OBITUARIES

Debra 'Debbie' L. (Hinze) Rachau

1959-2021 La Grande

Debra "Debbie" Louise Rachau, 61, of La Grande, died Aug. 4, 2021, at Grande Ronde Hospital. A celebration of her life will

be held Sept. 26 at 2 p.m. at the **Elgin Community** Center. Also known

as Debbie, she was born Dec. 23, 1959, in La Grande, to Gerald and Ione (Hobbick) Hinze. She lived in La

Grande, Elgin, Portland and Tri-Cities. She graduated from North Clackamas High School and was married to Tom Rachau.

Debbie worked as a caregiver at Riverside Adult Foster Home. She loved her residents more than anything and took great joy in buying them gifts at Christmas and other holidays. She was a loving wife, mother and grandanimals. Surviving relatives include her husband, Tom Rachau of La Grande; daughter and son-in-law, Tiffany and Raymand Johnson of La Grande; son,

mother who will be greatly missed by all. She enjoyed

scrapbooking, baking and

Rachau

Danny Hinze of La Grande, Rhonda Hinze of La Grande, Deanna Hogan of La Grande, Erick Hinze of Elgin, and Wayne Hinze of Alaska; one grandchild; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Jerry Hinze of La

Grande; mother,

Ione Hobbick of

Elgin; siblings,

She was preceded in death by her father, Gerald Hinze.

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

Donna M. Hack

1941-2021 North Powder

Donna Mae Hack, 80, of North Powder, died Aug. 8, 2021, at home. A memorial service will be held Aug. 16 at 2 p.m. at

the Baker City Church of the Nazarene. Friends are invited to join the family immediately following the service at the church for a potluck reception (meat will be provided; bring a dish to share).

Donna was born May 24, 1941, in Baker and raised in Pondosa. She lived in Keating, Union and Heppner before moving to North Powder, which has been her home for many years.

On Jan. 17, 1958, Donna married Larry Hack in Weiser, Idaho. They raised four children, whom she was very proud of. She was a wife, mom, grandma, great-grandma and friend. In her life she

drove the Haines route and also took the kindergarten kids home. She enjoyed the children who rode the bus and would come home

with stories of the things they did and how she had to get after them.

enjoyed crossword puzzles, sewing, jigsaw puzzles and watching TV.

puter games on the iPad, which she said she would never do.

Surviving relatives include her husband of 63 years, Larry; sons and daughters-in-law, Allen and Betty, Mike and Beth, and Ron and Debbi; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ruth and Lloyd Davis; daughter, Rhonda; sisters and brothers-in-law, Pat and Paul, and Hallie and Henry; brother, Leon; mother-in-law, Shirley; and granddaughter, Tracy. Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude's Children Hospital or the North Powder FFA in care of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services, PO Box 543, Halfway 97834. Online condolences may be shared at www. tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

BIRTHS

GRANDE RONDE HOSPITAL

MAHLER: Raelynn Marie Mahler, Aug. 4, 2021, daughter of Kayla Mahler and David Mahler, of La Grande.

McCONNELL: Kannon Adam McConnell, Aug. 2, 2021, son of Heather Thornton and Jeff McConnell, of La Grande. Grandparents are Shannon Thornton, Adam Thornton, Richard McConnell, Mary Morehouse and Robert Morehouse.

NICE: Bridger Nice, Aug. 2, 2021, son of Alexia Nice and Tyler Nice, of La Grande. Grandparents are Sunnie Prince, Nick Tanzey, Andrea and Tony Gross, Jeff and Lisa Nice, Patricia Smith, Larry and Claudine Nice, and J.R. and Lana Arnold.

COMMUNITY **BULLETIN BOARD**

MEETINGS

• SUMMERVILLE — A special meeting of the Summerville Cemetery District will be held Tuesday, Aug. 17, at 9 a.m. in the cemetery's chapel. This session is open to the public.

• IMBLER — The Imbler School District Board of Directors will convene for its regular August meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 17, at 7 p.m. in the high school gym. The public is welcome to attend all open sessions of the Imbler School Board.

• UNION — A regular session of the Union Rural Fire Protection District Board will begin at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 17, at the fire hall. For more information, contact Kim George, Union RFPD clerk, at 541-910-3114 or union.rfpd@outlook.com.

BRIEFS

This month's ACE Writing Project features ... you? Join in the open mic via Zoom

LA GRANDE — The ACE Writing Project on Wednesday, Aug. 18, will be a virtual open mic for the community. There are no featured speakers on this day, so the public is invited to read and/or just listen to their neighbors read their original work (published or not). Works of poetry or prose are encouraged and readers are each allowed up to 5 minutes.

The event will be held via Zoom. For access instructions, go to www.artcentereast.org, call 541-624-2800 or email info@artcentereast.org. Participants who want to read are encouraged to join the virtual link at 6:45 p.m. to sign up.

Sign up for one of the last three **GRH Clinics' free sports physicals**

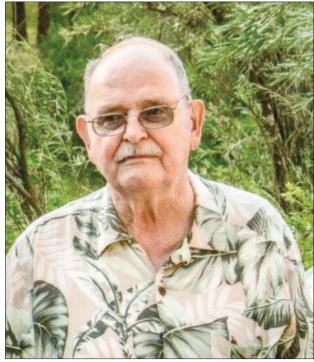
UNION COUNTY - Grande Ronde Hospital Clinics is offering free sports physicals throughout August for students in fourth through 12th grade. College students will receive a discount of \$50.

The final three opportunities are in La Grande: Aug. 16 at the Regional Medical Clinic (541-663-3138) and Aug. 19, 20 and 24 at the Women's and Children's Clinic (541-663-3150). For more information or to make an appointment, call the clinic where the student athlete will be receiving the physical. Learn more about the GRH clinics at www.grh.org.

MENUS

Union County Senior Center

MILESTONE George Neer to celebrate 90th birthday on Aug. 20



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George Neer was born Aug. 20, 1931, in Neodesha, Kansas. The family moved to La Grande in 1944. He graduated from La Grande High School in 1949 and has lived in La Grande continually. Family and friends are invited to stop by 1601 X Ave. Friday, Aug. 20, between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. to help him celebrate his 90th birthday. There will be cake and some of George's "Famous Ice Cream." No gifts please, just bring memories to share.

DEATH & SERVICE NOTICES

George B. Tishmack Jr.

Union

George B. Tishmack Jr., 61, of Union, died Aug. 12, 2021, at home. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Thomas Collins

Enterprise

Thomas Collins, 50, of Enterprise, died Aug. 11, 2021, at La Grande Post Acute Rehab. Arrangements are by Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Halfway.

Hershell R. Parker

Cove

Hershell Ray Parker, 78, of Cove, died Aug. 3, 2021, at Grande Ronde Hospital. A graveside service will be held Aug. 27 at 10 a.m. at the Cove Cemetery. Casual dress is preferred by the family. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



KILGORE: 2 p.m. celebration of life, Joseph Methodist Church; a remembrance get-together for family and friends follows at the Joseph Community Center. Aug. 27 — HER-**SHELL PARKER:** 10 a.m. graveside service, Cove Cemetery (casual dress preferred).



Donna



Hack

She even got to playing com-

befriended many people and was always there if you needed anything.

Besides raising her children and taking care of her home, Donna worked at the old St. Elizabeth Hospital in Baker and was a janitor at the Keating School.

She drove school bus for many years, taking special needs children to La Grande and back to North Powder every day, no matter what the weather brought. She

Darrel L. Williams

1944-2021 La Grande

Darrel Lee Williams 76, of La Grande, died July 7, 2021. A service was held Aug. 7 at the Summerville Cemetery.

Darrel was born in 1944 in Pasco, Washington, to Hank and Verna Williams. He grew up in La Grande and graduated from La Grande High School. His whole life, he loved to hunt, fish and go camping. He enjoyed family gatherings — the more family, the more stories to tell and fun to be had. He also loved going to car races and music from the 1950s and early 1960s.

Darrel learned to be a concrete finisher and worked many jobs



throughout the early years with his dad. He was also a talented carpenter, and when he added roofing to his specialties, he was able to become a general contractor, living most of those years in Hermiston.

Surviving relatives include his two children and their families, his sister, and many nephews, nieces and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother.



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. 16-20

Monday: lemon chicken over rice, broccoli salad, fresh watermelon, cookie.

Tuesday: fish and chips, baked beans, cabbage slaw, fresh fruit, huckleberry ice cream.

Wednesday: roast pork, baked apples, mashed potatoes with gravy, spinach salad, homemade bread, dessert.

Thursday: Reuben sandwich, potato salad, fresh fruit, veggie sticks, cookie.

Friday: orange-sesame chicken, sweet potato fries, carrot-raisin salad, fresh fruit.

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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. 14 —

Aug. 16 — DONNA HACK: 2 p.m. memorial service, Baker City Church of the Nazarene; a potluck reception follows (bring a dish to share, meat will be provided).

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

Aug. 28 — RODNEY PAYANT: noon to 3 p.m. celebration of life, Pendleton Eagles Lodge.

Aug. 28 — SHIRLEY KUNKEL: 1:30 p.m. celebration of life, La Grande Seventh-day Adventist Church.

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

Sept. 26 — DEBBIE RACHAU: 2 p.m. celebration of life, Elgin Community Center.

– calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande

Please join us in a celebration of Mary Brown's life at St Peter's Episcopal Church on Saturday, August 21 at 11 AM.

Mary passed away peacefully on October 7, 2020 from congestive heart failure and related complications. She was born February 12, 1928 in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, and was the youngest of William Jesse and Evelyn Mary Grant's three children.

Mary had a heart full of love for God and every element of God's creation. Growing up in a setting of astonishing natural beauty, at the foot of the Teton mountain range, planted a seed that grew throughout Mary's lifetime and filled her with great wonder, love and respect for the natural world.

At the age of 17, Mary started taking flying lessons. She described flying as "...a beautiful and peaceful feeling to be up among the clouds - so free and close to God." She eventually fell in love with and married her flight instructor - Merritt Owen. In 1949 Mary and Merritt moved to La Grande, Oregon, raised three children and loved each other as much as any two people can. Their marriage ended with Merritt's death in 1982.

In 1988 Mary and Ray "Red" Brown were married. Sadly, on Christmas Eve of that year she became a widow again when Red passed away unexpectedly.

Mary was an active, dedicated and well-loved member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church for over 70 years. The community at St. Peter's played an essential role in her life during that entire time.

She thrived on helping others, had a great imagination, wry sense of humor, a substantial dose of grit and made the best strawberry-rhubarb pie imaginable.

Mary is survived by brothers John and Robert Grant; her children Peggy Dennis, Pat Owen and John Owen; step-children Margaret "Mib" Kelly and Hal Brown, as well as, her children's spouses and several well-loved, loving grandchildren and great-grandchildren who have long been constant sources of joy for her.



Celebration of Life Mary Louise (Owen) Brown

Saturday August 21, 2021 11 AM - 12 PM

Saint Peter's **Episcopal Church** 1001 O Avenue La Grande, OR