's librarian, Carrie Bushman, will be serving as interim library director. Carrie brings more than 20 years of experience of service at the library.

The library building is closed on Monday, July 5, in observance of Independence Day.

Our Summer Reading Program continues through Aug. 6, so there's still time to sign up. This year's theme is "Reading Colors Your World." Tracks for children, teens and adults are available. Register at [cityoflagrande.beanstack.org](http://cityoflagrande.beanstack.org) or download the Beanstack app.

This year we're giving away lanyards to participants who want to keep track of the badges they earn with corresponding buttons. Lanyards and buttons are available for all ages. Keep logging your reading and activities online to earn points and be eligible for prize drawings.

Print catalogs with summer reading activities are also available at the front desk.

Children's activities include the Page Turner Animal Adventures with weekly craft kits, Read Around the World contest with mystery prize bags and Family Dinner

Book Clubs. Teen activities include a photo scavenger hunt, bingo cards and monthly take-and-make kits.

Activities for adults include online book club, bingo cards and monthly take-and-make craft kits.

Summer Reading Program activities in the library include a tissue paper flower craft to add to our display, an engaging "I Spy" display, a mosaic sticker mural to which children may add color-coordinated stickers to fill in the image, and a Wings of Color photo backdrop for all ages.

Adults who do not wish to participate online may enter a drawing for a prize basket by dropping one ticket per book read (or listened to) into a jar at the front desk. The drawing will be held at the conclusion of the Summer Reading Program.

July craft kits for teens and adults are Beaded Bookmarks. Kits include beads, string and instructions and will be available for pick-up starting Tuesday, July 6. Supplies are limited, first come first served, one kit per age per household.

The Little Free Pantry is now located near the circulation desk. Regularly stocked with nonperishable snacks, canned goods, water and the occasional fresh fruit or veggies, the pantry is self-serve and open to all.

Library users can now pay lost or damaged charges, collections fees or other account charges

online through the Sage Catalog. Be sure to contact us with any questions about your account charges; all transactions are final with no refunds.

The library's Wi-Fi (LGPLWiFi) is on from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. The signal reaches to the building's entrances and the parking lot and does not require a password.

If you created an eCard during our closure, you may come in with current I.D. to update your

account and pick up your card.

Library hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Visit us at 2006 Fourth St., La Grande, or call us at 541-962-1339.

Find out more at [cookmemoriallibrary.org](http://cookmemoriallibrary.org) and follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

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*Rose Peacock oversees adult services at Cook Memorial Library, La Grande.*

### Verla Boles

December 10, 1932 - May 3, 2021

Verla Boles, 88, of Baker City, would like you to know that her work here on earth is done. On May 3, 2021 she received a call to enter heaven's gates. What a glorious ring, for she knew there would be a reunion with Bill, her loved ones and friends she had not seen in a long time. Plus, her vision would be 20/20. She would be able to read and sing, especially "The Good Old Hymns" to her hearts content. This was all guaranteed.

Verla Lola Boles was born in Belle Fourche, South Dakota, on December 10, 1932 to parents Hugh and Laura Cathey. Verla attended schools in South Dakota, Oregon, Washington, and California. After many moves, she eventually returned to Oregon with her family in the 1940's.

She married William "Bill" Boles in 1947 and they welcomed two children; Steven and Lynette. She was a loving mother and grandmother. Verla cherished spending time in the kitchen and was a remarkable cook, preparing delicious dishes and meals for her family and friends, especially over the holidays. She also loved anything chocolate! For many years leading up to her passing, she collected a large library of cookbooks and handwritten recipes. Verla delighted in sharing her recipes with others.

She actively enjoyed her 31-year career with Safeway Stores Meat Department. She was acknowledged by Safeway Stores as one of the first female meat cutters in Oregon.

Verla was a gifted pianist and vocalist. She took lessons as a child and had a repertoire of memorized songs and lyrics like no other. Her favorite actress was Irene Dunne and favorite actor was Stewart Granger. Her favorite movie to watch with Bill was, "Sleepless In Seattle".

Once retired, Bill and she enjoyed traveling, family and caring for others.

In 2017, Verla's first and only cat was "Miss Kitty", a name given to her from the series Gunsmoke. Miss Kitty was feral, but Verla tamed her into a loving and most talkative, gentle cat.

Verla's family and friends will remember her as a faithful, loving and hardworking person, with many stories to share and her faith in God being her center. She was beautiful both inside and out. Verla will be deeply missed by all who loved her.

Verla was predeceased by her loving husband of 70 years, William "Bill" Boles; son, Steven R. Boles; parents, Hugh and Laura Cathey; sisters Sharon Derrick and Velma Corwin; brothers, Vern and Lloyd Cathey.

She is survived by her daughter, Lynette Allen and her husband Billy; grandson Steven "Luke" Boles; great-grandson, Taygen Boles; many nieces and nephews.

At Verla's request there will be no services. For those who would like to make a memorial donation in honor of Verla, the family suggests a charity or your choice through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home, PO Box 543, Halfway, Oregon, 97834. Online condolences can be shared at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com)

## BIRTHS

### GRANDE RONDE HOSPITAL

**BROWN:** Carson Wade Brown, June 23, 2021, son of Katie Brown and Jaden Brown, of La Grande. Grandparents are Kim and Wayne Brown and James Witherspoon.

**LUPU:** Sammie Josephine Lupu, June 18, 2021, daughter of Michaela Lupu and Jared Lupu, of La Grande.

**ROBB-WARREN:** Emmett Arthur Robb-Warren, June 18, 2021, son of Stephanie Marie Warren and Joseph Everett Robb, of Lostine. Grandparents are Regena Warren, Christopher Clark, Shellie Holden and the late Frank Eckle.

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