

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 8
7:07 a.m. — A caller on the 200 block of Fir Street, La Grande, reported vandalism to a vehicle. An officer responded and took a report.
9:16 a.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a report of a burglary at a residence on the 40 block of South 11th Avenue, Elgin. A deputy responded and took information.
11:03 a.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a report of cattle on the loose in the area of 76600 Palmer Junction Road, Elgin. An animal enforcement officer made contact and explained options.
3:54 p.m. — A caller reported someone suspicious hanging out in front of Umpqua Bank, 1215 Adams Ave., La Grande. An officer responded, found the person was not doing anything wrong but moved along anyway.

7:37 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of a male yelling at people at Umpqua Bank, 1215 Adams Ave. An officer responded but did not find the male.
8:50 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the Royal Motor Inn, 1510 Adams Ave., on a report of people in a motel room that were not supposed to be there. An officer determined this was a civil situation.
9:38 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the area of Pine Street and Y Avenue on a report of a male trying to open car doors. An officer found and counseled the subject.
10:13 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a report of a possible intoxicated driver at Highway 82 and Market Lane, Island City. Deputies responded and counseled the subject.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 9
4:27 a.m. — La Grande

police responded to the 2900 block of Third Street on a report of a domestic disturbance. Officers found this did not rise to a level of mandatory arrest.
5:52 a.m. — La Grande police received a report of a domestic disturbance at the same address on Third Street, but the parties resolved the matter before officers arrived.
9:06 a.m. — A caller reported dogs were in with livestock on the 2100 block of X Avenue, La Grande. An animal enforcement officer responded and took a report.
9:43 a.m. — A caller reported dogs on the 1400 block of Balm Street, La Grande, killed a cat. An animal enforcement officer made contact, took information and found this related to another report.
10:30 a.m. — La Grande police received a report of a transient camp on the 300 block of Greenwood Street. An officer responded and will follow up.

12:43 p.m. — A caller reported a transient camp on the 600 block of Y Avenue, La Grande. An officer responded and found the subject had a storage unit at that location.
3:37 p.m. — A caller reported littering on Interstate 84 near milepost 253, La Grande. A Union County sheriff's deputy made contact and took information.
5:47 p.m. — La Grande police responded to a report of a disturbance on the 2100 block of Adams Avenue and trespassed a person from the property.
6:54 p.m. — A caller reported a downed tree was on a telephone line on the 1500 block of Sixth Street, La Grande. An officer removed the tree from the alleyway.
9:16 p.m. — A caller reported a trespasser in the area of 60300 McAlister Road, La Grande. Local law enforcement respond and moved the subject along.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

- MEETINGS**
- **LA GRANDE** — The La Grande Rural Fire District's monthly board meeting will be held Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 6 p.m. at the fire hall in Island City. Call 541-910-3114 for more information.
 - **UNION** — The Union School Board will meet Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 6 p.m. in the Union School District's athletic complex. Bond project work will be one of the subjects discussed.
 - **LA GRANDE** — A meeting of the La Grande Community Landscape and Forestry Commission will begin at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14, via Zoom. To obtain a link to the virtual meeting, contact Stu Spence, Parks and Recreation director, at 541-962-1348 or sspence@cityoflagrande.org.
 - **LA GRANDE** — A regular session of the La Grande Planning Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 6 p.m. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this public hearing is being held through electronic communication via Zoom. Community members may attend by request and reservation only. The meeting also will be livestreamed at www.facebook.com/LaGrandeCity-Manager. To submit comments or for more information and meeting access, email mboquist@cityoflagrande.org.

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. All are welcome.

- Sept. 13-17**
Monday: turkey sandwich, tomato-basil soup, veggies, fruit.
Tuesday: fish and chips, baked beans, cabbage slaw, fresh fruit, huckleberry ice cream.
Wednesday: roast pork, baked apples, mashed potatoes and gravy, spinach salad, baked bread, dessert.



Alex Wittwer/The Observer

Cove hosted a soap box derby on Saturday, May 29, 2021, drawing competitors from across the state hoping to improve their point totals and a chance at competing in Akron, Ohio — home of the first and largest soap box derby.

- Thursday:** roast beef wrap, potato salad, fresh fruit, veggies sticks, cookie.
Friday: orange-sesame chicken, rice, pot stickers, coleslaw, fresh fruit, fortune cookie.

BRIEFS

Art Center East seeks
volunteer docents

LA GRANDE — Art Center East is in need of new docents. A docent is the smiling face that greets visitors when they walk through the doors and can offer basic information about ACE's current exhibits and programs. Docents represent Art Center East through their enthusiasm for community, art and culture in two-hour volunteer shifts in the gallery (chair and table provided), interacting with visitors as they come in.

All necessary training is provided, and ACE staff will always be present during docent shifts. If you are interested, email the art center at info@artcentereast.org, call 541-624-2800 or stop by 1006 Penn Ave., La Grande, between noon and 5 p.m. Monday-Friday or on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Derby races return to Cove

COVE — A soap box derby is planned for Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 18-19, in Cove. The event will take place on Haefer Lane. The race fee is \$35. For more information and to register, go to www.soapboxderby.org/oregon/about-us/races/2021-fall-rally.aspx or contact Paul Sadler at 541-410-0609 or rpmsadler3@ykw.com.

UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES

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

- Sept. 11 — VERA FEIK:** 11 a.m. graveside service, Island City Cemetery.
Sept. 11 — PAUL WALL: 11 a.m. graveside service, Elgin Cemetery; potluck follows.
Sept. 11 — RON SIMONIS: noon celebration of life, family residence, 63312 Watson St., La Grande.
Sept. 11 — VERA HENDERSON: 1 p.m. memorial celebration of life, Powwow Grounds, Wallowa.
Sept. 11 — MARY TRUMP: 1 p.m. celebration of life, Elgin Community Center.
Sept. 13 — BEVERLY KLENG: 11 a.m. graveside service and dedication of grave, Hillcrest Cemetery, La Grande.
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 — CHARLES "CHUCK" ANDERSON: noon celebration of life potluck, Summerville Hall (meat, rolls and drinks provided).
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.
Oct. 16 — BRADLEY FARRESTER: 4 p.m. celebration of life, Riverside Park Pavilion, La Grande; reception follows.
— calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande





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OBITUARY

Nilia M. (Allen) Weisenberger
Van Enkevort

1927-2021

Formerly of La Grande

Nilia Mae Van Enkevort, 93, of Kennewick, Washington, and formerly of La Grande and Baker City, died Aug. 20, 2021, at her home. A private interment will be held at Grandview Cemetery in La Grande. Arrangements are by Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center.
Nilia was born Dec. 12, 1927, to Clyde Allen and Bertha (Uptagrafft) Allen in Eureka, Montana, as the family was moving west. They settled in Concrete, Washington, where the family farmed until purchasing a boardinghouse in Seattle.
As a teenager during the war years, Nilia worked for Bartell's Drug Store. On Jan. 12, 1945, she married Roy Weisenberger. In the 1960s they owned and operated Roy's Corral in Baker City and Roy's Chuck Wagon in La Grande. She and her daughter operated Nyla's Fashions in La Grande from 1980 to 1992.
Nilia and Roy later moved to the Tri-Cities, Washington, where they owned and operated restaurants. Nilia opened and operated Nyla's Fashions in the mall in 1983 until her retirement.
Roy preceded Nilia in death on Jan. 25, 2000. In 2014 she married Ronald Van Enkevort, and he preceded her in death in 2016.
Nilia was a member of the La Grande Seventh-day Adventist Church. She was a worker bee, enjoying whatever her work was, but she also enjoyed playing pinocle and loved making visits to the ocean.
Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Carl Bond of La Grande; sons, Roy Weisenberger Jr., Alan Weisenberger, Bill Weisenberger and Garth Weisenberger and wife, Linda, all of Tri-Cities, Washington; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.
She was preceded in death by four brothers.
Memorial contributions may be made to the Blue Mountain Humane Association, 3212 Highway 30, La Grande 97850.

SERVICE NOTICES

Charles 'Chuck' E. Anderson Sr.

Elgin

Charles "Chuck" Edgar Anderson Sr., 77, of Elgin, died Sept. 1, 2021, at Grande Ronde Hospital. A celebration of life potluck will be held Sept. 26 at noon at the Summerville Hall. Meat, rolls and drinks will be provided. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Bradley J. Farrester

Formerly of La Grande

Bradley J. Farrester, 19, of Eugene and formerly of La Grande, died Nov. 27, 2020. A celebration of his life will be held Oct. 16 at 4 p.m. at the Riverside Park Pavilion, followed by a reception. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Lawrence (Larry) Lee Christman

April 7, 1937 - August 21, 2021

Lawrence (Larry) Lee Christman, 84 of Enterprise, OR, passed away Aug. 21, 2021 at Wallowa Memorial Hospital due to complications from pneumonia.
Larry was born April 7, 1937 in Baker, the son of Fredrick and Eva Lillian Christman. His early schooling began in Bates, before moving to North Powder, where he attended elementary and high school, graduating in 1955.
He worked for US Gypsum in Pilot Rock for several years before attending Eastern Oregon College in La Grande. His higher education included a Bachelor and Master degree of Education, and administration certification from the University of Montana.
In 1960, Larry and Anne Lieuallen met at EOC and were united in marriage Sept. 17, 1961 in Weston. Following graduation from EOC in 1962, he began his teaching career as "Head Teacher" at Oxbow. He also taught in Athena and was named elementary principal in Weston and Wasco before settling in Enterprise in 1972 as elementary principal. In 1976, he was selected superintendent of schools for the district and held that position until 1995. In 1996-1998, he served as superintendent of schools in Pilot Rock and various years between 2000-2012 the same position at Elgin School District.
Larry was a dedicated husband, father, grandfather, educator, community leader and role model. He was an active community leader serving on the Enterprise city council, mayor from 1986-1990 and again on the council until 2020.
After retirement, Larry enjoyed spending time with his wife and their grandchildren, taking them on camping trips and adventures and attending their school events. He enjoyed mowing the Enterprise Community Church lawn and many lawns in the neighborhood, and in the winter the same route plowing snow.
He was a 50-year member of Joseph Masonic Lodge, Joseph's Valley Chapter Order of the Eastern Star and a member of Elks Lodge.
He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Anne; sons, Steven (Jody) of Island City, Richard (Staci) and Marc (Ashley) of Enterprise; twin sister Lorraine Crawford, of Joseph; grandchildren Alix, Nathan, Duncan, Caden, Jerika, Jayden, Stefany, Reece, Pierce, and Carter and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Harold Hansen and Charles Christman.
A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, Oct. 2nd at 2:00pm at the Cloverleaf Hall in Enterprise. Memorials in his honor may be made to an educational foundation of the donor's choice.



BIRTHS

GRANDE RONDE HOSPITAL

- BAIRD:** Ezra Jules Baird, Sept. 1, 2021, son of Austie Marie Baird and Bradley Wayne Baird, of La Grande. Grandparents are Darren and Brenda Baird, Robb Gregory, and Tom and JoAnn Williams.
CARTER: Jordynn Jennifer-Lynn Carter, Aug. 26, 2021, daughter of Brandi Lynn Bisson and Jeremy Alan Carter, of La Grande. Grandparent is Becky Ann Clyde.
LANGTON: Roxanne Lynn Langton, Aug. 27, 2021, daughter of Darcy Elizabeth Langton and Hurricane Christopher Langton. Grandparents are Shelly Lynn Strand, Duane Andrew Strand, Ricke Lyle Langton and Linda Kay Langton.
WITHERSPOON: Annalise Witherspoon, Aug. 25, 2021, daughter of Whitney Witherspoon and Kelby Witherspoon, of Baker City. Grandparents are Brenda and Paul Carman and Dale and Roberta Witherspoon.

DEATH NOTICES

William 'Don' Shade Jr.

La Grande

William "Don" Shade Jr., 80, of La Grande, died Sept. 8, 2021, at Wildflower Lodge. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Brian Timothy 'Tim' McManus

La Grande

Brian Timothy "Tim" McManus, 62, of La Grande, died Sept. 7, 2021, at his home of a sudden, short illness. Arrangements are by Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, La Grande.