

**DEATH NOTICES**

**Mary J. Brown**

Elgin

Mary J. Brown, 80, of Elgin, died July 26, 2021, at her home. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

**J.B. Brown**

Elgin

J.B. Brown, 88, of Elgin, died July 24, 2021, at his home. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

**Edythe Glenn**

North Powder

Edythe Glenn, 100, of North Powder, died July 25, 2021, at her home. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

**UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES**



**July 27 — DAVID BEAN:** 10 a.m. funeral, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Stake Center, La Grande.

**July 31 — PAUL & OZIE SMITH:** 11 a.m. joint memorial service, Summerville Baptist Church (casual dress 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*

**Find more local news online at lagrandeobserver.com.**

**Kerry Duane Cameron**

November 30, 1946 - July 17, 2021

Kerry Duane Cameron was born on November 30, 1946 in McMinnville, Oregon. He entered into the presence of God on July 17, 2021. A military service will be scheduled at a later date.

He was raised in McMinnville and graduated from McMinnville High School in 1965. He graduated from Oregon State University in Corvallis, Oregon, in 1969 with a BS in Forestry and Business Administration.

Kerry met Judy Senn on a blind date in 1967. They got married in October 1969 in McMinnville, Oregon, and have been married 51 years.

Kerry worked with his father and brothers while growing up helping their dad build houses. During summer vacations, Kerry worked for US Plywood. Upon graduation from Oregon State University in Corvallis, Oregon, Kerry joined the United States Navy. He went to Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, Florida. He was commissioned as a Naval Flight Officer in 1970. During his 22-1/2 years in the Navy, Kerry traveled the globe. He was on the commissioning crew of the Dwight D. Eisenhower in Norfolk, Virginia, in 1977 and his favorite duty station was Adak, Alaska, from 1984-1987. He retired from the Navy in 1991 and began work for the Department of Energy in Richland, Washington, for 12 years. After resigning from the Department of Energy in 2003, Kerry and Judy began a 17 year journey with Mobile Missionaries Assistance Program and then with Volunteer Mobile Missionaries, doing volunteer work throughout the US. They did construction related work for Christian churches, camps, Christian schools, etc. This was the highlight of his life.

Kerry leaves behind his wife, Judy; son, Kris (Liz) Cameron from Spokane; daughters, Kailin (Carter) Wells from Union, Oregon; Kacy (Karissa) from Fox Island, Washington; 5 grandchildren, Elly, Audrey and Noah Wells, Issac Cameron, and Claire Cameron; brothers, Forrest Cameron of Turner, Oregon and Colin Cameron of McMinnville, Oregon and sister Shelli Thornton of Salem, Oregon; many nieces, nephews and numerous loving cousins in Arkansas.

Kerry was an avid bike rider, loved going on tandem bike rides with Judy, loved tennis, racketball, sports, camping with his family, hunting with his brothers and helping others. He loved attending the sporting events his grandchildren were involved in.

Any donations in Kerry's honor can be made to Faith Center in Island City, Oregon, Heart 'n Home Hospice in La Grande, Oregon, or Meals on Wheels in La Grande, Oregon, through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, PO Box 543, Halfway, Oregon, 97834. Online condolences may be shared at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com).



**PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT**

**FRIDAY, JULY 23**

8:06 a.m. — A caller requested contact regarding cats at an abandoned house on the 500 block of Main Street, Cove. An animal enforcement officer made contact and explained options.

8:23 a.m. — La Grande police received information about a denial for trying to buy a gun at Bi-Mart, 2510 Adams Ave., La Grande.

12:51 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 2100 block of Adams Avenue on a report of indecent exposure. Officers warned two people for disorderly conduct.

2:46 p.m. — Union County sheriff's deputies responded to the 2100 block of Adams Avenue on a report of a domestic disturbance and separated the parties involved.

7:34 p.m. — A caller reported an assault on Interstate 84 near milepost 257 near La Grande. A Union County sheriff's deputy made contact and took information.

10:20 p.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about fireworks on the 1600 block of 26th Street. Subsequent fireworks complaints came in during the next 30 minutes about fireworks on the 2300 block of Adams Avenue, 400 block of 20th Street and 1800 block of G Avenue. Police each time responded but did not find any suspects.

10:52 p.m. — A caller reported gunshots on the 1900 block of H Avenue, La Grande. An officer responded but did not find anyone.

**SATURDAY, JULY 24**

1:10 a.m. — La Grande police responded to a residence on the 2000 block of Gekeler Lane for a domestic disturbance. Officers separated the parties.

8:07 a.m. — A caller reported vandalism to a vehicle on the 2300 block of Adams Avenue, La Grande. An officer responded and took a report.

10:07 a.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy responded to a report of a possible intoxicated driver on the 10500 block of West First Street, La Grande. The driver was suffering from a medical issue.

12:27 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 2800 block of Spruce Street for a hit-and-run. Police arrested Samuel A. Longe, 50, for driving under the influence of intoxicants, hit-and-run and violating probation.

12:56 p.m. — A caller reported cattle on the loose on High-

way 82 near milepost 19, Elgin. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded and locked the gate.

1:48 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 130 block of N Avenue for an assault. Officers took a report.

2:36 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a complaint about juveniles riding motorcycles in North Powder. A sheriff's deputy responded and counseled the youths and notified their parents.

7:49 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a report of a domestic disturbance on the 200 block of E Street, North Powder. A deputy responded and found this did not rise to the level of mandatory arrest.

11:46 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 3200 block of Alder Street, La Grande, on a report of two brothers fighting. Officers determined this did not rise to the level of mandatory arrest and no one wanted to pursue charges. When an officer returned again, one person left.

**SUNDAY, JULY 25**

12:12 a.m. — A caller complained about loud noise from a residence on the 1600 block of Albany Street, La Grande. An officer responded, and the occupants agreed to turn down the music.

10:22 a.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office responded to the 10200 block of East Fourth Street, La Grande, on a report of a domestic disturbance. Deputies separated the parties.

12:49 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1100 block of O Avenue on a report of a domestic disturbance. Officers separated the parties.

1:22 p.m. — Emergency services responded to a report of a vehicle crash with injuries at the intersection of North McAlister Road and the railroad.

7:09 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of a juvenile disturbance on the 3300 block of Union Street. An officer responded and counseled one juvenile.

7:11 p.m. — A caller reported an injured kitten on the 1800 block of 26th Street, La Grande. An officer responded and forwarded information to an animal enforcement officer.

9:04 p.m. — A caller reported transients trespassing on the 58600 block of Five Point Creek Road, La Grande, and taking water from a private well. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded and told one person to stay away from the residence.

**COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD**

**MEETINGS**

• **LA GRANDE** — The Board of Directors of the La Grande School District meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4, in the library at Central Elementary School, 701 H Ave. The meeting will be available online and by phone. The agenda and meeting advance information is at [www.lagrandesd.org/page/board-meetings](http://www.lagrandesd.org/page/board-meetings).

**BRIEFS**

**Wallowa Lake Lodge hosts free summer events**

**WALLOWA LAKE VILLAGE** — This summer the Wallowa Lake Lodge is hosting an ongoing schedule of free events.

The Wallowa Lake Lodge Lecture Series is on Thursdays at 7 p.m. The July 29 talk will be about wolverines — come learn about these elusive and rarely seen animals with Scott Shively, project coordinator for the Wallowa Wolverine Project.

The lodge offers live music on the deck on Fridays from 5-7 p.m. Gabriel Bush performs July 30. Hang out on the deck or spread out a blanket on the lawn. The lodge's full bar will be open until 9 p.m., serving food and drinks.

On Sundays, morning yoga on the lawn is open to all from 9-10 a.m., and Gail Swart's evening of piano music goes from 6-9 p.m.

For further information, call the lodge at 541-432-9821 or go to [www.wallowalake.com](http://www.wallowalake.com).

**GRH Clinics offer free sports physicals**

**UNION COUNTY** — Students in fourth through 12th grade may take advantage of free sports physicals at Grande Ronde Hospital's clinics in La Grande, Union and Elgin in August. College students will receive a discount of \$50 on physicals at the clinics on any of the

scheduled free sports physical days.

For more information or to make an appointment on the days listed below, call the clinic where the student athlete will be receiving the physical. Learn more about the GRH clinics at [www.grh.org](http://www.grh.org).

- Union Clinic (541-562-6180): Aug. 3, 4
- Elgin Clinic (541-437-2273): Aug. 5, 11, 12
- Regional Medical Clinic, La Grande (541-663-3138): Aug. 4, 12, 16
- Women's and Children's Clinic, La Grande (541-663-3150): Aug. 10,

12, 19, 20, 24

— *The Observer*

**Susan Isabel Boyd**

August 17, 1946 - June 28, 2021

Susan Isabel Boyd, 74, died June 28, 2021, at Providence Portland Medical Center following a 5 year battle with neuroendocrine cancer. She will be remembered as a cat rescuer, a singer, an activist who used her many skills to fight injustice, an organic gardener and educator, and as a local business owner and farmer.

Susan was born August 17, 1946, in La Grande. She grew up in Madison, WI, Frederickburg, MD, and Dunn Loring, VA. When she was 16, her family moved to Westtown, PA, and she graduated from high school in West Chester, PA, in 1964. Susan's mother, Isabel Withycombe, grew up in Union, and later met her husband to be, Charles Alexander Boyd, Jr., of Snohomish, WA, while they were students at Oregon State University. Over the next 8 years, Susan was joined by a younger brother and sister.

Most summers, Susan and her family traveled to Union to visit their grandmother Mabel Withycombe, great-aunt Dora Hutchinson, and great uncles Steven Hutchinson and Ralph Hutchinson, four siblings whose parents were Oregon Trail pioneers who settled in Union.

Susan graduated from Pennsylvania State University in 1967. She moved to Ithaca, NY, in 1968, and held a variety of employment, including (but not limited to) being a seamstress for a leatherworker, starting a waterbed retail store, and as a dispatcher for the Cornell University Safety Division. She attended SUNY Cortland and received an M.A.T. in English. In 1977, she moved to Oregon, and she enrolled in the police academy in Monmouth, OR, and started her career in law enforcement. She worked as a police officer for the city of Union. She lived in the family homestead she had visited as a child, and she shared the house with her cousin, Ginny Lee, now known as Virginia Bertels of Island City. She moved to North Carolina around 1980, where she continued to work as a police officer for North Carolina State University. In 1981, she moved to Portland to attend Lewis and Clark Law School. She worked as a night-shift police officer for Portland Public Schools while going to law classes at Lewis and Clark during the day.

Susan started singing when she joined a Sweet Adelines choir in Portland. She met Ira Cohen at a picnic on Mount Tabor, and they were married in the Multnomah County Courthouse. Their earliest dates involved going out for pizza as dinner for Ira and as breakfast for Susan before starting her late-night shift.

When Susan finished law school, she and Ira moved to McMinnville, where Ira taught physics at Linfield College and Susan worked part time as an attorney while raising two young children. They became members of Kol Shalom (at that time known as the Humanistic Jews of Greater Portland), and they traveled to Portland often for their kids to attend Sunday school and to celebrate



Jewish holidays with friends. Susan started taking singing lessons while living in McMinnville. Susan continued her family's tradition of spending summers in Union with her children.

In 1997, the family of four moved to Alameda, CA, where Ira launched a new career as a software engineer in the Silicon Valley. Susan sang as a member of the Alameda Community Chorus.

In 2002, Susan spent more time at her family's farm in Union, and in 2003, she and her daughter moved to Union to live year-round. Susan started Boyd Business Law LLC in La Grande, and continued to manage family farmland, mentored by her uncle, Robert (Bob) Withycombe. She sang as a member of the Grande Ronde Community Choir. She finally used that M.A.T. and taught a writing class at Blue Mountain Community College. Over time, Susan focused on farming, and poured her heart and soul into the business that became Dora's Garden (named after her great-aunt Dora Hutchinson). Ira retired from the software industry in 2013 and moved to Union to be with Susan.

Susan is preceded in death by her father Charles (Chuck) Alexander Boyd, Jr., in 1980, by her mother Isabel Withycombe Boyd in 2010, by her brother Charles (Charlie) Robert Boyd in 2011, and by her nephew Adam Boyd Kerstetter in 2019. She is also preceded in death by her mother's siblings, Robert (Bob) Withycombe in 2008, Carolyn Withycombe Carothers in 2009, and James (Jim) W. Withycombe in 2020, as well as by her mother's only cousin Lucille Hutchinson Carter in 2009 and husband John (Jack) W. Carter in 2008. Jack and Lucille were close to Susan and served as extra grandparents to Susan's children. Susan is survived by her husband, Ira Mark Cohen of Portland, her son Eli Boyd Cohen of Union, her daughter Dora Boyd Cohen of Union, and her sister Elizabeth (Libby) Boyd Gretzler and Libby's husband Bob Gretzler of Black Moshannon, Philipsburg, PA. Her business, Dora's Garden, is now managed by her daughter. No memorial service is planned at this time. Please check the Dora's Garden website and social media for celebration of life details. If you would like to donate in Susan's name, here are a few organizations that were important to her: Healthcare for All Oregon, NAMI Oregon, Sisters of the Road, Alley Cat Allies, SOCK FIP, and Gatti di Torre Argentina.

**Plenty to do at**

**GRANDE Ronde**  
Retirement & Assisted Living

**PROTECTING our Residents during this Pandemic**

1809 Gekeler Ln.  
La Grande  
541-963-4700