

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28
 8:03 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 2000 block of Fourth Street and arrested a 29-year-old man who is a transient for theft of services.
 10:53 a.m. — Emergency services responded to Highway 203 near Medical Springs for a crash. A Union County sheriff's office arrested one subject on a parole and probation detainee.
 5:01 p.m. — La Grande police received a complaint from a business at La Grande Town Center, 2212 Island

Ave., regarding an ongoing problem with people leaving garbage in the parking lot and stealing from a company vehicle. An officer responded and explained options.
 5:08 p.m. — La Grande police responded to a disturbance at a residence on the 600 block of 16th Street. Officers arrived and requested medical assistance and took a report.
 7 p.m. — La Grande police and fire responded to Second Street and Y Avenue for a vehicle fire.

10:14 p.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about a person at Fir Street and Washington Avenue who urinated in public. An officer contacted the subject.
 11:16 p.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy responded to Highway 204, Elgin, to assist with an illegal burn.
THURSDAY, JULY 29
 8:12 a.m. — Local law enforcement and fire responded to the 58300 block of Foothill Road, La Grande, on a report of subjects having a campfire.

The emergency personnel warned the subjects for having the fire and put it out.
 12:46 p.m. — La Grande police responded to La Grande Town Center, 2212 Island Ave., for a business where a customer was disorderly and refusing to leave. Officers trespassed the person.
 4:15 p.m. — A caller reported possible animal abuse on the 1500 block of Monroe Avenue, La Grande. An animal enforcement officer will follow up.

10 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of a non-criminal weapon law violation at Ace Hardware, La Grande Town Center, 2212 Island Ave.
FRIDAY, JULY 30
 12:29 a.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office arrested David Alan Proffitt, 35, on a Clackamas County warrant for first- and second-degree rape, first- and second-degree sodomy and three counts of first-degree sex abuse.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

MEETINGS

- LA GRANDE — The Union County Democratic Party August meeting scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 4 has been canceled. Email rknop@eoni.com if you have any questions.
- LA GRANDE — The Board of Directors of the La Grande School District will have a special board meeting and a superintendent and board retreat Friday, Aug. 6, from 12:30-2 p.m. in the library at Central Elementary School, 701 H Ave.

BRIEFS

Learn ins and outs of Excel at free computer classes

LA GRANDE — Training & Employment Consortium, a part of WorkSource La Grande, 1901 Adams Ave., offers free computer instruction year-round. Current COVID-19 regulations allow the courses to again be taught in person.

An introduction to Excel is Tuesday, Aug. 17 for beginning students to learn about spreadsheets, data, calculations and more.

Students are then eligible to take Intermediate Excel, a five-day course Aug. 19, 24-26 and 31. Participants in the intermediate class will advance their skills on complex formulas, creating graphs, and Pivot Tables.
 All classes run from 8:30-11:30 a.m.
 Space is limited and pre-registration is required by calling Lynn at 541-963-7111 ext. 233 prior to the first day of class.

Public welcome at Family History Center

LA GRANDE — The Family History Center, at 1802 Gekeler Lane in La Grande, is now open to the public. Hours are Monday and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon, Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Wednesday from 6-9 p.m. All are welcome.

— *The Observer*

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.

Aug. 2-6

Monday: almond chicken over rice pilaf, salad greens, fresh fruit, dessert.
Tuesday: mac and cheese with ham, salad greens, fresh fruit, cookie.
Wednesday: honey-glazed ham, scalloped potatoes, Caesar salad, fresh fruit, cobbler.
Thursday: Swiss patty melt, grilled potatoes, salad greens, fresh fruit.
Friday: cashew-chicken stir-fry over rice, tomato-cucumber salad, fruit garnish, oatmeal-raisin cookie.

OBITUARIES

Phyllis E. (Tidwell) Hart

1936-2021
 Formerly of La Grande

Phyllis Ellen Hart, 84, formerly of La Grande, died June 28, 2021, in Snoqualmie, Washington. A memorial service will be held Aug. 6 at



Hart

10 a.m. at the Dufur Christian Church, 315 Harrison St. Phyllis was born Oct. 28, 1936, in Dufur, to Edra Ray Tidwell and Ada Myrtle Tidwell. As a young girl on the 12-Mile Ranch, she tended to the livestock, planned and prepared meals for family and ranch hands, and cared for her siblings. She was active in the Dufur First Christian Church as well as in 4-H, securing many ribbons for her livestock and cooking.

Phyllis attended what was then known as Northwest Christian College, in Eugene. Following graduation she married Jack Lee Hart in Dufur, on June 21, 1959. She then joined Jack in Enid, Oklahoma, as he completed his seminary and served at the Lookout Christian Church. Jack preceded her in death in February 2009.

Following their time in Enid, Phyllis was active in the churches where Jack served as pastor: the First Christian Church of Helena, Montana, 1962-1973; First Christian Church of La Grande, 1973-1988; and First Christian Church of Kennewick, Washington, 1988-1999. She lent her skills and time to the adult and children's choirs, conducted fundraisers, organized and cooked for church dinners and bazaars, and baked countless numbers of cinnamon rolls and doughnuts and/or prepared and delivered meals.

While in La Grande, Phyllis

founded the church's Valentine's Day Cookie-Grams. Ongoing to this day, the fundraiser delivers home-baked cookies with heartfelt wishes.

During her time in Kennewick, Phyllis was a Mary Kay consultant and also worked in the school district as the "lunch lady" (head cashier). She took pride in her work and enjoyed her daily interactions with the faculty, staff and students — making sure to know each by name.

While working with youth was a particular passion for Phyllis, she supported and cared for all with whom she came in contact. Her faith, kindness and generosity radiated from her and touched the lives of many.

Surviving relatives include her daughters, Lorri Aldridge of Bend and Sherri Hart-King and husband, Scott, of North Bend, Washington; five grandchildren; brothers and sisters-in-law, Ted and Dolores Tidwell of The Dalles, Dennis and Deanna Tidwell of Hershey, Pennsylvania, and Bill and Louise Tidwell of Kalispell, Montana; and sister and brother-in-law, Christine and Jim Angel of Winchester, Idaho.

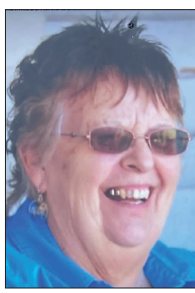
In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made for scholarships or for work with youth via the La Grande First Christian Church (P.O. Box 953, La Grande 97850) or to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (go to www.giftfunds.stjude.org and enter "Phyllis Hart" under "Find a Fund").

Elaine D. (Makin) Voetberg

1948-2021
 La Grande

Elaine D. Voetberg, 72, of La Grande, died July 24, 2021, at her home. A private family service will be held at a later date.

Elaine was born Sept. 22, 1948, in Enterprise, to Kelsie Makin and Arlene Makin.



Voetberg

She was their first child. She grew up in Enterprise and graduated from Enterprise High School in 1966.

Upon graduation, Elaine moved to Spokane, Washington, to attend Kinman Business University. She then moved to Grand Coulee, Washington, where she worked in the school district.

Elaine became active in her communities by organizing fundraisers for the schools and local fire departments. In 1979 she moved to La Grande and went to work for Skip Bradley and Harold Laurence in the insurance business. Elaine stayed with the business through several owners. She was considered a mainstay of the field for her wealth of knowledge and humanity that touched the lives of people in three counties for nearly 40 years.

Elaine met her future husband, Don, in 1984 at a J.I. Morgan company dinner. She came to this dinner with her sister and brother-in-law.

Elaine was an avid outdoors person, camper, gardener and cook. She was famous for her specialty cakes that were often baked in unusual circumstances for her family, who always came first and foremost.

A loving wife, mother, auntie and sister, Elaine had an infectious positive outlook on life. Her gentleness and quiet strength touched everyone she met.

She was never one to say "Goodbye" — she always said "See ya later!"

Surviving relatives include her husband, Don Voetberg; stepsons, Don Dee Voetberg and Dwayne Voetberg and wife, Carol; sister and brother-in-law, Kathy and Lynn Clary; brother, Lynn Makin; nieces, Melissa Keene and Jessica Nye; nephews, Tyrel and Carson Makin; and eight grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

Online condolences can be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



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*

DEATH NOTICES

Verna M. Svaty

La Grande

Verna M. Svaty, 90, of La Grande, died July 30, 2021, at her residence. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Ronald H. West

North Powder

Ronald H. West, 76, of North Powder, died July 30, 2021, at his home. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

BIRTHS

GRANDE RONDE HOSPITAL

CHRUSOSKIE: Bridger Wayne Chrusoskie, July 18, 2021, son of Rayne Lee Chrusoskie and Luke Wayne Chrusoskie, of La Grande.

LARGENT: Bailey Rae Largent, July 18, 2021, daughter of Kiley Redmen and Evan Largent, of La Grande.

STONE: Knoxen Guy Stone, July 19, 2021, son of Makenna Teighlor Stone and Seth Asher Stone, of La Grande.

TURNER: Colette Jean Turner, July 20, 2021, daughter of Hannah Jean Turner and Trenton David Turner, of La Grande.

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Rita Ann Lanman
 December 19, 1933 - July 26, 2021

Rita Ann Lanman, 87, of La Grande, passed away on Monday, July 26, 2021 at her residence. Rita was born on December 19, 1933 in Portland, Oregon, to Arley and Myrtle Hornish. She grew up and went to school in Gresham, Oregon. She moved to La Grande in 1952, married and had three children. In 1979, she married Billy E. Lanman and gained 5 wonderful step-children and their families. Rita was a long-time member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, a member of Hope Chapter 13, Order of Eastern Star, Union County Daughters of the Nile, and an active member of the Grande Ronde Hospital Auxiliary. Rita was preceded in death by her husband and true love, Billy E. Lanman, her mother and father. Rita is survived by her wonderful shared family, Kenneth Nice, Stephen Nice, Linda Belock, Bob Lanman, Cindy Webber, Mark Lanman, and Mike Lanman; 8 wonderful grandchildren and their families; many nieces and nephews; extended family and many good friends. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com.

Howard Ernest Castle
 January 23, 1939 - January 7, 2021

Howard Ernest Castle - 81 of La Grande, Oregon, passed away on Jan. 7th, 2021 of natural causes. A military service was held on July 10th at the VFW Complex in La Grande, Oregon. Howard was born on Jan. 23rd, 1939 to Lloyd Merle Castle and Hazel Riggs. Howard lived in Sheridan, WY, until he joined the United States Navy in 1956 after high school. Howard retired from the US Navy and was a veteran of the Vietnam War. Howard was especially proud of his service on the nuclear submarine USS Sam Rayburn (SSBN 635 of Submarine Squadron Eighteen), where he served on the Blue Crew as storekeeper. The Sam Rayburn was a member of the 41 for Freedom --- a ballistic missile submarine. Howard is survived by his wife, Karla Sue Castle of La Grande, OR; children, Teri Renee Pelesky of Chinook, MT, Lori Sue Miller and Pamela Jean Castle of Billings, MT, Howard Ernest Castle II of Falls Church, VA, Kerry Dawn Colvin and David Colvin of La Grande, OR; grandchildren, Ken D. Pelesky II, Kathryn Mitchell, Steven James Castle, Matthew Carl Schaefer, Charlie Ernest Miller, Brianna Lynn Hutchinson, Susan Renee Ness, Henry James Castle, Kristopher Michael Durnal and Keshia Dawn Durnal; 14 great-grandchildren; siblings, James Noland Cosco of Sheridan, WY, Donald Lloyd Castle of Richmond, KY, Daniel Wayne Castle of Campbellsville, KY, and Darla Jean Johnson of Cedar Rapids, IA. Howard is preceded in death by his parents and brother Richard Allen Castle. A BBQ was held after the service at the home of Kerry and Dave Colvin.