

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

MONDAY, NOV. 29

6:52 a.m. — La Grande police conducted a welfare check on a man on the 700 block of H Avenue and gave the subject a ride home.

7:38 a.m. — A caller reported a suspicious vehicle on Standley Lane, La Grande. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded and found a person was taking a nap.

9:47 a.m. — A caller in the area of 75500 Robinson Road, Elgin, reported a wolf deprecation.

10:01 a.m. — La Grande police received a report of a burglary at Eastern Oregon Net Inc., 216 Chestnut St.

2:56 p.m. — A caller on the 800 block of North 11th Avenue, Elgin, reported an assault. Law enforcement made contact and took information.

8:58 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1600 block of Albany Street on a report of an assault. An officer took a report.

9:06 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1100 block of O Avenue on a report of a disturbance. Police arrested a 37-year-old man on a Union County warrant.

TUESDAY, NOV. 30

6:48 a.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy responded to Blue Springs Crossing Apartments, 10801 S. Walton Road, Island City, on a report of a hit-and-run and arrested a 25-year-old man for hit-and-run.

10:03 a.m. — A caller reported an aggressive dog in the area of South Main and West Grande streets, Union. An animal enforcement officer made contact.

10:34 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the Orchard Motel, 2206 Adams Ave., on a report of a disturbance and trespassed one person.

1:50 p.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about burglary to storage units at La Grande Mini Storage, 1907 U Ave. An officer responded and took a request for an extra patrol.

4:44 p.m. — A caller reported livestock on the loose at South Second and West Dearborn streets, Union. An animal enforcement officer responded and resolved the situation.

6:48 p.m. — La Grande received a report of an assault on the 2700 block of Empire Drive. An officer made contact but the person did not want to pursue a case.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Union welcomes holiday season with Dec. 4 festival

UNION — The annual Winter Wonderland in Union is set for Saturday, Dec. 4. There will be vendors and holiday festivities at the Catherine Creek Community Center, 667 N. Main St., from noon to 4:30 p.m. The downtown lighted parade begins at 5 p.m., followed by the tree lighting and VFW chili feed. Buffalo Peak Golf Course, 1224 E. Fulton St., also is hosting an open house from 6-8 p.m. with holiday treats and shopping.

Dec. 4 brings bazaar bonanza

LA GRANDE — A number of holiday bazaars are set for Saturday, Dec. 4, in La Grande, supporting local makers, organizations and churches. Look for homemade gift options, vendors, sweets, meals and online auctions. A Christmas Bazaar fundraiser for the La Grande Philly Group will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the gym at the Riviera Activity Center, 2609 N Second St.

Admission to the Delta Epsilon Holiday Market at the Union County Fairgrounds, 3604 N. Second St., is canned food or a package of diapers for the DHS food bank. The sale goes from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Santa will be there between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. La Grande bazaars are also happening at the Nazarene Church, 109 18th St., from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and at the Market Place, 1101 Washington Ave., from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bring

your kids and your pets for photos with Santa from noon to 2 p.m.

'The Big' exhibit opens Dec. 3 with reception

LA GRANDE — "The Big," Art Center East's annual open exhibit, begins with a reception and the giving of awards on Friday, Dec. 3, from 6-8 p.m. at the center, 2006 Penn Ave., La Grande.

"The Big" exhibit serves multiple purposes: it celebrates local and regional artists, creates awareness of the value of arts in our communities, and raises funds for community arts programming at ACE. The judge this year is multimedia artist Robert Anders of Baker City. The exhibit will be up through Jan. 29, 2022.

All shooters welcome at Dec. 5 meat shoot

UNION — The Union Sportsman's Club invites all shooters to a meat shoot at the clubhouse beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 5. The range is off Highway 203 about a quarter mile east of town. Lunch and shells will be available to purchase. For more details call Dave at 541-910-5728.

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DEATH & SERVICE NOTICES

Sharyl J. Burtch

Formerly of La Grande

Sharyl J. Burtch, 70, of Walla Walla, Washington, and formerly of La Grande, died Nov. 29, 2021, at Providence St. Mary Medical Center, Walla Walla. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Connie Driskell

La Grande

Connie Driskell, 77, of La Grande, died Nov. 29, 2021, at her home. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Lee T. Insko

La Grande

Lee T. Insko, 86, of La Grande, died Nov. 16, 2021, at Grande Ronde Hospital. A celebration of his life will be held Dec. 4 at 10 a.m. at Quinn Coliseum on the Eastern Oregon University campus, La Grande. Those who attend will be required to wear masks. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

June L. Miller

La Grande

June L. Miller, 70, of La Grande, died Nov. 29, 2021, at Grande Ronde Hospital. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Marilyn L. Rachau

La Grande

Marilyn L. Rachau, 89, of La Grande, died Nov. 30, 2021, at Grande Ronde Hospital. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Donald O. Woodward

La Grande

Donald Oliver Woodward, 90, of La Grande, died Nov. 30, 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.

Dec. 2 — ROBERT GRAFFI: 11 a.m. funeral, Bollman Funeral Home, Enterprise; vault interment follows at Enterprise Cemetery.

Dec. 3 — GENE McKINNEY: 10 a.m. funeral,

Island City Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Dec. 4 — LEE INSKO: 10 a.m. celebration of life, Quinn Coliseum, Eastern Oregon University, La Grande.

Dec. 4 — JULIA LUSE: 11 a.m. celebration of life, Christian Life Center, Elgin.

Dec. 19 — MARY REEDER: 1 p.m. celebration of life, La Grande Nazarene Church.

— calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel

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Earl Dewayne Winer

Earl Dewayne Winer, 66, of La Grande, died at his home on Monday, November 29, 2021.

Earl was a loving husband to his wife Terri of 46 years. His sons Mike and Tim were his buddies all their lives. He always wanted to be "one of the boys." His granddaughter, Stephanie meant the world to him. He was her Papa and will be missed very much by everyone.

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



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Julia Luse



Julia Luse, 95, of Elgin, Oregon, died on November 17, 2021 at Bullock Country Care in La Grande, Oregon. A celebration of Julia's life will be held on Saturday, December 4, 2021 – 11:00 a.m. at the Christian Life Center in Elgin.

Julia Marie was born the 5th child of Benjamin and Sadie (Payen) Morlock on June 28, 1926 in Orestes, Indiana. The family, in her youth, moved to Scappoose, Oregon, where she went to school, graduating from Scappoose Union High School in 1944.

Julia and her sister took a vacation to San Diego where she met the love of her life, Gerald "Roy" Luse, at a skating rink and they were later married on Oct. 31, 1945. Julia and Roy had 2 children; Thelma Ann on Oct 3, 1946 and Benny Melroy on January 28, 1947.

Julia and Roy began their life together in the Portland area, where Julia worked in a canary. The family moved to the Elgin area in 1957. She enjoyed cooking, baking pies for a local café and also working as a cook for the Elgin School District. But the most important job she felt she held was being a devoted mother and being a prayer warrior. Julia had a very strong faith, was an amazing baker, and was always giggling. If she wasn't giggling then you knew there was something wrong, even up until her last days, she would giggle at you.

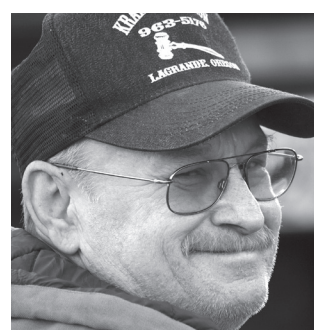
She was preceded in death by her husband Roy Luse; daughter, Thelma Ann Luse at the age of 4 months; son Benny Luse; 4 brothers and 2 sisters.

Julia is survived by her grandchildren; Gregg (Beth) Luse of Elgin, OR & Jeff Luse Dickenson of North Dakota; great-grandchildren Taylor (Jacob) Christopher, Andrew Luse, Kyler Luse, Derek (Alyssa) Luse; 2 great-great grandchildren.

For those who would like to make a memorial donation in memory of Julia, the family suggests the Christian Life Center in Elgin, Oregon, or Veteran Charity through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services PO Box 543 Halfway, Oregon 97834. Online condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Allan Douglas Hunter

August 27, 1951 - November 24, 2021



Allan "Buster" Hunter, age 70 of La Grande, passed away of natural causes in his home on Wednesday, November 24, 2021.

Buster was born on August 27, 1951 in Eugene, Oregon, to John "Jack" Hunter, Jr. and Fern (Searles) Homan. He was raised and educated in Eastern Oregon.

Buster traveled throughout Arizona and Oregon from 1978-2013 with Arizona Laborers Local No. 395 and Oregon Laborers Local No. 737 Unions. He worked on roadway, pipeline and building projects throughout his tenure with the Union. When daughters, Dawn and Becky were born, they or the whole family would join on the road.

Buster was a car enthusiast, coin collector, and an outdoorsman who enjoyed camping, hunting, and fishing. He taught his daughters how to change their own oil, not to trust anyone to repair their cars but themselves, him, or a qualified mechanic - he also made a game of teaching them where the gas caps were on vintage cars. Buster will be remembered for his sense of humor, a gift for conversation, generosity, but most of all for being a kid at heart. He was known to "test run" Dawn and Becky's Christmas toys (before they opened them), for his love of the first snow, (which Becky now shares with her kids), and tinkering in his shop or yard.

Buster is survived by his partner of 22 years, Mary Keller. He is lovingly remembered by his children; Dawn Geoppinger (Dan) of Portland, Oregon and Becky Arant (Tyrel) of La Grande, Oregon; and grandchildren Trintin, Kadance and Catlynn; Mary Keller's children, Stephanie Keller (Jason) and Eric Wyatt (Tabby); and grandchildren Marissa, Michael, McKayla, Shaelyn, Jaxson, and Lexus; sisters, Linda Weldon of Arlington, Washington, and Julie Homan (Rick) of Baker City, Oregon; brother, John Hunter (Janice) of Union, Oregon, and sister-in-law, Mary Hunter of Kuna, Idaho; former spouses, Mary Kincaid and Sheral (Morrison) Curtiss; and many nieces, nephews, and lifelong friends. Buster was preceded in death by his parents, John "Jack" Hunter, Jr., and Fern (Searles) Homan, and step-father, Richard "Dick" Homan; brothers, Jim Hunter and Larry "Buck" Hunter; sister, Karen Homan; and brother-in-law, Steve Weldon.

Buster requested cremation and a celebration of life. Details will be announced at a later date.

Memorial cards can be sent to Becky Arant, 61516 Delong Road, La Grande, Oregon, 97850. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to the American Heart Association 4380 SW Macadam Avenue #480, Portland, OR 97239 or the charity of your choice.

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

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