

## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

### MONDAY, DEC. 20

7:09 a.m. — A caller reported the theft of a vehicle on the 200 block of North Sixth Street, Elgin. A Union County sheriff's deputy took a report.

7:55 a.m. — A resident on the 62400 block of Fruitdale Lane, La Grande, reported a runaway. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded and took a report.

10:58 a.m. — A caller reported a dog bit a person on the 1800 block of G Avenue, La Grande. An animal enforcement officer made contact and took a report.

12:03 p.m. — La Grande police responded to Safeway, 2111 Adams Ave., on a report of a suspicious person. Officers counseled the subject.

12:28 p.m. — A La Grande police officer saw people on railroad tracks and warned them for trespassing.

2:23 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the Saddlebrook Estates Apartments, 303 S. 18th St., on a report of a suspicious person. An officer counseled the subject.

4:14 p.m. — La Grande received a report of fraud from a city resident. An officer made and explained options.

11:33 p.m. — A caller on the 100 block of South 20th Street, La Grande, reported two runaways. An officer responded and took a report.

### TUESDAY, DEC. 21

8:42 a.m. — La Grande police and medics responded to a vehicle accident on Cove Avenue.

2:57 p.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy responded to a residence at Blue Springs Crossing, 10801 S. Walton Road, Island City, on a report of a disturbance and contacted mental health providers.

5:33 p.m. — La Grande police responded to Bi-Mart, 2510 Adams Ave., on a report of a disturbance and warned a person for disorderly conduct.

6:23 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 2400 block of Cove Avenue on a report of gunshots. Police determined the sounds were fireworks.

6:58 p.m. — A La Grande police officer saw a dog on the loose in the road on the 2900 block of Spruce Street. The officer tried to catch the dog but was unsuccessful.

7:24 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of a person yelling for help on the 1400 block of North Hall Street. An officer responded and found it was meant as a joke.

8:22 p.m. — La Grande police responded to a domestic disturbance at the Cimmaron Manor Apartments, 1904 H. Ave, and arrested one resident, Jejo Haes, 24, for domestic violence charges of fourth-degree assault and strangulation.

10:33 p.m. — A caller reported two people were in a shed at Trinity Baptist Church, 2705 Gekeler Lane, La Grande. An officer checked but did not find anyone.



Wallowa Memorial Hospital and Clinics/Contributed Graphic  
Shown is a model of what the new Wallowa Memorial Medical Clinic in Wallowa will look like once it is complete.

## Wallowa is one step closer to having a medical clinic

Wallowa County Chieftain

WALLOWA — Local construction company Wellens General Contractors' bid to complete the remodel of the former Fox Archery location in Wallowa into the new location of the town's Wallowa Memorial Medical Clinic was accepted by the Wallowa County Health Care District Board of Trustees.

The approval, voted on Monday, Dec. 13, was announced Dec. 20.

"The people of Wallowa deserve to have a premier clinic that does not require an hour round-trip trek to garner health care services," Wallowa Memorial Hospital CEO Larry Davy said in a press release. "It is our mission to provide premier care to the residents of Wallowa County. A professional clinic in Wallowa is the next piece in delivering on that mission. We are so thankful for the community's support and the approval of the board."

According to the release from Wallowa Memorial Hospital and Clinics,

the approval of the bid is the next step in getting the roughly \$3 million project going.

"Today was a monumental win for the citizens of the lower valley who have been without a full-service medical clinic for the last decade. We couldn't be more excited to bring consistent, quality care back to the people of Wallowa," said Nancy Crenshaw, a Wallowa resident and Health Care District Board member since 2018.

The new clinic, which is on track to open sometime in 2022, will be a state-of-the-art clinic similar to the one recently built in Joseph. The roughly 5,400-square-foot building will have six exam rooms, a behavioral health room, a community conference room and a physical therapy room. The clinic will be open five days a week.

The purchase of the former Fox Archery location, at 701 W. Highway 82, was completed in July of this year.

## UNION COUNTY SENIOR CENTER LUNCH MENU

**Dine-in meals:** Served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; use front entrance and observe social distancing.

**Takeout meals:** Pick up from noon to 1 p.m. at kitchen's back door.  
**Cost:** Age 60+, \$3 suggested donation; all others, \$6.

**DEC. 27-31**

**Monday:** hot ham sandwich, tomato-basil soup, chips, fresh fruit, cookie.

**Tuesday:** parmesan chicken and vegetables over noodles, salad greens, baked rolls, light dessert.

**Wednesday:** beef curry and vegetables over rice, salad greens, baked bread, fruit, dessert.

**Thursday:** chicken cordon bleu, rice, steamed cauliflower, salad greens, fresh fruit, dessert.

**Friday:** closed for New Year's holiday  
— *The Observer*

## Wanda L. (Schaures) Case

1942-2021  
Cove

Wanda Lois Case, 79, of Cove, died Dec. 14, 2021, at her residence. A service will be held at a later date.

Wanda was born Jan. 12, 1942, in Enterprise, to Jessie Schaures and Ada "Faye" (McCoy) Schaures. She resided in La Grande and Cove; Los Angeles, California; and Idaho Falls, Idaho. She attended Central Elementary School and graduated from La Grande High School. She then attended what is now Eastern Oregon University and Loyola University, in California. She married Dale Case.

Wanda was employed at Hought's, at Birnie's Jewelry, as a lookout for the U.S. Forest Service, and in the Walla Walla and Los Angeles school districts and at Cove High School and Idaho Falls Skyline High School. She enjoyed snow skiing, jewelry making and horseback riding. She was an Eastern Oregon Livestock Show Princess and a member of the National Honor Society.



Case

Wanda received the Teacher of the Year Award, was named in Who's Who Among America's Teachers (2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th editions, 1992-1998) and received a State of Idaho Certificate of Recognition: Serving the People of Idaho.

Survivors include her husband, Dale; step-daughter, Lynne McKittrick of Baker City; brother and sister-in-law, Lynn and Melonie Schaures of Castle Rock, Washington; and aunt and uncle, Hal and Bev McCoy. She was preceded in death by her parents, Jessie and Faye; sisters, Carol Schaures and Sharon Norrie; brother, Lee Schaures; and nephew, Darrell Lynn Skillings.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Eastern Oregon University Alumni Foundation, One University Blvd., La Grande 97850.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.lovelandfuneral-chapel.com](http://www.lovelandfuneral-chapel.com).

## Ronald A. Hayward Jr.

1962-2021  
La Grande

Ronald "Ron" Allen Hayward Jr., 59, of La Grande, died Nov. 18, 2021, at Grande Ronde Hospital. There will be a barbecue

this summer for his family and friends to gather and share stories, memories and just love each other in his memory. The date and time will be announced later. His wish is to have his ashes spread with his father and grandmother in Penn Valley, California.

Also known as Ron, he was born Sept. 12, 1962, in Grass Valley, California, to Ronald Hayward Sr. and Oeida "Fay" (Cartright) Hayward. He attended mechanic school in Arizona, had a degree in landscaping and owned his own business. He also was a volunteer firefighter and EMT in Penn Valley, California, serving alongside his father. He married his bride, Jan, on Feb. 14, 2015.

Ron was employed at Wildhorse Casino and was the lead man for the HVAC department. He loved his job and the people he worked for very much. He liked to ride his Harley Davidson motorcycle, garden, barbecuing, landscaping, and building and fixing things. He always had a project he was working on. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, listening to worship

music and singing at the top of his lungs.

Ron had a big heart that was made of gold. He was always helping someone.

He would give the shirt off his back and his last dollar if you needed it. He loved God and people. He always made sure everyone was taken care of. He will be greatly missed in so many ways.



Hayward

Survivors include his wife, Jan; sons and spouses, Allen Hayward and Kristen of Hermiston, and Shawn Hayward and Jesse of Lebanon; sisters, Roxann Cross and spouse, Tim, of Penn Valley, California, and Belinda of Penn Valley, California; mother, Fay Hayward of Penn Valley, California; five grandchildren; and several nephews, nieces and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ronald Sr., and brother, Robert Hayward.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the La Grande Rural Fire Department, 10200 S. McAlister Road, La Grande 97850, any animal shelter or food bank, or the La Grande Police Department K9 Unit, 1109 K Ave., La Grande 97850.

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## Jan (Salm) Randolph

1949-2021  
La Grande

Jan Randolph, 72, of La Grande, died Dec. 14, 2021, at her home. At her request, there will not be a service.

Jan was born July 11, 1949, in Worcester, Massachusetts, to George Salm and Eleanor (Janzig) Salm.

Jan worked as a home health care provider until she retired early to care for her husband, Michael Randolph, before his death.

Jan enjoyed crocheting, coloring, sewing and cooking. She was the best mom and grandma in the world and was a loving sister and friend to all. The world lost a beautiful soul when she passed. However, her spirit carries on in all the lives she touched. She firmly believed that family was about love and considered all those she loved to

be her family. Survivors include her children, siblings, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Mike Randolph; parents, George and Eleanor Salm; and brother, Ed Salm.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com](http://www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com).



Randolph

## OBITUARIES

## Rick Taylor

1953-2021  
Formerly of La Grande

Ricky "Rick" Taylor, 68, of Baker City and formerly of La Grande, died Dec. 16, 2021.

Named after the charming husband in his mom's favorite TV show, "I Love Lucy," Ricky Lee Taylor was born in 1953 in La Grande. From there, Ricky (who preferred to go by Rick) set out on a life of bringing joy and happiness to everyone.

He obtained his college degree from Southern Oregon University in 1975 and then began a lifelong career with Oregon State Parks. He was a young park ranger in 1978 when he met a girl working at her parents' gas station and grocery store near Lake Billy Chinook, where he was stationed. Convinced he could make her happy, he pursued her with TV-worthy charm, around her overprotective father and through her gauntlet of brothers who attempted to strand him in the woods on multiple hunting trips.

Rick married Kathryn Becker on Jan. 20, 1979. They were constantly by each other's side as Rick was promoted from one position to another within Oregon State Parks. Rick paid it forward, bringing their three boys, Nick, Chris and Pat, to state tournament after state tournament, as Kathy pursued a successful high school volleyball and basketball coaching career. They ultimately settled in Newport for eight years before moving to Baker City in 1994, where their sons attended high school and where Kathy and

Rick retired together in 2006.

Even in retirement, Rick continued his legacy of joy and happiness. Just ask his friends at the Baker City Lions

Club, who will remember him flipping pancakes and jokes with equal measure. Or his colleagues in the corner of the Baker High School gym, where he made friends with so many basket-

ball tournament players, coaches and referees, helped the champions cut down their nets and made sure nobody left town without remembering his friendly face. Or ask his wife, who remained his faithful companion and became his caretaker in the final year or so, and his sons, who are proud to carry on his legacy. Finally, ask his grandkids, who will forever remember him as the "Papa" who made them laugh and feel loved.

Survivors include his wife of 42 years, Kathy; sons, Nick, Chris and Pat, and their wives, Julie, Megan and Katee; mother, Phyllis; sister, Kim; brother, Mark; and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Richard.

In lieu of a service or flowers, his family asks for donations to be made in his honor to the Baker City Lions Club in care of Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City 97814.

To leave an online condolence for the family, visit [www.grays-westco.com](http://www.grays-westco.com).

## DEATH NOTICES

### Lise L. Gott

Union

Lise L. Gott, 61, of Union, died Dec. 21, 2021, at Grande Ronde Hospital. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

### Norman Payne

La Grande

Norman Payne, 97, of La Grande, died Dec. 21, 2021, at his home. Arrangements are by Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, La Grande.

### Roberta Truax

La Grande

Roberta Truax, 90, of La Grande, died Dec. 21, 2021, at her home. Arrangements are by Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, La Grande.

## UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



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

**Dec. 31 — BILLY DOTY:** 10:30 a.m. memorial service, Church

of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Enterprise; graveside service immediately follows at Prairie Creek Cemetery, Joseph.

**Jan. 15, 2022 — JIM LUNDY:** 2 p.m. memorial service, Gilbert Center, Eastern Oregon University, La Grande.

— *calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel*

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