

**PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT**

**WEDNESDAY, AUG. 4**

9:11 a.m. — La Grande police responded to May Lane and Ridle Road on a report of a careless driver. Officers determined people were arguing but they were OK.

11 a.m. — A caller reported a dog chased deer in the area of 62200 Tamarack Springs Lane, Summerville. An animal enforcement officer made contact and will follow up.

4:03 p.m. — A La Grande resident reported possible fraud. An officer made contact and took information.

5:13 p.m. — A caller reported a group of boys at Willow Elementary School, 1305 N. Willow St., La Grande, harassed two girls. An officer responded and spoke with several parties who said they were all fine.

5:23 p.m. — A caller reported a dog bite victim went to the medical clinic on Fourth Street, La Grande. An animal enforcement officer made contact and took a report.

7:18 p.m. — La Grande police responded to Palmer Avenue and First Street on a report of a male speeding on a golf cart on the street. An officer found the golf cart driver and issued a warning.

8:47 p.m. — Local law enforcement responded to a business at the La Grande Town Center, 2212 Island Ave., La Grande, and warned a person for disorderly conduct.

10:24 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of a disturbance on the 2900 block of Third Street. An officer responded and arrested Carlos Manuel Mielke, 39, for disorderly conduct and driving under the influence of intoxicants.

**THURSDAY, AUG. 5**

1:04 a.m. — La Grande police responded to a residence on the 2200 block of Cove Avenue for a domestic disturbance. Officer found the situation did not rise to the level of a mandatory arrest and gave options to the parties.

9:53 a.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy responded to a report of a possible disturbance on the 800 block of North 15th Avenue, Elgin, and counseled two people.

10:20 a.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a report of a burglary at a residence on the 500 block of North 11th Avenue, Elgin. A deputy made contact and explained options.

11:25 a.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy responded to Highway 237, Union, for a male in the road. The deputy counseled him about disorderly conduct.

11:52 a.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office took a report for child abuse in Union.

5:28 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of child neglect. An officer responded and will follow up.

8:02 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of a fallen tree on the 2500 block of Second Street. An officer responded and police contacted Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative.

9:37 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1100 block of O Avenue on a report of a disturbance. Officers separated the parties.

9:58 p.m. — La Grande police responded to a residence on the 2200 block of Cove Avenue on a report of a disturbance. Officers separated the parties.

**OBITUARY**

**Philip S. Flanders**

**1950-2021**  
**La Grande**

Philip Steven Flanders, 71, of La Grande, died July 28, 2021, at Grande Ronde Hospital. At his request, there will not be a service.

Philip was born June 1, 1950, in Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, to Philip Flanders and Hilda (Dunn) Flanders.

Philip was truly an outdoorsman with much love for nature and people. His greatest love was his wife, Diana, and

his three boys. He was preceded in death by his parents, Philip and Hilda.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Diana Flanders; sons, Shawn, Kyle and Justin; sister, Kathy; brother, Mark; 15 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and four nieces and nephews.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.love-landfuneralchapel.com](http://www.love-landfuneralchapel.com).



Flanders

**DEATH & SERVICE NOTICES**

**Ronald L. Miller**

**Union**

Ronald L. Miller, 70, of Union, died Aug. 4, 2021, at his residence. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

**Debra L. Rachau**

**La Grande**

Debra L. Rachau, 61, of La Grande, died Aug. 4, 2021, at Grande Ronde Hospital. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

**Patricia Sandlin**

**Formerly of Enterprise**

Patricia Sandlin, 84, formerly of Enterprise, died Aug. 4 at her home in Milton-Freewater. Services will be held Aug. 14 at 11 a.m. Bollman Funeral Home, with interment to follow at the Enterprise Cemetery.

**UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES**



**Aug. 5 & Aug. 7 — LEO "MAX" LANE:** Aug. 5, 6-8 p.m. viewing, Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande; Aug. 7, 10 a.m. graveside service, Cove Cemetery.

**Aug. 7 — VERA SVATY:** noon reception, Catherine Creek Community Center, Union.

**Aug. 14 — ALVIN MONTGOMERY:** 12:30 p.m. celebration

of life, Zion Lutheran Church, La Grande.

**Aug. 21 — MARY BROWN:** 11 a.m. celebration of life, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, La Grande.

**Sept. 18 — JAMES YOST:** 2 p.m. celebration of life, Cloverleaf Hall, Enterprise.

**Oct. 16 — MEL ELDER:** 10 a.m. memorial service, La Grande First Christian Church.

— *calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande*

**Kids at the fair**



Alex Wittwer/The Observer

Kaladin Rasmussen pets a baby goat named Cindy Lou at the Union County Fair on Thursday, Aug. 5, 2021. The fair has seen hundreds of visitors over the past week, with many coming to support the community and watch the livestock show, snack on fried fair food and socialize. The Union County Fair will finish with a performance by The Wasteland Kings starting at 4 p.m. and again at 8 p.m. on Aug. 7

**BIRTHS**

**GRANDE RONDE HOSPITAL**

**COUCH:** Eila Grace Couch, July 26, 2021, daughter of Stephanie Couch and Kyle Couch, of La Grande. Grandparents are Steven and Dixie Stonebreaker, Kelly and Tammy Couch, and Barbara and Lance Hart.

**MORINVILLE:** Markus Morinville, July 23, 2021, son of Bree Alexis Morinville and Theo Sinclair Morinville, of La Grande.

**PHILLIPS:** Harper Marie Lynn Phillips, July 23, 2021, daughter of Amanda Nicole Catherine Phillips and Franklin Edward Phillips, of 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.

**Aug. 9-13**  
**Monday:** pork sliders, steak

fries, apple slaw, fresh melon, ice cream.

**Tuesday:** spaghetti, Caesar salad, fresh fruit, homemade bread, brownie.

**Wednesday:** fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, steamed vegetables, salad greens, cake.

**Thursday:** Cobb salad, tomato-basil soup, bread, fruit.

**Friday:** cheeseburger, steak fries, cabbage slaw, fresh fruit.

**MILESTONES**

**Baker family weddings and anniversaries**

Hailey Deann DeHart and Mathew Riley Baker have announced their engagement to be married.

A 2018 graduate of La Grande High School, the prospective groom works at Northwood Manufacturing and will be attending Wyo-Tech in October 2021.

The bride-to-be is a 2020 graduate of La Grande High School. She is currently working three jobs to help pay for Mathew's education.

When Mathew finishes school at WyoTech, the couple will set a wedding date and Hailey plans to pursue her career in teaching.

Hailey and Mathew's long-term goal is to stay married as long as Mathew's parents, Justin and Jamie Baker, of La Grande, who will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary Aug. 10, and his grandparents, Lloyd and Nita Baker, who were married 50 years ago, on Aug. 7, 1971.



Hailey DeHart and Mathew Baker



Justin and Jamie Baker, Aug. 10, 1996



Lloyd and Nita Baker, Aug. 7, 1971

**COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD**

**MEETINGS**

• **LA GRANDE** — The Union County Chapter of Health Care for All Oregon will meet Tuesday, Aug. 10, at 6 p.m. via Zoom. On the agenda is a discussion of future activities. Those who are not happy with their health insurance are invited to join others looking for solutions. For more information and a link to the meeting, email [union-county@hcao.org](mailto:union-county@hcao.org).

• **LA GRANDE** — The

La Grande Rural Fire District's board will meet Tuesday, Aug. 10, at 6 p.m. at the fire hall in Island City. Call 541-910-3114 for more information.

**BRIEFS**

**Support documentary at special screening**

**LA GRANDE** — The community is invited to attend a screening of "George Venn: The Literary Lion of La Grande" on

Wednesday, Aug. 11, at HQ, 112 Depot St., La Grande.

This short documentary on writer and poet George Venn, a fixture in Western American literature, according to a press release, is a launching point for a full-feature documentary by Portland-based filmmaker Erik Schultz. General admission is \$5 and goes to support the campaign. Purchase tickets at [www.eofilmfest.com/tickets/](http://www.eofilmfest.com/tickets/)

The doors will open at 7 p.m. for refreshments and

a social hour. A presentation, the screening and a Q&A with George Venn and the filmmaker begins at 8 p.m.

**Joseph Center calls for 'Little Works'**

**JOSEPH** — There's a new call to artists from the Joseph Center for Arts and Culture for the upcoming "Little Works Exhibition."

For this exhibit, the center is asking for little works of any 2D or 3D media that fit into an imagi-

nary 7-inch-by-7-inch-by-7-inch box. All works must be for sale.

To submit works for consideration, email images to [exhibits@josephy.org](mailto:exhibits@josephy.org) and use "Little Works" in the subject line. Include title, medium, dimensions, year completed and price for each piece submitted. The deadline for submissions is midnight, Tuesday, Aug. 31.

The exhibit will be displayed Oct. 6 through Nov. 22, with an opening reception at the Joseph Center

on Oct. 8. Contact 541-432-0505 or [info@josephy.org](mailto:info@josephy.org) for more details.

— *The Observer*

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