

**MILESTONE**

**Clyde and Elizabeth White celebrate 60 years of marriage**



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Clyde and Elizabeth White, of La Grande, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Dec. 16. They were married in 1961 at the La Grande Methodist Church. Clyde served in the U.S. Army and farmed. Elizabeth taught at Central Elementary School and was a homemaker.

**Walking the streets of Bethlehem**



Photos by Alex Wittwer/The Observer

Jenny Moore, left, as Mary, watches over a stand-in baby Jesus, while Gabriel Zamora, right, dressed as a Roman soldier, greets visitors as they enter a re-creation of Bethlehem at the La Grande Living Nativity on Friday, Dec. 10, 2021. The walk-through event, hosted by the La Grande Seventh-day Adventist Church, returned after a year hiatus due to the pandemic.

**PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT**

**FRIDAY, DEC. 10**

12:52 a.m. — La Grande police responded to a report of a person suffering a mental or emotional crisis. The person went to Grande Ronde Hospital, La Grande.  
 7:38 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 300 block of Fir Street on a complaint about criminal mischief and took a report.  
 8:26 a.m. — La Grande police responded to Spruce Street and May Lane on a complaint about criminal mischief. Police took a report.  
 10:35 a.m. — A caller reported a domestic disturbance on the 2000 block of X Avenue, La Grande. Union County sheriff's deputies responded and resolved the situation.  
 3:40 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of a traffic hazard at Adams Avenue and Willow Street. Officers responded and counseled juveniles.  
 4:33 p.m. — A caller reported a disturbance involving juveniles on the 700 block of Third Street, North Powder. A Union County sheriff's deputy made contact and separated the parties.  
 7:57 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received

a complaint about animal abuse on the 200 block of Second Street, Summerville.  
 10:39 p.m. — A caller reported a suspicious person on the 300 block of East Dearborn Street, Union. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded and gave one individual a ride.  
 11 p.m. — A caller reported vandalism at North Main and East Birch streets, Union. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded and trespassed two people.  
 11:35 p.m. — A caller reported a disturbance on the 2200 block of Jakob Avenue, La Grande. Officers responded and separated the parties.  
**SATURDAY, DEC. 11**  
 12:07 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 2200 block of Adams Avenue on a report of a domestic disturbance and separated the parties.  
 9:11 a.m. — A caller reported a suspicious male on the 1700 block of Gekeler Lane, La Grande. An officer responded and arrested one person.  
 11:27 a.m. — A caller reported a juvenile was causing a disturbance at a residence on the 2400

block of Riddle Road, La Grande. A Union County sheriff's deputy made contact and explained options.  
 6:41 p.m. — A caller reported a runaway on the 1900 block of Alder Street, La Grande. An officer made contact and took a report.  
 10:25 p.m. — La Grande police stopped a vehicle on the 1200 block of Willow Street and arrested Michael Paul Evans, 63, of Union, for driving under the influence of intoxicants.  
 10:40 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 2000 block of Adams Avenue on a report of a fight. An officer took information.  
 11:15 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 2000 block of Washington Avenue on a report of harassment and counseled two people.  
 11:36 p.m. — La Grande police responded to Cove Apartments, 1906 Cove Ave., on a report of a disturbance. Officers warned two people for disorderly conduct.  
**SUNDAY, DEC. 12**  
 7:24 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the La Grande Inn, 2612 Island Ave., on a report of a trespasser. Police arrested a 25-year-old man for second-de-

gree trespass on a warrant out of Payette County, Idaho, on drug charges and giving false information to police.  
 8:33 a.m. — La Grande police responded to Moy's Dynasty Restaurant, 1914 Adams Ave., on a report of a burglary. Police took a report.  
 9:26 a.m. — A caller reported a runaway on the 1900 block of Cedar Street, La Grande. An officer responded and took a report.  
 12:57 p.m. — A caller complained about a parking situation on the west end of Adams Avenue, La Grande, due to the closure of Interstate 84.  
 1 p.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about a burglary to a residence on the 1400 block of Fourth Street. An officer responded and took a report.  
 6:52 p.m. — A caller reported a fight between juveniles on the 2300 block of Island Avenue, La Grande. An officer responded and found there was no fight.  
 11:12 p.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about a careless driver on the 2500 block of Adams Avenue. An officer responded and counseled a juvenile.

**COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD**

**BRIEFS**  
**Dec. 15 is deadline for entering county-wide decorating contest**  
 UNION COUNTY — The deadline for entering Union County's third annual Holiday Decorating Competition is 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15. Entrees will be judged based on unique designs and creative use of lights, energy efficiency and overall presentation. Displays will be judged Dec. 15-18 and must be visible from the street. To enter or nominate a display, call the Union County Chamber of Commerce at 541-963-8588 or go to [www.visitunion-county.org](http://www.visitunion-county.org).  
**Task force seeks public input on health care legislation**  
 LA GRANDE — The public is invited to participate with the Oregon Legislature's SB770-1 Task Force in creating an equitable, affordable and comprehensive system of delivering single-payer universal health care to all Oregonians. A meeting via Zoom will be held Thursday, Dec. 16, from 1-4 p.m. Go to <https://www.hcao.org/sb770-1> and click "Follow the Task Force" to get information about the meeting and how to participate.

**Next Cove senior meal is scheduled for Dec. 21**  
 COVE — A Cove senior Christmas lunch is planned for Tuesday, Dec. 21. Senior meals are shared at Founders Hall on the Ascension School grounds on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Coffee and tea are available at 11:30 a.m., and lunch is served at noon. The Dec. 21 menu is baked ham and chicken, scalloped potatoes, ambrosia salad, rolls, salad bar and apple pie.  
 The price is \$5 per meal and reservations are requested to ensure there is food for everyone. If you haven't been contacted or wish to participate, call Betsy Arnsong at 541-568-4902 or Virginia Fischer at 1-907-299-6072 as soon as possible.  
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**OBITUARY**

**June L. Miller**

1951-2021  
 La Grande

June Leslie Miller, 70, of La Grande, died Nov. 29, 2021, at Grande Ronde Hospital. A memorial service will be held Dec. 18 at 10 a.m. at the Damascus Road Church, La Grande.  
 June was born June 26, 1951, in La Grande, to Howard Fager and Irene (Botting) Fager. She grew up in La Grande with her sister, Jean Ann Nesse, and brothers, Jerry Nesse and John Fager.  
 June was married to Kemit Knight and lived in Starkey. In an earlier marriage, she had a son, Terry Rhea, who preceded her in death.  
 June worked for many years at Walmart and

was probably one of the checkers you visited with. Survivors include her husband, Kemit; cousins and spouses, Jan and John Kelly, Bob and Anita Fager, Jim and Denise Botting, Joel and Leslie Hasse, and Debbie and Jack Botting McConnell, all of La Grande, Dave and Coralee Hasse of Anticortes, Washington, and Carol Hall of Pendleton.  
 She was preceded in death by her son, Terry Rhea; sister, Jean Ann Nesse; and brothers, Jerry Nesse and John Fager.  
 Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com](http://www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com).

**DEATH & SERVICE NOTICES**

**Alvin R. Bennett**  
 La Grande

Alvin R. Bennett, 80, of La Grande, died Dec. 11, 2021, at a local care facility. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

**Leroy V. Bushman**  
 La Grande

Leroy V. Bushman, 95, of La Grande, died Dec. 9, 2021, at a local care facility. A graveside service will be held Dec. 17 at 2 p.m. at Hillcrest Cemetery, La Grande. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

**Virginia L. Drew**  
 La Grande

Virginia L. Drew, 95, of La Grande, died Dec. 12, 2021, at her home. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

**UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES**



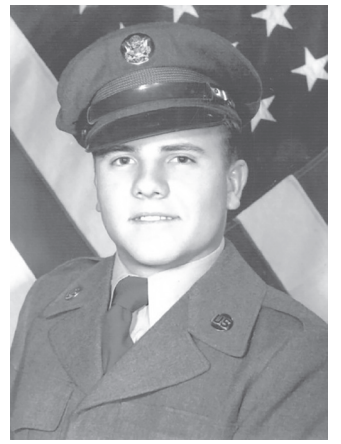
*Please follow guidelines regarding face coverings and social distancing at all gatherings.*  
**Dec. 17 — LEROY BUSHMAN:** 2 p.m. graveside service, Hillcrest Cemetery, La Grande.  
**Dec. 18 — JUNE**

**MILLER:** 10 a.m. memorial service, Damascus Road Church, La Grande.  
**Dec. 19 — MARY REEDER:** 1 p.m. celebration of life, La Grande Nazarene Church.  
**Jan. 15, 2022 — JIM LUNDY:** 2 p.m. memorial service, Gilbert Center, Eastern Oregon University, La Grande.  
 — calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel

**Donald "Don" Oliver Woodward**

September 20, 1931 - November 30, 2021

Donald "Don" Oliver Woodward, 90, of La Grande, passed away November 30, 2021 at Grande Ronde Hospital. At Don's request, no funeral service will be held.  
 Don was born on September 20, 1931, at his family home in Malheur County, Oregon. He graduated from Payette High School and served in the US Army for two years during the Korean war. He often shared the story of being in the next unit to go to the front line when a cease fire notice was received stating that the war would end at ten o'clock p.m. He said that at exactly ten o'clock, all was quiet and the war was over.



During the time he was in the military, Don's family relocated to Wallowa. He joined them there and this is where he met his wife of 62 years, Mary Ann Murphy. They wed on December 24, 1958 and had two daughters. He partnered with his father and brother, Dick, in dairy and ranching and with his brother, Wes, in timber property. He eventually got out of the dairy and ranching and worked as an auto mechanic, a bookkeeper for an insurance company, and was most proud of his time serving as Wallowa County Treasurer.  
 Throughout his lifetime of occupations, he spent most of his weekends thinning, spraying and making improvements to the timber property which came to be known as the Woodward Family Tree Farm. These work weekends always included his wife and grandchildren eager to go along. Don, brother Wes, and father Earl, were honored as Wallowa County's Tree Farmers of the Year in 1983.  
 Having been led to the Lord by his brother Wes, Don was a faith filled man with a heart of gold. He was unendingly proud of his family and loved and supported them beyond measure. The last few years he most enjoyed family visits and coffee time with his wife by his side.  
 Don is survived by his wife, Mary Ann of La Grande, OR; daughters, Marcia (Blake) McCrae of La Grande, OR, Cynthia (Ken) Chrusoskie of La Grande, OR; Brother Wes (Jo) Woodward of Wallowa, OR; sister Shirley (Jay) Potter of Richland, WA; grandchildren Michelle, Sarah, Jessi, Stephanie, Jennifer, Adrienne, and Jessica, Jasmine, Daniel and Alejandro; 10 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. All of these he loved and deeply touched.  
 He was preceded in death by his parents Earl and Beulah Woodward; brother, Dick Woodward and niece, Lori Potter.  
 Memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choice in Don's name.  
 Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com](http://www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com).