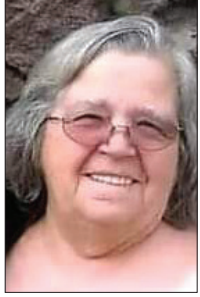


OBITUARIES

Annette M. (Pearce) Cheatham

1942-2021
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 July 10 at 1 p.m. at the La Grande First Christian Church. A family gathering will follow the service at Golden Crown, 1116 Adams Ave., La Grande.



Cheatham

Annette was born Oct. 3, 1942, in Baker City, to Clarence Marion and Blanche Ada (Spivey) Pearce. She married Arthur D. Cheatham, who preceded her in death on Jan. 2, 2016. Surviving relatives include her daughters Julia Musk of Muskegon, Michigan, and Cindi Stawicki of Goldendale, Washington, both formerly of Elgin.

Vera K. (Mason) Harmon

1923-2021
La Grande

Vera Katherine Harmon, 98, of La Grande, died June 29, 2021, at her home. A funeral will be held July 10 at 10 a.m. at Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, La Grande.



Harmon

Vera's was a life of song. She knew hundreds of songs by heart, from hymns to ballads to children's songs, forever enriching others with her beautiful happy voice. Vera and Derald appreciated the gospel and fellowship meetings that were held in their home for many years. They spent a large portion of their lives in the service of the Lord and in helping to lead others to his love. They also often opened their home to young and old alike. Derald preceded Vera in death 27 years ago. Vera led a rich life raising her five children. Her legacy is enormous. She gave freely of her own love and it was returned many fold. Surviving relatives include her children, Dan, Lynette, Aleta, Lee and Betty; 14 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild; one brother and one sister.

Vera Katherine Harmon was born June 16, 1923, in Boise, Idaho, to Oliver and Annie Mason. She was one of six children. After graduating high school in Council, Idaho, she took secretarial training in Weiser, Idaho, and landed a job as secretary for the project manager of Anderson Ranch Dam in Idaho. Vera married Derald Harmon after he returned from World War II and they eventually moved to La Grande. Most of her adult life was spent in La Grande, where she earned the nickname of "The Rose Lady" in reference to her rose garden that she spent so much time tending. Vera always had a huge garden and knew well how to use her double-oven range. In years past, she was a major contributor to the Union County Fair, submitting 50 or more entries each year of her garden-grown

fruits and vegetables, baked goods, candies and flowers. Over the years she earned a huge box of blue ribbons from her efforts. Her children recall it was always a fun time loading the car with her entries after the fair and taking them home, for the reward was delicious.

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Edith 'Marie' (Rogers) Hewitt

1941-2021
La Grande

Edith "Marie" Hewitt, 80, of La Grande, died June 29, 2021, at her home. At this time a public service is not planned. She will be interred next to her daughter at Valley Memorial Park in Hillsboro. Arrangements are by Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, La Grande.

California. They moved to La Grande from Hillsboro in 1997.

Marie loved cooking, baking, tending her flowers and fishing. She also enjoyed crocheting and working crossword puzzles. She had a great love of animals, especially dogs and had many as pets over the years. Surviving relatives include her husband, Howard Lee Hewitt, of La Grande; daughters, Peggy Hewitt of Portland, Darla Hewitt of Saint Helens, and Rhonda Hewitt of La Grande; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; sisters, Nancy Wong of Dallas and Sharon Reed of Portland; and brother, Larry Rogers of Deer Island.

Known as Marie, she was born June 19, 1941, in Portland, to James Hamilton and Edith Evelyn (Siefert) Rogers. She was raised by an aunt with her cousins in Cedar Mills and graduated from Beaverton High School in 1959.

Marie was a wife, mother and homemaker but also worked for a time for Trust Joist Northwest in Hillsboro. On Aug. 15, 1960, she married Howard Lee Hewitt in Escondido,

She was preceded in death by her granddaughter, Holly Rashel Schulz, and daughter, Pamela Nell Hewitt.

Rusty L. Mink

1950-2021
Elgin

Rusty Lee Mink, 70, of Elgin, died June 18, 2021, at Grande Ronde Hospital. At this time a public service is not planned. Arrangements are by Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, La Grande.



Mink

Rusty was born Aug. 14, 1950, in La Grande, to Robert Ray and Chere Merle (Bailey) Mink. He was raised in La Grande and lived in other parts of Oregon briefly before returning to the La Grande and Elgin area. He was retired, having worked as an engineer for the Oregon Department of Transportation for many years. When Rusty was young he enjoyed hunting with his family, and throughout his life he had a great appreciation for firearms. He was an active member of the La Grande Rifle/Pistol Club with his brother Rocky. Together they instructed community members on proper gun safety and handling, and facilitated instruction at a tactical range. Rusty's hobbies included riding and working on his motorcycles, being in nature and spending time with his family, practicing

at the gun range, fixing up his vehicles and four-wheeling on Mt. Emily. To celebrate his 50th birthday, Rusty completed a 700-plus-mile motorcycle trip called the "Backcountry Discovery Route." With support by his brother Rocky, he traveled a route of interconnected backcountry roads from the California to Washington border. Here are some of his own words on the adventure: "Luckily, I only crashed three times and the only serious injuries were to my pride and my backpack (thank you God, for duct tape) ... 850 miles, in seven days. If it hadn't been for my friends, my family, and my Honda, I don't think I would have ever enjoyed such a memorable adventure and one of the best times of my life. Not bad for an 'old fart.'" Surviving relatives include his daughters, Dusty Mink and Brandeen Mink; brother, Rocky Mink of La Grande; niece, Karlee; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Bob and Cherie Mink, and uncle and aunt, Frederick "Jim" and Midge Mink.

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COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

View the stars in Wallowa County

JOSEPH — Friday, July 9, the Wallowology Natural History Discover Center in Joseph is hosting a free "Star Party" from 9:30-11 p.m. for ages 8 and older (parental supervision required), and from 10 p.m. to midnight for ages 16 and older. Telescopes will be provided and beginners are welcome. To sign up and receive more details and directions, email info@wallowology.org.

Grange hosts Saturday breakfast

JOSEPH — The Hurricane Creek Grange is hosting an all-you-can-eat breakfast from 7-11 a.m. Saturday, July 10. On the menu are pancakes, breakfast meat, eggs, biscuits and gravy, juice and coffee. There is an \$8 requested donation. Hurricane Creek Grange is at the intersection of Hurricane Creek Road and Airport Lane, Joseph.

FRIDAY, JULY 2

8:29 a.m. — A caller on the 62500 block of Finley Creek Lane, Summerville, reported a dog bite. An animal enforcement officer took a report.

11:18 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 3100 block of Island Avenue on a report of a homeless encampment. An officer asked one person to move along.

1:43 p.m. — La Grande police responded to a residence on the 1800 block of G Avenue for a juvenile disturbance. Officers separated the parties.

3:27 p.m. — A caller on the 600 block of Crook Avenue, La Grande, reported a dog bite. An animal enforcement officer responded and took a report.

4:11 p.m. — Another caller reported a dog bite, on the 2600 block of Bearco Loop, La Grande. An animal enforcement officer took a report.

7:07 p.m. — A caller reported animal cruelty at Carolyn Terrace and North 15th Avenue, La Grande. An animal enforcement officer made contact and explained options.

7:15 p.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy responded to the 11300 block of Island Avenue, Island City, on a report of a road rage incident. The deputy counseled the parties involved.

7:29 p.m. — A caller reported a juvenile caused a disturbance at Riverside Park, La Grande. Officers and medics responded and took one subject to Grande Ronde Hospital.

SATURDAY, JULY 3

3:43 a.m. — La Grande police responded to a residence on the 1500 block of Adams Avenue for a disturbance and warned the parties for disorderly conduct.

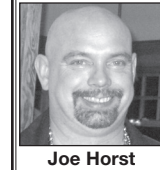
10:27 a.m. — A caller reported a domestic disturbance at a residence on the 1900 block of H Avenue, La Grande. An officer responded.

12:57 p.m. — La Grande police received another report of a domestic disturbance, this time on the 2300 block of Q Avenue. Officers responded and counseled the parties.

4:44 p.m. — A caller reported animal cruelty on the 500 block of Adams Avenue, La Grande. An officer determined everything was fine.

9:26 p.m. — Reports of fireworks — legal and illegal — began rolling into local law enforcement. The first complaint came from the area of 10800 South Walton Road, Island City. From then until after 11 p.m., the Union County

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DEATH NOTICES

Audrey Dixon

Baker City

Audrey Dixon, 29, of Baker City, died June 28, 2021, at a hospital in Boise, Idaho. Arrangements are by the Haren-Wood Funeral Chapel, Ontario.

Timothy L. Doss

Enterprise

Timothy L. Doss, 72, of Enterprise, died July 2, 2021, at Wallowa Memorial Hospital. 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 6 — KIM-BERLY 'TODD' WILSON: 10 a.m. graveside service, Cove Cemetery.

July 10 — VERA HARMON: 10 a.m. funeral, Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, La Grande

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 potluck and barbecue at the family home, also on Baseline Lane.

July 18 — RAY STINNETT: 10 a.m. celebration of life, Ray and Patti's ranch on Morgan Lake Road, La Grande.

July 23 — GLENNIS PHILLIPS: noon to 5 p.m. memorial gathering, Catherine Creek Community Center (the former Methodist Church) in Union; food will be provided.

— calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande

MILESTONE

Pat Young to celebrate 90th birthday on July 9

Pat Young will celebrate her 90th birthday July 9. She will be joined on the weekend by her seven children, numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren and other family members, coming from as far away as Alaska. Friends are invited to stop by Pat's home on Friday, July 9, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to have cake and visit.



PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Sheriff's Office and La Grande police responded to nine calls about fireworks. In nearly every case, law enforcement was not able to find who set off the fireworks.

La Grande police, however, responded to the 2600 block of Cove Avenue on a fireworks complaint that came in at 11:13 p.m. and in this case an officer explained to people there was a city ban in place.

SUNDAY, JULY 4

12:15 a.m. — A caller reported fireworks in the area of Union Avenue and Polk Street, La Grande. Police did not find anyone setting off fireworks.

1:13 a.m. — La Grande police responded to a residence on the 1600 block of M Avenue on a complaint about

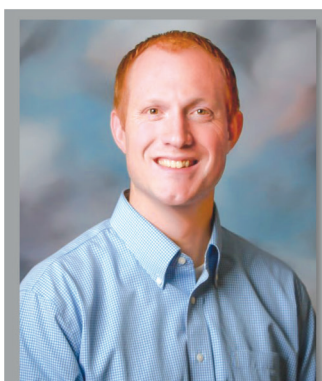
a loud party. An officer counseled the residents. At 2:08 a.m. La Grande police returned to the site of the party and this time shut it down.

5:32 p.m. — A caller reported possible illegal fireworks on the 400 block of Fir Street, La Grande. An officer counseled the subject.

8:33 p.m. — La Grande police responded to Birch Street and Y Avenue on a report of juveniles driving carelessly. Officers counseled the subject.

8:52 p.m. — Reports of fireworks began pouring into La Grande police. The department received approximately 40 complaints about fireworks. The Union County Sheriff's Office received several fireworks complaints on top of that. Many reports were for illegal fireworks.

The family of **Jerry Rickman** will be hosting a *Celebration of Life* at the home of Corey & Rhondie Johansen in Union. (Miller Lane) The ceremony will be held on **July 17th beginning at 1:00pm.** We hope that you will join us to celebrate this amazing man's life by sharing stories and memories of him with all of us. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Bobcat Foundation Scholarship Program P.O. Box 91, Union 97883. Jerry's love of children and his family will live on through this yearly scholarship given to a Union High School graduating senior.



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