

OBITUARIES

Patsy ‘Pat’ A. (Maples) Lang

1949-2021

La Grande

Patsy “Pat” A. Lang, 72, of La Grande, died Oct. 7, 2021, at a local care facility. A celebration of her life will be held Oct. 22 at 10 a.m. at the Union Baptist Church.

Also known as Pat, she was born July 16, 1949, in Knoxville, Tennessee, to Jesse Maples and Mildred (Hilton) Maples. She graduated from Holston High School in Knoxville. She resided in Tennessee, Portland, Union and La Grande. She was married to Robert Lang for 51 years.

Pat worked as a registered nurse and EMT and raised six children. She lived in Union for 30 years, where she was a member of the city council and belonged to the Union Fireworks Association. She enjoyed giving back to the community of Union.

Pat enjoyed crafts, puzzles, baking, traveling, spending time with her family, having sleepovers with her grandkids, attending church and Awana, camping and fishing. She loved watching



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football, especially the Green Bay Packers, and NASCAR races.

Pat was an amazing wife, mother and grandmother. She will be greatly missed.

Survivors include her husband, Robert “Bob” Lang of Union; children and their spouses, Katheryn and Beau Joseph of Union, Timothy and Tina Lang of La Grande, Roxanne Lang of Portland, Richard J. Lang of Portland, and Robert “Rob” Jr. and Debra Lang of Forest Grove; brothers and spouses, Jeff and Margie Maples of Florida and Jesse “Jay” and Sandy Maples of Tennessee; sister and spouse, Mary and Sunny Rutter of Tennessee; 10 grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jesse and Mildred Maples; son, Richard “Wayne” Lang; sister, Nancy Laurence; and grandson, Baby Joseph.

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

Hugh ‘Eric’ Barker

1947-2021

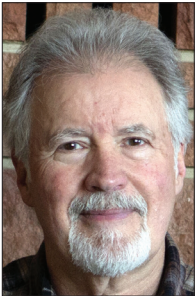
La Grande

Hugh “Eric” Barker, 74, of La Grande, died Oct. 4, 2021, at Grande Ronde Hospital. A memorial service will be held Oct. 23 at 11 a.m. at the La Grande First Baptist Church.

Known as Eric, he was born July 24, 1947, in Roanoke, Virginia, to Hugh Warren Barker and Lillian (Flora) Barker. He graduated from North Ridge High School in Roanoke, Virginia, and attended Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa, California. He resided in Roanoke, Virginia; New York, New York; Orange County, California; and in Summerville and La Grande. He married Joan “Cozy” Hamilton.

In 1967, Eric enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and served until 1972. While in the military, he earned the National Defense Service Medal and was a rifle and pistol expert.

Eric worked as a cabinetmaker and carpenter and



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was a contractor for Grande Ronde Hospital. He enjoyed playing and writing music, carpentry, shooting, water sports, snow sports and bike riding. His favorite moments were those spent with his family.

Survivors include his wife, Cozy Barker of La Grande; children, Josh Barker of La Grande, Jesse Barker of La Grande, Sarah Barker of La Grande, Joseph Barker and wife, Melissa, of Prineville, and Bethany Barker of La Grande; brother and spouse, Jeff

fery and Linda Barker of Roanoke, Virginia; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and seven nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hugh and Lillian Barker; brother, Ronald “Ron” Barker; and daughter, Dana Allison Schaad.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.lovelandfuneral-chapel.com.



UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



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

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

Oct. 16 — INEZ LOCKEN: 11 a.m. graveside service, Lostine Cemetery.

Oct. 16 — DON HOUTZ: 1 p.m. celebration of life, Odd Fellows Hall, Summerville.

Oct. 16 — DALE JOHNSON: 1 p.m. celebration of life, Gilbert Hall, Eastern Oregon University, La Grande.

Oct. 16 — CECIL PUCKETT: 2 p.m. graveside service, Cove Cemetery, followed by reception at Coe-Kerr Community Center; casual dress preferred.

Oct. 16 — BRADLEY FARRESTER: 4 p.m. celebration of life, Riverside Park Pavilion, La Grande; reception follows.

Oct. 22 — PAT

LANG: 10 a.m. celebration of life, Union Baptist Church.

Oct. 22 — HELEN PARKER: 2 p.m. graveside service, Grandview Cemetery, La Grande.

Oct. 22-23 — DEXTER HODGE: Friday, 6-8 p.m. visitation, Loveland Funeral Chapel; Saturday, 2 p.m. funeral, Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande.

Oct. 23 — ERIC BARKER: 11 a.m. memorial service, La Grande First Baptist Church.

Oct. 23 — BILL DURAND: 11 a.m. celebration of life, La Grande Youth for Christ building.

Oct. 23 — MARK KUBIN: noon to 4 p.m. celebration of life, The Barn at Tamarack Springs, Summerville.

Oct. 23 — DEXTER HODGE: 2 p.m. celebration of life, Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande.

Oct. 23 — STEVEN KING: 2 p.m. celebration of life, Island City City Hall.

— calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande

Tiger up! Homecoming week features games, parade



Alex Wittwer/The Observer

The La Grande High School marching band is set to bring forth Tiger pride from parade spectators and sports fans during the fall 2021 Homecoming Week, Oct. 18-22. The community is encouraged to come out and support the Tigers by attending the games and enjoying the parade: Tuesday, Oct. 19 — JV2 and JV volleyball vs. Baker, 5 p.m.; Wednesday, Oct. 20 — varsity boys soccer vs. McLoughlin, 5 p.m.; Thursday, Oct. 21 — varsity football vs. Ontario, 6 p.m.; Friday, Oct. 22 — volleyball vs. Ontario, 4 p.m.; Friday, Oct. 22 — Homecoming Parade, 5 p.m., Adams Avenue from Hemlock Street to Max Square.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

MEETINGS

• **ELGIN** — The Elgin School District Board of Directors meets Monday, Oct. 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the Stella Mayfield auditorium. The agenda includes a discussion on the Student Investment Account grant and an opportunity for citizens to ask questions. Part of the Student Success Act, Student Investment Account funds are non-competitive grants available to all Oregon school districts. The board is also scheduled to take action on the Memorandum of Agreement for vaccination mandate.

• **IMBLER** — A regular session of the Imbler School District Board of Directors begins at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19, in Room 1 of Imbler High School. The agenda includes an audit report and discussion on superintendent search options.

• **UNION** — A regular session of the Union Rural Fire Protection District Board will begin at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19, at the fire hall. For more information, contact Kim George, Union RFPD clerk, at 541-910-3114 or union.rfpd@outlook.com.

BIRTHS

GRANDE RONDE HOSPITAL

BARNHART: Locey Wray Barnhart, born Sept. 25, 2021, to RyAnn Tambre Barnhart and Tanner Reed Barnhart, of La Grande. Grandparents are Tedroy McBride, Kim McBride, Jonathan Barnhart and Jamie Locey Barnhart.

COCKE: Maple Joyce Cocke, born Sept. 24, 2021, to Harvest Rogers and David Cocke, of Elgin. Grandparents are Bruce Rogers, Heidi Frandsen, and Joe and Judy Cocke.

WINTERS-O’NEAL: Oakley Winters-O’Neal, born Sept. 20, 2021, to Haley Ann Fuller and Dakota Ryker Winters-O’Neal, of La Grande.

BRIEFS

Kids in the Kitchen held Wednesdays in Union

UNION — Kids in the Kitchen, a free program put on by OSU Extension for children in third through fifth grade, is being held on Wednesdays at the Catherine Creek Community Center, 667 N. Main St., Union, from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Participants will learn how to make a different snack each week. The program runs through November. For more information, visit www.catherinecreek-communitycenter.com or contact Natasha Doyon, Catherine Creek resource specialist, at 541-562-2038 or ccccenter667@gmail.com.

Bakery plans community events in celebration of fifth anniversary

LA GRANDE — La Grande’s Le Bebe Cakes Bakery Coffee House and Grande Lumiere Event Center at The Market Place is offering an array of community-oriented events in celebration of the business’ fifth

anniversary, announced owner/operator Spring Roberts. An open house will run Oct. 16-23 featuring door prizes, drawings and information on the birthday club. An ongoing pumpkin decorating contest concludes with judging on Saturday, Oct. 23. And, the weekend of Oct. 30-31 brings a Halloween Tea Party with three seatings each day. Tickets are \$14.95. Call the bakery at 541-963-2253 to reserve a tea time for 10:30 a.m., noon or 1:30 p.m. Updates and details are available at www.facebook.com/LeBebeCakesBySpringRoberts.

MENUS

Union County Senior Center takeout lunch menu

Pick up between 11:30 a.m. and 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.

Oct. 18-22

Monday: sloppy joes, pasta salad, cabbage slaw, dessert.

Tuesday: Swedish meatballs over pasta, salad greens, fresh fruit, pudding.

Wednesday: honey-glazed ham, scalloped potatoes, green bean casserole, fresh fruit, light dessert.

Thursday: lemon chicken, rice pilaf, salad greens, pie.

Friday: Southwest mac and cheese, bread, tomato-cucumber salad, fresh fruit, light dessert.

DEATH & SERVICE NOTICES

Lucinda J. Sawyer

Union

Lucinda J. Sawyer, 72, of Union, died Oct. 8, 2021, at St. Alphonsus Medical Center in Boise. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Mary A. Thompson

La Grande

Mary Alice Thompson, 89, of La Grande, died Oct. 13, 2021, at Grande Ronde Retirement Residence. A graveside service will be held Oct. 18 at 1 p.m. at the Sumpter Cemetery. Arrangements are by Gray’s West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, Baker City.

Larry D. Anderson

Cove

Larry D. Anderson, 66, of Cove, died Oct. 11, 2021, at Grande Ronde Hospital. A viewing will be held Oct. 15 from 10 a.m. to noon at Loveland Funeral Chapel. A celebration of his life potluck will begin at 4 p.m. Oct. 30 at the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show Clubhouse in Union. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

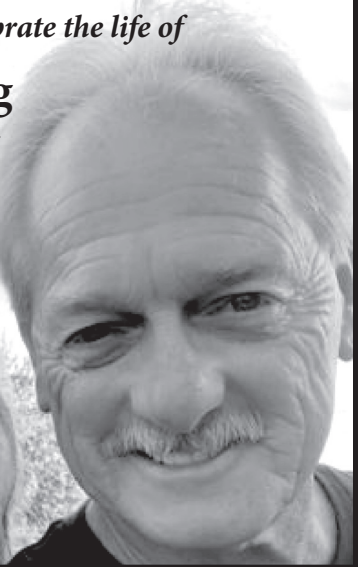
Please come and celebrate the life of

Steven R. King

born June 1st, 1959 passed away August 17th, 2021.

Steven’s Celebration of Life will be Sat., October 23rd, 2021 at 2 pm at Island City, City Hall, 10605 Island Avenue.

He was co-owner of Countryside Kennels LLC, with his wife Molly.



LG Parks and Rec sets public focus groups

The Observer

LA GRANDE — The city of La Grande Parks and Recreation Department is hosting videoconference focus group meetings via Zoom to help staff determine department priorities over the next three to five years as a part of its master planning process.

Public input is requested, and residents are invited to join the Zoom conferences, which will take place at 6 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, Oct. 19-21, and on Tuesday, Nov. 2, and Thursday, Nov. 4. Specific topics and links can be found at www.cityoflagrande.org/parks-recreation.

Minerva Leticia Bethel

January 25, 1942 - October 3, 2021

Minerva Leticia Bethel of Hermiston, Oregon, was born on January 25, 1942 in Monterey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, to parents, Tomas Garcia Gomez and Irene Mata Gomez. She died on October 3, 2021 in Hermiston, Oregon, at the age of 79 years.

Minerva was raised in Texas and Grandview, Washington, graduating from Big Bend Community College in Moses Lake as a licensed practical nurse. She worked at the Othello Hospital, Good Shepherd and Regency in Hermiston, Oregon. Minerva was united in marriage to Lynn Bethel on August 5, 1977 in Hermiston, Oregon. She enjoyed gardening, animals, sewing, music and cherished family gatherings.

She is survived by her husband of 44 years, Lynn Bethel; children, Leticia “Letty” Little and husband Bob, John Guel and wife Beatrice, Jason Bethel and wife Claudia, Thomas Bethel and Richard “Ricky” Bethel; 9 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Minerva was preceded in death by her parents and a daughter, Elizabeth “Betsy” Miles.

A graveside service will be held on Friday, October 15, 2021 at 11:00 A.M. at the Hermiston Cemetery, Hermiston, Oregon.

Those who wish may make contributions in Minerva’s memory to Fuzz Ball or St. Jude’s Hospital for Children.

Please share memories of Minerva with her family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon, is in care of arrangements.

