## OBITUARIES

### Judy K. Wagoner

1942-2021 Formerly of Alicel

Judy Kay Wagoner, 78, of Vancouver, Washington, and formerly of Alicel, died July 5, 2021, at a care home. A private service will be held.

Judy was born Sept. 17, 1942, in La Grande, to Gibbs Wagoner and June (Hug) Wagoner. She was raised in Alicel. She attended school in Stan-

field, Alicel, Imbler and Union and graduated from La Grande High School in 1960.

Judy participated in school basketball, volleyball, dance at El Puma Club and chorus, and she was a member of the Girls Athletic Association. She enjoyed riding her pony, Prince, with her dog Tootsie alongside them. In the summers, she also enjoyed going to the pool in Cove with family and friends.

Judy was employed by the La Grande School District Bus Co. and Mid-Columbia Bus Co. She drove the Alicel route for 25 years and then the Starkey route before retiring. As a school bus driver, she enriched the lives of hundreds of chil-

dren. She drove to many after-school activities and sports games to cheer on the La Grande Tigers. In 2004, Judy was awarded Oregon

School Bus Driver of the year. She drove 1.5 million accident-free miles in La Grande and around the state of Oregon. She holds an attendance record and driving records that are second to none. In

the summers from 1985-2002, she was a wildland fire crew carrier bus driver.

Surviving relatives include her children, Teri Bates and husband, Garret, of Vancouver, Washington, Sandra Winterton of Pendleton, and Darin Winterton of New Plymouth, Idaho; sister, Verda Rae Hager of Heppner; 10 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren; seven nieces and nephews; and aunt, Leora Hug.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Gibbs and June; son, Kevin Winterton; and sister, Ava Shumway.

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

### Michael J. Hopkins

#### 1952-2021 La Grande

Michael J. Hopkins, 68, of La Grande, died July 20, 2021, at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise. At his request, there will not be a

service. Michael was born July 21, 1952, in La Grande, to Marion Hopkins and Vilda (End) Hopkins. He was raised in La Grande. He served in the U.S. National

Guard.

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ter-in-law, Willie and Priscila Hopkins; sisters, Judy Hopkins and Verna Hopkins, both of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; niece, Jes-

> sica Schwendemann of Eugene; nephews, Willie Jr. Hopkins and Jerry Hopkins, both of La Grande; and many cousins. He was pre-

ceded in death by his parents, Marion and Vilda Hopkins; brothers, Mark, Jack, Dennis and David; and sisters, Gladys, Sally and Clara. In lieu of

In lieu of flowers, memo-

# RECORDS

### **PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT**

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

10:07 a.m. — A caller reported a suspicious male the night before was on the 500 block of Fourth Street, North Powder. The Union County Sheriff's Office planned to provide an extra patrol through the area.

12:26 p.m. — A caller in the area of Highway 82 and Indian Creek Road, Elgin, reported seeing a cow with a bag on its head. A Union County sheriff's deputy checked the area but did not find the cow.

1:50 p.m. — A caller at Walmart, 11619 Island Ave., Island City, reported the theft of a debit card that someone has used. A Union County sheriff's deputy made contact and took a report.

3:05 p.m. — A caller in the vicinity of 58300 Foothill Road, La Grande, reported the possible theft of a companion animal. An animal enforcement officer made contact and planned to follow up.

5:34 p.m. — A caller reported an injured cat on the 2600 block of Watson Road, La Grande. An animal enforcement officer responded and took the cat to a veterinarian.

9:28 p.m. — A caller reported an aggressive dog on the 1800 block of 26th Street, La Grande. An officer made contact and took information.

10:25 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 2100 block of Maple Street because of a non-communicative 911 call. Police determined this was a disturbance and counseled the subjects involved.

#### THURSDAY, JULY 22

9:36 a.m. — A resident on the 700 block of North Bellwood Street, Union, asked to speak to a Union County sheriff's deputy about an ongoing issue with the neighbors.

10:46 a.m. — A caller reported a domestic disturbance at a residence on the 1800 block of 26th Street, La Grande. Officers responded and separated the parties.

2:55 p.m. — A caller reported a dog was in a hot car on the 1100 block of Adams Avenue, La Grande. The owners returned before animal enforcement arrived.

4:31 p.m. — A caller reported a domestic disturbance on the 2100 block of Maple Street, La Grande. An officer responded and warned two people for disorderly conduct.

6:17 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the area of U Avenue and Spruce Street on a report of a domestic disturbance. Police arrested a 40-year-old woman for disorderly conduct.

7:56 p.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about fireworks at a home on the 2000 block of Washington Avenue. An officer responded but no one answered the door.

8:49 p.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy responded to a report of a disturbance in the area of 10200 South McAlister Road, La Grande. The deputy trespassed two people.

11:17 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 2500 block of Fourth Street on a report of a burglary at a residence. The homeowner did not want to pursue a case.

Public is welcome.

garnish, light dessert.

July 26-30

light dessert.

fresh fruit.

July 26-30

salad, roll, fresh fruit.

sticks, chips, fresh fruit.

gested donation; all others, \$5.

Monday: chicken curry over

salad greens, chips and salsa, fruit.

noodles, freshly baked bread, fruit

roll, oriental salad, fortune cookie.

Union County kids free

summer lunch menu

lemon rice, Caesar salad, fresh fruit,

Tuesday: Tacos, beans and rice,

Wednesday: pesto chicken over

Thursday: pork fried rice, egg

Friday: cheeseburger, steak fries,

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

St., La Grande. Lunch for adults is

\$4. Milk is available with all meals.

Riveria Activity Center, 2609 Second

Monday: chicken casserole, green

Tuesday: taquitos, rice, veggie

Wednesday: turkey sandwich,

Thursday: ravioli, salad greens,

Friday: cheeseburger, fresh fruit,

steak fries, fruit garnish, cookie.

baked bread, fresh fruit, dessert.

## **COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD**

#### MEETINGS

• BOARDMAN — The Board of Directors of the InterMountain Education Service District, based in Pendleton, will meet Monday, July 26, for a board retreat at 9 a.m. and a regular board meeting at 2 p.m. at the Port of Morrow, 2 East Marine Drive, Boardman. The agenda includes election of the chair and vice-chair of the board and first readings of IMESD policies on the qualifications and duties of the superintendent and on corporal punishment.

• LA GRANDE — The Union County Tourism Promotion Advisory Committee will meet Tuesday, July 27. The meeting begins at 1:30 p.m. at the Union County Chamber of Commerce, 207 Depot St., La Grande.

#### BRIEFS

# Strengthen your health with free four-week challenge

LA GRANDE — A free fourweek "Vibrant You" virtual health challenge will be held in August with a launch meeting July 29 at 6:30 p.m. The challenge is about "learning small habits that lead to big change and vibrant health for life," according to a press release from Nature's Pantry.

#### The program is offered by Nature's Pantry in partnership with health pros Summer Steele and Mountain Valley Fitness & Health, Tim James and Chemical Free Body, Lasa Baxter and Wilde Holistic Nutrition and Fitness, and holistic health coach Nicole Haggerty.

Registration is required, but there is no cost to participate. For more information and to sign up, go to www.naturespantry.life, call Nature's Pantry at 541-963-7955 or stop by the store, 1907 Fourth St., La Grande, by Tuesday, July 27.

#### Bingo returns to Union County Senior Center

LA GRANDE — The Union County Senior Center, 1504 N. Albany, La Grande, is again opening its doors for community activities with Wednesday night bingo. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and all are welcome. Proceeds benefit the Union County Senior Meal programs and Meals on Wheels.

#### MENUS

# 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 sug-

Mark Vincent Alexander Letteriello

February 15, 1947 - July 12, 2021

Mark Vincent Alexander Letteriello, 74, of Cove, passed away on Monday, July 12, 2021 at his residence in Lower Cove. A graveside service will be held at a later date upon completion of his headstone in the NW corner of the Lower Cove Cemetery adjacent to the family ranch. Mark was born on February 15, 1947 in Stuttgart, Germany, in a U.S. Army Hospital, to LTC Joseph (Retired U.S. Army) and Edith (Sanguigni) Letteriello. He resided in Stuttgart, Germany; Pittsburgh, PA; Redondo Beach, CA; Costa Mesa, CA; Las Vegas, NV; Redmond, OR; Sweet Home, OR; Prineville, OR and Cove, OR. He graduated from Costa Mesa High School where he was on the baseball and football teams. After high school, he married Elain Waller and had a son, Vincent Alexander Letteriello and later divorced. He remarried to Cheryl Tippett and had a daughter, Nichole Ann Letteriello and later divorced. Mark was a millwright, worked as a grocery manager, and owned a small business, Desert Hills Landscaping. Mark was a dedicated, loving father who always put his family first. He was proud of his Italian heritage and a proud American who always stressed the importance of standing up and fighting for our rights and freedoms and teaching the younger generations the history of our great nation, so they can uphold the duties and responsibilities of being American citizens. Mark loved the outdoors, horses and his chickens. He spent his last three years of life surrounded by his entire family and being an important part of the Broken Spur Quarter Horse breeding program. Mark was a person everyone could talk to and was respected for his council. He will be dearly missed by his family, loved ones and community, but never forgotten. Mark is survived by his children, SFC Vincent A. Letteriello (retired U.S. Army) of Lower Cove, OR and Nichole A. Letteriello of Las Vegas, NV; sister, Virginia Ann of Corona Delmar, CA and Monica Ruth of Tulsa, OK; brother, Matthew Letteriello (Jane Ann) of Orange, CA; 3 grandchildren, Mark Christopher (Kinsley Ann), Nicholas Alexander and Morgan Ann Letteriello; 3 great-grandchildren, Tanner Cole, Tucker James and Carmen Michele Letteriello and 5 nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, LTC Joseph and Edith Letteriello; paternal grandparents, Vincenzo J. Letteriello and Fliomena R. Fasano, and maternal grandparents, Alexander Sanguigni and Anna Giammartini.



dessert.

September 24, 1936 - July 16, 2021





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cade until his retirement. He enjoyed riding his Harley, snowmobiling, picking mushrooms, playing blackjack, and walking and spending time with his pets, which he loved very much.

Surviving relatives include his brother and sis-

rial contributions may be made to the Brenden-Colson Center for Pancreatic Care, OHSU Foundation, P.O. Box 29017, Portland 97296. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com.

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## **UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES**



July 24 — MAR-ILYN SUAREZ: 11 a.m. celebration of life, Enterprise Christian Church. July 24 — JAMES THOMPSON: 2 p.m. celebration of life, Cove Ascension School. July 27 — DAVID BEAN: 10 a.m. funeral, Church of Jesus Christ of

Latter-day Saints Stake

July 31 — PAUL &

OZIE SMITH: 11 a.m.

Center, La Grande.

preferred). Aug. 14 — ALVIN MONTGOMERY: 12:30 p.m. celebration of life, Zion Lutheran Church, La Grande. Sept. 18 — JAMES YOST: 2 p.m. celebration of life, Cloverleaf Hall, Enterprise. Oct. 16 — MELVIN ELDER: 10 a.m. memorial service, La Grande

First Christian Church. — calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande

### BIRTHS

#### GRANDE RONDE HOSPITAL

**McKINNEY:** Maverick McKinney, July 15, 2021, son of Alexis R. McKinney and Jacob L. McKinney, of Union. Grandparents are Kyle and Eva McKinney and Sheldon and Robin Strand.

**PARTNEY:** Ainslee James Partney, July 15, 2021, daughter of Cheryln Elisabeth Partney and Brandon Michael Partney, of La Grande. Grandparents are Mike and Tracy Partney and Janece Shannon.

**ROSENBERG:** Piper Grace Rosenberg, July 15, 2021, daughter of Chelsey Rosenberg, of La Grande. Grandparents are Shane and Michelle Walch. WITTY: Barrett Abel

Witty, July 8, 2021, son of Kelsie Ann Witty and Kyle Joseph Witty, of La Grande.



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David Storey Bean, 84, a nearly life-long resident of La Grande, Oregon, passed away on July 16, 2021 in Meridian, Idaho. David was born at home on

September 24, 1936 in La Grande. He is survived by his wife of over 60 years, Audrey Bell Bean and their three children and spouses; Jeff Bean (and Tyna, of Bentonville, Arkansas), Jeanette Bean Ockerman (and Curtis, of Meridian, Idaho), and Jim Bean (and Debbi, of Tigard, Oregon). He is also survived by fourteen grandchildren, seven of their spouses, and fifteen great-grandchildren. As well as by his sister, Ruth Veal of La Grande; brother-in-law, John Cuthbert of La Grande; sister-in-law, Carol Bell of Ammon, Idaho, and numerous nieces and nephews. Dave "Grandpa" was famous for telling his clan that he had a posterity to be proud of and that "in our family we not only love each other, we like each other."

David served in the Air Force National Guard and taught math, science and German for 35 years (primarily at La Grande High School). He built several houses including two homes for his own family as well as a family cabin. He was also active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He served a 30 month mission for the church in Germany, as well as serving on the local church's High Council in La Grande, as a Bishop, a CES missionary to the single's branch, Stake Patriarch and numerous other callings.

Dave loved to spend time at his cabin, fish, take pictures, raise chickens and livestock, tend his vegetable garden, play games and tell jokes and stories (sometimes the same ones repeatedly – just ask the younger generations). He and his wife Audrey always had a project going on to build, fix, or restore something, including one of their latest projects - the complete restoration of a 1927 Whippet. He will be greatly missed.

Funeral services will be held on July 27, 2021 at 10:00 am at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, at 1802 Gekeler Lane, La Grande, Oregon.

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