OBITUARIES

Frances 'LaDon' (Lewin) Evers

1929-2021

La Grande

Frances "LaDon" Evers, 92, of La Grande, died Oct. 15, 2021, at Grande Ronde Hospital. A celebration of her life will be held Nov. 6 at 10 a.m. at the La Grande American Legion Hall. Casual dress is preferred by the family.

Evers

Known as LaDon, she was born Oct. 11, 1929, in La Crescenta, California, to Don Lewin and Gertrude (Richardson) Lewin. She resided in La Crescenta and Yucca Valley, California, and in Union and La Grande. She married William "Bill" Royal in 1952. After Bill passed away in 1980, she married Jack Evers in 1982.

LaDon was a homemaker. She also worked as a pie lady at Grande Ronde Hospital and was a manager at Angel View Thrift Store from 1978-1980. She enjoyed yard sales, decorating, trips to the woods, picnics, gardening and flowers. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Becky Royal and Jerry Boyd of La Grande; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and five nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, William Royal; second husband, Jack Evers; son, Mark Royal; and parents, Don and Gertrude Lewin.

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

William 'Bill' R. Olson

1939-2021

La Grande

William "Bill" R. Olson, 82, of La Grande, died Oct. 11, 2021. At his request, there will not be a service.

Olson

Known as Bill, he was born Jan. 9, 1939, in Burlington, Washington, to Woodrow "Woody" Olson and Beryl (Johnson) Olson. He was raised in Rockport, Washington. He graduated from Concrete High School in Concrete, Washington, and what is now Oregon State University in Corvallis. He was married to Joyce (Yeager) Olson for 60 years.

During Bill's long work career in budget and finance for the U.S. Forest Service, he and his family moved multiple times including stints in Concrete, Washington; Dale and Baker City; Bellingham, Washington; Monte Vista, Colorado; and Prineville and Aloha.

After retiring, Bill and Joyce eventually settled in La Grande, where they enjoyed many years close to their daughter and grandsons. Bill enjoyed working several summers for the city of La Grande Parks and Recreation Department.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce Olson of La Grande; children, Sandra Creson of La Grande and Carl Olson and wife, Candy, of Portland; two grandsons; and brother and sister-in-law, Frank and Shirley Olson of Wallowa.

Howard L. Bailey

1925-2021

Island City

Howard L. Bailey, 95, of Island City, died Oct. 15, 2021, in La Grande. A memorial service is planned for June 2022.

Bailey

Howard was born Nov. 5, 1925, in Iowa, to Ralph Bailey and Cecelia Bailey. In 1928 the family moved to Great Falls, Montana, where Howard completed grade school. In 1937 they moved to Eugene, where he graduated from high school. He served in the U.S. Army from 1944-1946. After his honorable discharge he moved to Portland. In June 1946 he married Juanita Johnson.

In 1947 Howard enrolled at the University of Oregon, where he earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics. He received additional degrees from Oregon State University and the University of Northern Colorado, earning a doctor of education in mathematics. He taught in elementary school, mathematics in high school, and math and computer science at Eastern Oregon University. He retired from EOU in 1983 after becoming chairman of the math department and director of computer science.

Howard and Juanita's marriage ended in January 1973. He married Victoria (Montes) Bartmess in June 1974. They were active with their horses, taking pack trips and day trips on the Pacific Crest Trail, the Idaho Sawtooth Mountains, Yellowstone National Park, North Absaroka Wilderness Area in Wyoming and in the Oregon wilderness. Howard was an avid hunter and fisherman, active in the "Save the Minam" movement and the La Grande Mavericks Riding Club. He started the Blue Mountain Back Country Horsemen (now the Blue Mountain Back Country Riders) and the Oregon Back Country Horsemen.

Howard served with the Union County Search and Rescue. He was active in the Oregon Trail Chapter of the American Diabetes Association and helped lay out the annual trail ride fundraiser. He also was a member of the Blue Mountain Humane Association and volunteered at the Memorial Library.

Survivors include his wife, Vickie Bailey of Island City; children and spouses, Dorothy and Wayne Woodworth of Knob Noster, Missouri, Margaret and Celas Hug of Camas, Washington, James and Pat Bailey of Albany, and Jean and Thomas Wilson of Townsend, Montana; stepchildren and spouses, Arlie and Cathy Bartmess of Portland, Ben and Beckey Bartmess of La Grande, and Gino and Tammy Bartmess of Ford, Washington; 21 grandchildren; and 38 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his siblings, Alice Tinney, Robert Bailey and Gerald Bailey.

DEATH AND SERVICE NOTICES

Ryan Jorgensen

La Grande

Ryan Jorgensen, 41, of La Grande, died Oct. 24, 2021, at St. Alphonsus Medical Center in Boise. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Norman Svaty

La Grande

Norman Svaty, 89, of La Grande, died Oct. 26, 2021, at his residence. A graveside service will be held Oct. 29 at 2 p.m. at the Union Victorian Cemetery. Casual dress is preferred by the family. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Skip T. Beardsley

Elgin

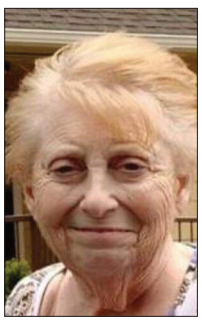
Skip T. Beardsley, 81, of Elgin, died Oct. 19, 2021, in La Grande. The location of his memorial service has been changed to the Presbyterian Friendship Center, La Grande. The service will begin at 11 a.m. on Oct. 29 and will be streamed live; to join, go to www.mypersonalstream.com.

Cheryl J. (Haefer) Wagoner

1946-2021

La Grande

Cheryl J. Wagoner, 75, of La Grande, died Oct. 18, 2021, at her home. A viewing will be held Nov. 3 from 5-7 p.m. at Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande. On Nov. 6, a celebration of her life will begin at 2 p.m., also at Loveland Funeral Chapel, followed by a dinner at her son Trent's Perry residence, 62173 Lower Perry Loop. Casual dress is preferred by the family.



Wagoner

Cheryl was born Sept. 3, 1946, in Portland, to Royal Haefer and Verna (Smith) Haefer. The oldest of three siblings, she was raised in Union and graduated from Union High School in 1964. She was married and divorced three times. First to Kenny Webb, with whom she had sons Leslie and Darin. Later she married Leo Wagoner, bringing Trent. Her third marriage was to Donald Tyrrell.

Cheryl was a longtime resident of Stanfield, where she operated a day care in her home. She boasted that after the better part of 40 years, between the day care and her son's friends, she had helped raise half the kids in Stanfield. Unfortunately, a diagnosis of severe rheumatoid arthritis in 1992 forced her to retire.

Cheryl ran a tight ship, but she put her heart and soul into providing a loving home for her boys. She was a wonderful cook. Sunday dinners were a staple in her house, and she lived by the motto "there is always room for one more."

Cheryl loved spending time with family and friends. She enjoyed lunches and bingo with her friends at La Grande Senior Apartments. She also loved to travel, especially if it involved the ocean. If a stranger ever sat next to her, she could have their entire life story in 10 minutes.

Survivors include her mother, Verna Hill; brother and sister-in-law, Ferrin and Jean Haefer; sons and daughters-in-law, Les and Paula Webb, Darin Webb, and Trent and Katina Wagoner; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents; father, Royal Haefer; and brother, Kevin Haefer.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made to the Arthritis Foundation at www.arthritis.org or any charity of choice.

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

UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES

LOVELAND FUNERAL CHAPEL AND CREMATORY

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

Oct. 29 — SKIP BEARDSLEY: 11 a.m. memorial service, Presbyterian Friendship Center, La Grande; join the livestream at www.mypersonalstream.com.

Oct. 29 — NORMAN SVATY: 2 p.m. graveside service (casual dress), Union Victorian Cemetery.

Oct. 30 — SHELIA EVANS: 10 a.m. celebration of life, Island City Lighthouse Pentecostal Church.

Oct. 30 — LARRY ANDERSON: 4 p.m. celebration of life potluck, EOLS Clubhouse, Union.

Nov. 3 & Nov. 6 — CHERYL WAGONER: Nov. 3, 5-7 p.m. viewing; Nov. 6, 2 p.m. funeral service; both at Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande; dinner follows the service at 62173 Lower Perry Loop.

Nov. 6 — LaDON EVERS: 10 a.m. celebration of life (casual dress), La Grande American Legion Hall.

Nov. 20 — BETTY TURLEY: 2 p.m. celebration of life, La Grande First Presbyterian Church; reception follows.

— calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

MEETINGS

• COVE — The Cove City Council meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 2, at Cove City Hall, 504 Alder St. To join the meeting virtually, use the following link: www.gotomeet.me/CityofCove. Instructions on how to connect to the meeting are on the city's website, www.citycove.org.

The meeting will include the first reading of two ordinances. One would grant Windwave Technologies Inc. a nonexclusive franchise to construct, operate and maintain a telecommunications network within the city of Cove. The other would grant the same non-exclusive franchise to Inland Development Corporation.

Copies of the ordinances are available at the city office, which is open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Public comments may be emailed to cityadmin@cityofcove.org before 6:45 p.m. Nov. 2.

BRIEFS

La Grande Parks and Rec schedules focus groups

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 3 to 5 years as a part of its master planning process.

Public input is requested, and residents are invited to join the Zoom conferences Tuesday, Nov. 2, and Thursday, Nov. 4. Both begin at 6 p.m. Specific topics and links can be found at www.cityoflagrande.org/parks-recreation.

The goal is to have robust discussions with as many opinions as possible to further determine the needs of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Contact Stu Spence, Parks and Recreation director, at sspence@cityoflagrande.org or 541-962-1348.

Leaf removal begins Nov. 15 in La Grande

LA GRANDE — The city of La Grande's Public Works Department and Waste-Pro will start the annual leaf removal project at 7 a.m. Monday, Nov. 15. The project will continue until all streets have been cleaned once, or until winter weather stops the process. City crews will start in the area of Veterans' Memorial Pool, moving south and then east.

Residents are asked to refrain from parking on the street when leaf removal operations are in the area, as street sweepers will be following.

The leaf removal project's intent is to remove the leaves from the streets to prevent them from clogging the stormwater sewer system. Citizens are reminded that this project is to remove the leaves that fall in the streets only. Do not rake or otherwise place leaves in the roadways.

— The Observer

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

MONDAY, OCT. 25

11:14 a.m. — A caller reported a suspicious vehicle on the 2500 block of Adams Avenue, La Grande. An officer responded and tagged the vehicle for removal.

12:32 p.m. — A caller reported an abandoned vehicle about 4 miles north of La Grande. Local law enforcement found the vehicle and tagged it for removal.

3:45 p.m. — La Grande police responded to a residence on the 1900 block of N Avenue for a disturbance.

4:36 p.m. — A resident on the 200 block of 20th Street, La Grande, reported a burglary. An officer took a report.

8:51 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 2400 block of Century Loop on a report of a suspicious male. Officers gave the subject a courtesy ride.

TUESDAY, OCT. 26

2:40 a.m. — La Grande police responded to Grande Ronde Hospital, 900 Sunset Drive, on a report of a disturbance.

6:05 a.m. — A caller reported a prowler on the 1300 block of Seventh Street, La Grande. Officers arrested a 23-year-old man for misdemeanors of second-degree trespass and criminal mischief.

9:12 a.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a report from Elgin High School of a student missing from school. The student was a runaway, and the parents were counseled.

11:01 a.m. — La Grande police responded to a residence on the 1300 block of O Avenue on a report of a domestic disturbance. Officers separated the parties and provided a courtesy ride.

11:05 a.m. — A caller reported animal abuse on the 1800 block of Second Street, La Grande. An animal enforcement officer responded and will follow up.

12:01 p.m. — A caller complained about a dog barking on the 1200 block of Conklin Road, Cove. An animal enforcement officer made contact and explained options.

3 p.m. — A person came to the La Grande Police Department, 1109 K Ave., and reported an assault.

3:07 p.m. — Law enforcement received a report of a transient camp on the 3600 block of Second Street, La Grande. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded and the subject left the area.

7:38 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 2200 block of 26th Street on a trespass complaint. An officer warned two people for criminal mischief and trespassed them.

7:54 p.m. — A caller reported an intoxicated person at Grande Ronde Hospital, 900 Sunset Drive, La Grande. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded and resolved the situation.

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