

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

FRIDAY, SEPT. 17

10:04 a.m. — La Grande police received a report of vandalism on the 1100 block of G Avenue. An officer took information.
 2:17 p.m. — A caller reported an injured bird in the 800 block of J Avenue, La Grande.
 4:39 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1000 block of Jackson Avenue on a report of a juvenile disturbance. An officer determined there was no crime and contacted the Center for Human Development, La Grande.
 5:45 p.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy and local medics responded to the area of milepost 15 on Highway 203, Union, on a report of a motorcycle colliding with a deer.
 5:52 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a report of vandalism at Buffalo Peak Golf Course, 1224 E. Fulton St., Union, and a request for an extra patrol at the course.
 11:17 p.m. — La Grande police responded to a report of a person suffering a mental or emotional crisis. An ambulance took the person to Grande Ronde Hospital, La Grande.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 18

1 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 70 block of Rapid Run Loop on a report of a domestic disturbance. Police arrested

Eric Donald Sommerville, 25, for a no contact order violation, menacing, unlawful use of a weapon, unlawful possession of a weapon and interfering with making a report.
 7:56 a.m. — A caller reported injured cattle on railroad tracks near Union.
 5:10 p.m. — A caller reported an assault of an employee at Walmart, 11619 Island Ave., Island City. Union County sheriff's deputies responded. The victim did not want to pursue a case, and deputies trespassed one and counseled a person for disorderly conduct.
 7:48 p.m. — A caller reported possible illegal fireworks in the area of the 800 block of F Avenue, La Grande. An officer checked the area but found nothing to report.
 8:41 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office responded to Walmart on a report of vehicles cutting cookies in the parking lot. Deputies counseled the drivers involved.
 9:57 p.m. — A resident in La Grande threatened self-harm. An officer responded, and the resident went to Grande Ronde Hospital.
 10:54 p.m. — La Grande police stopped a vehicle at Fourth Street and Penn Avenue and arrested Doug Troy Runyon, 39, for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

DEATH NOTICE

Robert H. Kautz

La Grande

Robert H. Kautz, 64, of La Grande, died Sept. 17, 2021, at Grande Ronde Hospital. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



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

Sept. 24 — THOMAS JOHNSON: 11 a.m. memorial service, Summerville Cemetery Chapel; casual dress preferred.

Sept. 25 — TIM McMANUS: 9:30 a.m. graveside service, Hillcrest East Cemetery, La Grande; memorial service follows at 10:30 a.m. at La Grande First Baptist Church (livestreamed at www.lagrandefbc.org).

Sept. 26 — CHUCK ANDERSON: noon celebration of life potluck, Summerville Hall.

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

Oct. 2 — MIKE BRENNAN: 10:30 a.m. graveside service, Joseph Prairie Creek Cemetery.

Oct. 2 — RICHARD CROFT: 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. memorial gathering, Riverside Park Pavilion, La Grande.

Oct. 2 — LARRY CHRISTMAN: 2 p.m. celebration of life, Cloverleaf Hall, Enterprise.
 — calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande

OBITUARIES

Arthur 'Mike' W. Brennan

1922-2021

Joseph

Arthur "Mike" Wells Brennan, 99, the eldest son of the late actor Walter Brennan, died Sept. 13, 2021, at his home outside Joseph. A public graveside service will be held Oct. 2 at 10:30 a.m. at Joseph Prairie Creek Cemetery.



Brennan

Known as Mike, he was born Jan. 6, 1922, in Los Angeles, California, to Walter and Ruth Brennan. He grew up in Southern California with his brother, Andy, and sister, Ruthie.

Mike first moved to Wallowa County in 1941 when his parents purchased Lightning Creek Ranch. There he met and married Florence Irene Whitman. They were married for 60 years and raised eight children.

Mike served in the U.S. Army during World War II, from 1944 to 1945. After his discharge, he returned to Wallowa County and eventually became the manager of the Brennan Ranch on Lightning Creek for the next 30 years.

After retirement, Mike and Florence joined the Wallowa County Good Sam RV Club. They enjoyed

traveling and spent their winters in Yuma, Arizona.

Surviving relatives include his children and their partners, Patricia Brennan and Jeff Voss of Matthews, North Carolina, Jim and Marilyn Brennan of Joseph, Dennis and Peggy Brennan of Enterprise, Mary Brennan and Steve Mead of Willow River, B.C., Canada, Tammy and Mike Crawford of Enterprise, Caroline and Frank Ward of Enterprise, and Will

Brennan and Shannon McGuire of Heath, Texas; 16 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Florence; eldest son, Michael; daughter-in-law, Judy; and siblings, Andy and Ruthie.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Katherine's Catholic Church in Enterprise or Community Connection of Wallowa County in Enterprise.

Brian T. 'Tim' McManus

1959-2021

La Grande

Brian Timothy "Tim" McManus, 62, of La Grande, died Sept. 7, 2021, at his home after a short battle with cancer. A graveside service will be held Saturday, Sept. 25, at 9:30 a.m. at Hillcrest East Cemetery. A memorial service will follow at 10:30 a.m. at the La Grande First Baptist Church. For those who cannot attend, the service will be streamed live at www.lagrandefbc.org. Whether in attendance or not, the family asks that you send them your funniest memory of Tim. Arrangements are by Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, La Grande.

Known as Tim, he was born July 6, 1959, in La Grande, to Claire McManus and Lola Mae (Rogers) McManus. He attended La Grande schools, graduating with the class of 1977. He later graduated from Multnomah School of the Bible with a bachelor's degree in biblical education.

On Nov. 17, 1984, Tim married Laura Cronk in Portland. They lived in Portland for five years before moving to La Grande, where Tim became the

third-generation owner of McManus Builders LLC, which was started in 1923.

A member of the La Grande First Baptist Church, Tim joyfully served as an elder and wherever he was needed. He was on the Camp Elkanah Advisory Committee and had fun volunteering on projects at camp. He belonged to the Rusty Wheels Car Club and enjoyed classic car restoration and often could be seen driving his Studebaker. He loved carpentry, fixing things and helping people. He also enjoyed reading, history and practical jokes.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Laura McManus of La Grande; sister and brother-in-law, Cindy and David Grunert of Annapolis, Maryland; 12 nieces and nephews; and 10 great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Patrick McManus.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Camp Elkanah scholarship fund, P.O. Box 150, La Grande 97850. Camp Elkanah was a special place to Tim, where he came to know his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Lane Alan Harden

November 25, 1952 - October 23, 2020

On August 21, 2021 the family and friends of Lane Harden, formerly of Union, OR, gathered in New Town, ND to honor his memory and to celebrate his life. Lane's kindness, his gentleness, and his willingness to help others were his qualities most mentioned by those in attendance.



In addition, all agreed

that their lives were enriched by having known Lane.

Lane is survived by his son, Rex Harden (Cindy); grandson Carter Harden; and former spouse Georgia Harden of La Grande, OR; son Brian Harden (Anissa) of Ferndale, WA; spouse Sherrie Harden of New Town, ND; and six siblings. Lane was preceded in death by his parents Leonard & Mary Harden and by his grandson Ethan Harden.

Patrick Alonzo Higgins

January 15, 1942 - September 5, 2021

Pat Higgins of La Grande, Oregon, went to meet his Lord and Savior on Sept. 5th, 2021 at 3:18 a.m. while in St. Luke's Hospital in downtown Boise, Idaho.

Pat was born Jan. 15th, 1942 to Hubert and Edna Higgins at St. Luke's Hospital in Boise, but his family home was in New Meadows, Idaho. Pat lived in New Meadows and attended school there, graduating from Meadows Valley High School in 1960.

Joyce Nadine Taylor and her family had moved to New Meadows in 1960 and lived in the house right next door to Pat. Pat married Joyce, the girl next door, on July 10th, 1965 in New Meadows.

They lived in New Meadows where he worked for Evergreen Sawmill as a millwright and saw filer for 12 years before becoming a tree feller for JI Morgan. He also worked as a tree feller for Malvich Logging. From there he and his good friend George Bolopue bought a D-6 Cat together and ran their own logging business, B&H Logging.

Together, Pat and Joyce bought their first home in New Meadows when their oldest, Tim was 6, Tommy was 2 and Tami was yet to be born. In his young adult life, Pat enjoyed snowmobiling and racing them as well. He has boxes full of trophies from those days. He loved hunting, fishing and following his kids in sports. Logging was becoming extremely difficult due to environmental regulations and Pat had to look elsewhere for work. Moving to La Grande, Oregon, in 1988, he fell trees for Tom Woody Helicopter Logging then Dougherty Logging, before retiring in 2000 with Blue Mountain Helicopter Logging.

The last 16 years he attended the Lighthouse Church with his wife. They helped at the church with playground duty for two years. Pat loved spending time with his grandkids; Nick (Tami's), Brady (Tami's), Justin (Tim's), Josie (Tom's) and Austin (Tom's), and his great-granddaughter Han-



nah (Nick's). For the past several months he was in and out of the hospital battling diabetes. He tried his best to make it to every soccer game of Josie's and baseball game of Austin's. It really bothered him to miss a game.

Pat had a beautiful heart, was always able to talk to complete strangers and know their history before walking away. He always had a story, which made meeting people easy for him. He loved to talk so Joyce was comfortable just listening to his stories and just being a part of the crowd.

Sometimes life comes full circle as it has for Pat. Born at St. Luke's in Boise in 1942, raised in New Meadows, later in life moving to La Grande, Oregon, only to come back to St. Luke's in Boise where he left us to rejoin his family in Heaven.

Pat was preceded in death by his parents Hubert and Edna; sister Virginia Prudhomme; brothers Bert, Delbert and Jim and his best friend Max, his black lab. Oh, how he loved that dog.

Survivors include Joyce, wife and best friend of 56 years plus 5 years of dating before marriage; sons, Tim (Sam) of Richland, Washington, Tom (Jaime) of La Grande, Oregon and daughter, Tami of La Grande, Oregon; five grandkids and one great-granddaughter, several nieces and nephews and a sister-in-law Angie (Higgins) Purcell.

A celebration of Pat's life will be held Saturday, September 25th, 2021 at 2pm at Lighthouse Church located at 10501 W. 1st, Island City, Oregon.

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

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD MEETINGS

• **LA GRANDE** — The Board of Directors of the La Grande School District will meet virtually for a work session at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22. The meeting is open to the public. Access details are available at www.lagrandesd.org/page/board-meetings.

BRIEFS

Get ready to volunteer for Eagle Cap Extreme

JOSEPH — A volunteer fair for the Eagle Cap Extreme Sled Dog Race is set Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Joseph Center for Arts and Culture, 403 N. Main St., Joseph. People interested in helping with Oregon's only Iditarod and Yukon Quest qualifier can drop in between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Masks are required. The races are in January 2022. For information on the event and volunteering, email publicrelations@eagle-capextreme.com.

Pick up your purchased artwork

LA GRANDE — People who purchased artwork from the Canoy Benefit Exhibit or the Strange Days exhibit at Art Center East, 1006 Penn Ave., La Grande, may pick up their purchases during the art center's open hours, noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday or 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. To make other arrangements, call 541-624-2800 or email info@artcentercast.org.

Janet Elizabeth (Vanaudenhausen) Sims

January 12, 1934 - August 27, 2021

Janet Elizabeth (Vanaudenhausen) Sims was born January 12, 1934, in Hillsboro, Oregon to Anna May and Cornelius Vanaudenhausen. She died August 27, 2021, in Enterprise, Oregon, after a decade long battle with thyroid cancer. She spent her childhood growing up on a farm with first her grandparents, then later her mother and siblings.

She attended Oregon State College (now Oregon State University) graduating in 1954 with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. She was a member of Delta Zeta sorority. She met and married John Sims while attending college. They lived in Corvallis until graduation when their first daughter, Ann Marie, was born 1957. They later moved to Portland, where their second daughter, Cathy Lee, was born in 1960. In 1965, the family moved to Bellevue, Washington. John and Janet later divorced.

A believer in lifelong learning she attended the University of Washington and earned a master's degree in sociology. She later attended Seattle Pacific University, in Seattle, and earned a master's degree in Christian Education. She later lived in Ocean Park, WA and Eugene, Oregon. Janet returned to Hillsboro to live once again on the family farm. She lived there until moving to Enterprise in 2011 to be nearer her daughter, Ann.

During her daughters' growing up years, she was a campfire girls' leader and worked for a time for Campfire Girls, USA. She was a member of the master's swim team, a competitive swim team for adults. She enjoyed family camping, backpacking and canoe trips.

While living in Hillsboro she worked for Open Door assisting clients find stable housing and connecting them with community resources.

She enjoyed sewing, quilting, gardening, traveling and was an avid reader. She also enjoyed cooking and keeping abreast of current events, and volunteering. She also enjoyed the arts with season tickets to the Portland Symphony and Seattle Ballet. One of her most significant accomplishments was making wedding dresses for her daughter and niece.

She was member of the Lostine Methodist Church and took her faith seriously. She also donated to numerous charities including the Washington State University Veterinary Teaching Hospital, Habitat for Humanity, the Humane Society, Komen for the Cure (a breast cancer research foundation), the ASPCA, the Audubon Society, Defenders of Wildlife and OPB. She dearly loved cats and rescued many on the farm from the coyotes or the highway. Over time she gave more than a dozen loving homes. However, her favorite of all the pets she had over the years, was the family dog, Freckles, her beloved English Springer Spaniel.

She is survived by her daughter Ann (partner Sally Belsinger) Bloom, Enterprise, Oregon, daughter Cathy (Frank) Luna, Mansfield, Texas, grandson Austin (Ashley) Lobben, great-grandson (Caden), great-granddaughter (Payton), Mansfield, Texas, and nephew Bob (Vickie) Brewer, of Oakridge, Oregon and Cousin Terri Carter and her daughter, Selena (Ben Larson) Carter, of Gaston, Oregon, along with many loving friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Anna O. Hart, stepfather, Marion Hart, former husband, John P. Sims, in-laws, Rose and Paul Sims, sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Genevieve and Bob Brewer, nieces Karen Marie and Carolyn Stuber and nephew, Rodney Brewer.

Memorial contributions may be made to the WSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital, the Humane Society, or the Lostine Methodist Church. A memorial service will be held Thursday, September 23, at 4:00 p.m. at the Lostine Presbyterian Church.

