

**PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT**

**FRIDAY, AUG. 27**

9:03 a.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a report of a transient camp on the 11200 block of South McAlister Road, Island City. A deputy responded but did not find the camp.

12:19 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of forgery at Bi-Mart, 2510 Adams Ave. An officer responded and took a report.

12:52 p.m. — A caller reported a person going through garbage cans on the 1900 block of Penn Avenue, La Grande. An officer responded and talked to the subject.

3:51 p.m. — A caller reported a domestic disturbance on the 1400 block of Jefferson Avenue, La Grande. Police responded and separated the parties.

5:46 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the previous address on another report of a domestic disturbance and again separated the parties.

7:56 p.m. — A caller reported juveniles may have been drinking alcohol on the 200 block of Cedar Street, Elgin. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded and searched the area but any juveniles were gone.

10:52 p.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy conducted a field interview at Union City Park, Union, and arrested Joshua Ray Fitzpatrick, 42, on a Union County warrant charging one county of first-degree aggravated theft, one count of fraudulent use of a credit card and nine counts of identity theft.

**SATURDAY, AUG. 28**

8:56 a.m. — A caller reported an incident of indecent exposure on the 2200 block of Penn Avenue, La Grande. An officer responded but did not find anything indecent.

12:40 p.m. — A caller reported a burglary at a residence on the 300 block of Third Street, La Grande. An officer responded and took information.

4:26 p.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy responded to the 200 block of West Chestnut Street, Union, on a report of an intoxicated person and explained options.

6:53 p.m. — A caller reported a fight at the Skate Park, La Grande. Officers responded and determined the complaint was unfounded.

7:34 p.m. — A resident on the 300 block of East Harrison Street, Union, reported possible identity theft. A Union County sheriff's deputy made contact and took information.

8:20 p.m. — A La Grande officer responded to the 1000 block of Jackson Avenue on a report of fireworks. The officer warned one person.

**SUNDAY, AUG. 29**

2:36 a.m. — A caller reported vandalism on the 2400 block of Riddle Road, La Grande. A Union County sheriff's deputy made contact and took a report.

2:46 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1100 block of O Avenue on a report of a disturbance. Officers found there was a party, and the subjects said they would quiet down.

7:33 a.m. — A caller reported suspicious circumstances involving dogs on the 2100 block of Island Avenue, La Grande.

12:54 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of menacing on the 700 block of 20th Street, La Grande. An officer attempted to make contact but was not able to leave a message.

3:52 p.m. — A La Grande police officer spoke with a trespasser on the railroad track at Island and Monroe avenues.

5:01 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1800 block of 26th Street on a report of a domestic disturbance. Police found the situation did not rise to the level of a crime.

5:31 p.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy responded to the 73500 block of Gordon Creek Road, Elgin, on a report of a disturbance and separated the parties.

6:52 p.m. — A caller reported a disturbance on the 1600 block of Seventh Street, La Grande. Officers responded and separated the parties.

11:48 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of a suspicious vehicle on the 3100 block of First Street. An officer responded and found the vehicle was unoccupied.

**COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD**

**MEETINGS**

• LA GRANDE — The Veterans of Foreign Wars High Valley Post 4060, of Union, is having a formal meeting on Thursday, Sept. 2. All VFW members are encouraged to attend.

**BRIEFS**

**OTEC hands out free energy-efficient light bulbs Sept. 1-2**

LA GRANDE — Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative is giving away free energy-efficient and money-saving light bulbs on Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 1-2, at its offices in Baker City, La Grande, Burns and John Day. Member-owners are invited to stop by for a five-pack of LED bulbs valued at \$25.

According to a press release, LED light bulbs are one of today's most energy-efficient and rapidly developing lighting technologies. The bulbs OTEC are handing out use at least 75% less energy and can last 25 times longer than incandescent light bulbs.

"We hope that with this giveaway of free LED light bulbs, it sets our members down a path of keeping their homes energy efficient," said Joe Hathaway, OTEC's communications manager.

The co-op offers rebates for member-owners who invest in energy-efficient equipment and also to those who purchase appliances or equipment locally. Learn more at [www.otec.coop/programs-rebates](http://www.otec.coop/programs-rebates).

**Learn how to ready your garden for next year**

COVE — A one-hour class on readying your garden for winter will be taught by Nella Mae Parks, of Cove's Nella Mae's Farm, on Wednesday, Sept. 8, via Zoom. "The Fall Garden" virtual class will begin at 6:30 p.m.

This time of year is perhaps the most important for setting up your best garden for next year, Parks said. Participants will learn about compost, cover crops, how to build and protect your soil over the winter, and what you can overwinter for winter and spring harvest.

For more information and to sign up, visit [www.nellamaesfarm.com/events](http://www.nellamaesfarm.com/events) or call 541-910-4098.

**Local students welcomed at Utah State University**

LOGAN, Utah — Four Union County students were among the more than 4,000 first-year college students welcomed to the Utah State University campus as the university began the fall 2021 semester.

Attending Utah State at the USU Main campus are Abby Crews and Grace Perry, from La Grande, and Hunter Lind and Keanna Bingham, from North Powder.

"The energy, talents and enthusiasm this new cohort will bring to our campuses is greatly appreciated," said President Noelle E. Cockett. "We look forward to seeing what the class of 2025 will accomplish and cannot

wait to be a part of their academic growth and success."

Since its founding in 1888, Utah State University has evolved from a small-town college tucked away in the Northern Utah mountains to a thriving research university. Students can choose from an array of academic and social opportunities at a university known throughout the world for its intellectual and technological leadership, according to the press release.

**Art and science come together in weekly after-school program**

LA GRANDE — A free outdoor after-school program will use art and science to guide middle-school students in discovering the stories of nature and themselves. Discover After School — a collaboration between Art Center East and La Grande Parks and Recreation — runs on Thursdays, Sept. 16 to Oct. 21, from 3:30-5:30 p.m., offering free weekly field trips to Riverside Park and Pete's Pond.

Parks and Rec will provide transportation to Riverside Park, and Pete's Pond is a 1-mile walk from La Grande Middle School. The site is subject to change due to inclement weather or the accessibility needs of the group. Youth may get dirty and/or get paint on their clothes, and masks will be required.

For full details and to register, go to [www.artcentereast.org/calendar/discover-after-school-program](http://www.artcentereast.org/calendar/discover-after-school-program), call ACE at 541-624-2800 or email [info@artcentereast.org](mailto:info@artcentereast.org).

— *The Observer*

**MILESTONE**

**A wish for Dorothy Fleshman's 95th birthday**

Dorothy Fleshman, author of the Dory's Diary column, is turning 95 on Sept. 10.

To show appreciation for all she has done for the community, her friends are requesting that everyone send her a birthday greeting card in the mail, with a goal of reaching at least 2,000 cards.

Whether you know her personally or not, consider sending a birthday card to Dorothy Fleshman, c/o The First Christian Church, P.O. Box 953, La Grande 97850.



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**OBITUARIES**

**Gayleen M. (Ringer) Henderson**

1953-2021  
La Grande

Gayleen Marie Henderson, 67, of La Grande, died Aug. 20, 2021, in Bonner, Montana. A memorial service will be held Sept. 4 at 1 p.m. at the Imbler Christian Church, followed by a dinner.

Gayleen was born Sept. 21, 1953. She spent her younger years working in various administrative positions at Eastern Oregon University, the La Grande Police Department and Pioneer Bank, until she was forced to retire due to health problems.

Gayleen loved to crochet, and many who knew her have a special blanket or shawl that was made with so much love. She was always busy working on different crafts. She loved to watch the birds and waited every spring for the yellow finches to come.

Gayleen loved the Lord and walked strong in her faith. She was a testimony to those around her, and her light was a gift to all who knew her.

When Gayleen would laugh, it would light up a room. She loved to be with her family and close friends. One of her favorite places to visit was Newport.

She loved the beach.



Henderson

Surviving relatives include her sons and daughters-in-law, Matt and Kerri Hoffman; Joe and Valerie Hoffman; mother, Norma Ringer; sister, Metta Ringer; two nephews and one niece; five grandsons; and two great-granddaughters and one great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lynn Henderson; father, Aaron Ringer; grandparents, Frances and Bill Hooker; and cousin, Judy Turner.

**Marvin 'Glenn' Jennings**

1928-2021  
Formerly of Union

Marvin "Glenn" Jennings, 92, of Walla Walla, Washington, and formerly of Baker City and Union, died Aug. 20, 2021.

Known as Glenn, he was born Nov. 20, 1928, in Cedaredge, Colorado, to Samuel Eugene and Ethel Florida Lowe. He was the youngest of eight children. After the 10th grade, he moved to Keene, Texas, and then to Glendale, California, before returning to Cedaredge. There he married Eloise Foster on Aug. 22, 1948. Eloise passed away in 2002, and he married Mary Cline on June 22, 2003.

Glenn had many adventures, including getting lost for three days in the Uncompahgre National Forest when taking a shortcut home from a week away logging. He mined in Colorado and logged in Alaska, Colorado and Oregon before retiring at age 62. He had a log fall on his shoulder and on

his truck, and he logged a tree full of bees, being stung multiple times.

When he wasn't working, Glenn enjoyed playing table games and spending time with his family and friends.

Surviving relatives include his children and their partners, Sharon and Kent Simons, Karen Hopper, and Daren Jennings and Stefanie Bistline; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Eloise Jennings; grandson, Jared Hopper; son-in-law, Richmond Hopper; and second wife, Mary Jennings.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Baker City Seventh-day Adventist Church in care of Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City 97814.

To leave an online condolence for Glenn's family, visit [www.gray-swestco.com](http://www.gray-swestco.com).



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**DEATH & SERVICE NOTICES**

**Linda K. Anderson**

Cove

Linda Kay Anderson, 70, of Cove, died Aug. 28, 2021, at Grande Ronde Hospital. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

**Verna M. Feik**

La Grande

Verna May Feik, 85, of La Grande, died Aug. 28, 2021, at Grande Ronde Hospital. Arrangements are by Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, La Grande.

**Mark D. Kubin**

La Grande

Mark D. Kubin, 63, of La Grande, died Aug. 29, 2021, at his home. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

**Joe Garrett**

Formerly of Union

Joe H. Garrett, 82, formerly of Union, died Aug. 20, 2021, at his home in Ontario. Arrangements are by Haren-Wood Funeral Chapel, Ontario.

**Vera Henderson**

Wallowa

Vera Henderson, 95, of Wallowa, died Aug. 23, 2021, at her home. A memorial celebration of her life begins at 1 p.m. Sept. 11 at the Powwow Grounds in Wallowa. A family burial will take place at the Lostine Cemetery. Arrangements are by Bollman Funeral Home, Enterprise.

**UPCOMING SERVICES**

Please follow guidelines regarding face coverings and social distancing at all gatherings.



**Sept. 4 — GAYLEEN HENDERSON:** 1 p.m. memorial service, Imbler Christian Church; dinner follows.

**Sept. 4 — STEVEN MERRICK:** 1 p.m. celebration of life, Union Baptist Church; also livestreamed at [www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com](http://www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com) (click on "Funeral Videos" at bottom of page).

**Sept. 9 — BERNICE WEBSTER:** 10 a.m. celebration of life, La Grande First Christian Church; also livestreamed at [www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com](http://www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com) (click on "Funeral Videos" at bottom of page).

**Sept. 11 — VERA HENDERSON:** 1 p.m. memorial celebration of life, Powwow Grounds, Wallowa.

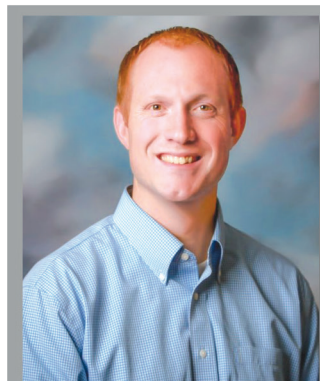
**Sept. 18 — DEBRA DAVIS:** 2 p.m. celebration of life, Riverside Park Pavilion, La Grande.

**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.

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

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



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