

**DEATH & SERVICE NOTICES**

**Everett Hancock**

**La Grande**

Everett Hancock, 72, of La Grande, died Aug. 10, 2021, at his residence. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

**Stephen A. Cruikshank**

**La Grande**

Stephen A. Cruikshank, 73, of La Grande, died Aug. 10, 2021, at Grande Ronde Hospital. Arrangements are by Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, La Grande.

**Alta 'Rose' Moore**

**Union**

Alta "Rose" Moore, 102, of Union, died Nov. 5, 2019. A memorial service will begin at 12:30 p.m. Aug. 18 at the Haines Cemetery. Arrangements are by Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, La Grande.

**PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT**

**MONDAY, AUG. 9**

10:17 a.m. — La Grande police received a report of an assault on the 1500 block of 21st Street. An officer made contact and will follow up.

11:10 a.m. — A caller reported a burglary at a residence on the 700 block of North 15th Avenue, Elgin. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded and took a report.

11:41 a.m. — A caller reported loose livestock in the area of the 59300 block of Glass Hill Road, La Grande.

12:02 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of a restraining order violation on the 2100 block of Y Avenue. An officer responded and took information.

4:24 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a report of domestic violence in a vehicle in the area of Walmart, 11619 Island Ave., Island City. A sheriff's deputy searched the area but did not find the vehicle.

7:10 p.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about a careless driver at Birch Street and W Avenue. An officer responded and warned the subjects involved.

8:54 p.m. — A caller complained about an ongoing problem with a barking dog on the 1200 block of Conklin Road, Cove.

**TUESDAY, AUG. 10**

8:38 a.m. — A caller on the 2900 block of Mulholland Drive, La Grande, reported a person was urinating in public. An officer responded and trespassed one person.

10:15 a.m. — La Grande police responded to a residence on the 300 block of 20th Street on a report of a juvenile disturbance. An officer explained options.

11:52 a.m. — A business at Pat's Alley, 1414 Adams Ave., La Grande, reported a theft. An officer made contact and trespassed two people.

3:55 p.m. — La Grande police responded to Willow Street and Penn Avenue on a report of a suspicious male. Officers counseled the subject.

5:22 p.m. — A caller complained about juveniles at Willow and Second streets, La Grande, shooting a bow at a target.

8:32 p.m. — Residents on the 1000 block of Frontier Court, La Grande, reported a runaway. An officer responded and took a report. Police returned the juvenile to a parent.

11:04 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a report of a possible sighting of a missing person at Walmart, 11619 Island Ave., Island City.

**COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD**

**MEETINGS**

• **LA GRANDE** — A regular session of the La Grande Landmarks Commission will be held Thursday, Aug. 12, at 6 p.m. This meeting is being held by electronic communications. To submit comments or questions or for access instructions, email [mboquist@cityoflagrande.org](mailto:mboquist@cityoflagrande.org) or call 541-962-1307 before 5 p.m. Unfinished business listed on the agenda is the selection of a consultant for the La Grande Downtown His-

toric District Standards Update.

**BRIEFS**

**LHS classes of 1957 and 1958 reunite this weekend**

LA GRANDE — Members of the La Grande High School classes of 1957 and 1958 and their families are invited to a reunion on Saturday, Aug. 14, at Fred Beeman Memorial Park in Island City. The BYOB gathering will go from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Those who

attend are asked to bring a dessert or side dish to share.

**Play bingo at the senior center on Tuesdays**

LA GRANDE — The Union County Senior Center, 1504 N. Albany, La Grande, is again opening its doors for community activities, beginning with Tuesday night bingo. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and all are welcome.

Proceeds benefit Union County senior programs including Meals on Wheels.

**Interested in genealogy? Center opens to public**

LA GRANDE — The Family History Center at 1802 Gekeler Lane, 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.

— *The Observer*

**UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES**



**Aug. 14** — **PATRICIA SANDLIN:** 11 a.m. funeral, Bollman Funeral Home, Enterprise; interment follows at Enterprise Cemetery.  
**Aug. 14** — **ALVIN MONTGOMERY:** 12:30 p.m. celebration of life, Zion Lutheran Church, La Grande.  
**Aug. 18** — **ROSE MOORE:** 12:30 p.m.

memorial service, Haines Cemetery.

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

**Aug. 21** — **WES KILGORE:** 2 p.m. celebration of life, Joseph Methodist Church; a remembrance get-together for family and friends follows at the Joseph Community Center.

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

**Flora silversmith honored by grand marshal selection**

By **RONALD BOND**

Wallowa County Chieftain

FLORA — Thirty-five years ago, Larry Bacon attended a spur-makers school in Idaho.

The classes, which were in Nampa in 1986, were to take four weeks, but Bacon, a Flora resident, attended for just a week due to matters that needed tended to on his home farm.

"I asked if I could go just for one week. I had cows to calve, etc.," he said.

Yet in that week, the skill he honed — which he set out to develop to make a little money on the side — turned into one that led to him spending three decades crafting spurs for the all-around winner of the Chief Joseph Days Rodeo.

And he was honored for that contribution as he was named grand marshal of the Chief Joseph Days Parade, which ran through the streets of Joseph on Saturday, July 31.

"It was quite an honor — very much appreciated," he said. "There's only very few people that are chosen with that honor. If they think I have benefited their rodeo and business, I very much appreciate that."

Bacon began making spurs for the rodeo in 1991, he said, after "word kind of got out" that he was making spurs and bits.

"One of the directors contacted me and asked if I could make a pair for Chief Joseph Days, which I did," he said.

The silver spurs have become a hit since, and one of the more desired items one can win at CJD.

"From what the directors tell me, everyone wants to win those spurs, and it becomes quite a competition between them of who is going to get it," Bacon said.

The spur-making process, he said, can take about a month and starts with a bar of steel.

"You saw out your design, cut it out of the steel, file it, and work it as

needed," he said.

Once the steel is crafted into a spur shape, Bacon overlays the spur with silver, then polishes it.

The CJD spurs then have the logo for the rodeo in bronze soldered onto them, with lettering spelling out the title also soldered on — and also in bronze.

This year, Bacon said, it read, "All-Around Champion, 2021, 75th."

Bacon, who has made between 100 and 200 sets of spurs, said he has always liked making, working on farm projects or as a

mechanic. That was part of what turned him on to spur making.

"I wanted a job that I could do in my shop over the winter time, and kind of make a little extra money for the farm," he said.

"That's why I chose to learn to do a little silver work and maybe help out with my income."

Over the years, he has made spurs for several individuals, and has also crafted them for the St. Paul Rodeo. He also makes buckles, jewelry, bits and more.

"People ask me to make them for special occasions, usually — wedding anniversary, birthday, such

things as that," he said. "Many of my spurs are being used in everyday use."

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**Patricia Louise Sandlin**

February 17, 1937 - August 4, 2021

Patricia Louise Sandlin, 84, passed away Wednesday, August 4, 2021. She was the third oldest child of Ed and Sadie Carlson, born February 17, 1937, at Nespelem, Washington.

Pat was blessed with a large family of many siblings, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and friends. She grew up on the Colville Reservation in Nespelem, Washington. Her father worked on the Grand Coulee Dam until its completion in 1942. Afterward Ed had numerous jobs including working in Richland, Washington, on the Hanford Project.

Pat had three sisters and one brother in her family. There was always room for more people at the table, and Patricia's mom, Sadie, took in anyone needing a place to stay.

Pat attended high school at Chemowa Boarding School with her sister Beverly. She was there for four years and had numerous stories about her time there. Everyone had a job there and they participated in numerous activities. She made a lot of good friends during her stay. She was not able to attend her graduation because her grandmother Louise became ill and she had to leave for Enterprise, Oregon. Pat went to join her parents and sister Sandy in Enterprise, where Pat's dad secured a job in the late '50s. Pat went to join her parents and sister Sandy there. Ed was known to be the most respected log truck driver back in the day.

While attending a dance at the Wallowa Lake Lodge Pat met a good-looking cowboy named Jim Sandlin. They dated and fell in love and were married not long after on August 10, 1957. They were to live on Imnaha Lookout at Hat Point for a while. It was a great memory that Pat always liked to reminisce about.

In July of 1958 Stacie Marie was born. Pat had to carry her up many flights of stairs to get to the top of the lookout. After that job ended, they moved to the upper Imnaha where Jim's parents owned a cattle ranch. Two years later in June of 1960 Vickie Ann was born. Fourteen months later Jeffrey Homa and James



Edward were born prematurely. They had to stay in the hospital for a month until they were well.

It was a busy time for Jim and Pat with the four children to care for. At that time they had no electricity and an old wood cook stove had to be started every day. Pat's sisters and her mother were often called to assist on the ranch. Stacie was helpful at

that time feeding the twins their bottles at 3 years old. Years later Jim and Pat moved to Enterprise where they purchased a washing machine and Pat was very happy.

Jim and Pat had been married 56 years at the time of his passing in 2013. They spent most of their lives in Enterprise except for two years in Unity, Oregon. Jim ran a loader at the mill there and it was a great time for the family — hunting, fishing, rock collecting, exploring old gold mines. After returning to Wallowa County, they enjoyed many camping trips and lots of good times on the Imnaha. They had numerous good friends in the county, which they called the gang. Pat also enjoyed estate sales, reading, and at any one mention of Wild-horse off she went.

Pat sold her farm in 2018 and moved to Milton-Freewater where three of her children lived. She took on the role of mother for all their friends. She was always with them, whatever they were doing and she will be missed by many.

Pat was survived by her children and their spouses, Stacie and Bary Carper, Jeff and Jani Sandlin, Jim and Monique Sandlin, and Vickie and Jerry Schmierer. Pat is also survived by one sister, Sandy Whiteman, and seven grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

Pat was preceded in death by her parents, Ed and Sadie Carlson; brother, Jimmy Carlson; sisters, Beverly Morri and Joane Kensler; husband, Jim Sandlin; and nephew, Bobbi Morin.

Funeral services will be August 14, 2021, at 11 a.m. at the Bollman Funeral Home in Enterprise, Oregon, with interment at the Enterprise Cemetery.

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