

OBITUARIES

Phyllis I. (Goble) Taylor

1941-2021
La Grande

Phyllis Irene Taylor, 80, of La Grande, died Dec. 14, 2021, at Wildflower Lodge. At her request, there will not be a service.

Phyllis was born Oct. 11, 1941, in Woodland, Washington, to Ernest Goble and Helen Irene (Keith) Goble. She grew up in the logging communities of Western Washington and Oregon and attended junior high and high school in Estacada. For many years she supported her family working in the restaurant industry in Estacada and on the Oregon Coast.

In 1967, Phyllis met Ray

Taylor, cultivating a friendship that eventually came full circle in 1974 when they married. She spent the following years raising a family while working with her husband for a time in his construction company and various jobs in Wallowa County, including at Pete's Pond, Joseph Community Bank and Red's Horse Ranch.

The only thing more important to Phyllis

than raising her family and spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren was

her relationship with her savior Jesus Christ. Even while on hospice, she touched many lives with the love and compassion she had found for herself through Jesus. She served Jesus faithfully until taking her final breath, joining her husband on their 47th wedding anniversary.



Taylor

Survivors include her children and their spouses, Kathleen and Randy Underhill, Tony and Shawn Taylor and Melissa and Guillermo Rios; sister, Priscilla Reeves; eight grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ernest Goble and Helen Irene Dixon; husband, Ray Taylor; and one granddaughter and one great-granddaughter.

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

Robert R. Ahlbrandt

1949-2021
Elgin

Robert Russell Ahlbrandt, 72, of Elgin, died Dec. 19, 2021, at Grande Ronde Hospital.

Robert was born Sept. 28, 1949, in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, to Edwin Ahlbrandt and Irene (Steedale) Ahlbrandt. He lived in Drums, Pennsylvania, and in Elgin.

Robert was a sergeant in the U.S. Air Force from 1968 to 1972. He enjoyed spending time in the mountains with friends and family.

Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law, Amanda and Keith Kennedy of Wilsonville; siblings, Dawn, Charmain, Yvonne and Ronnie; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edwin and Irene Ahlbrandt; sister, Violet Licari; and brother, Dave Ahlbrandt.

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



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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

FRIDAY, DEC. 24

5:33 a.m. — La Grande police received multiple calls of a person suffering mental illness at a home at Sundowner Mobile Park, 1806 26th St. Police responded and cited a 63-year-old man on a Washington County warrant for failure to appeal in an assault case.

8:51 a.m. — Union County sheriff's deputies saw a door open in the area of 70200 Summerville Road, Summerville. Deputies checked the site and arrested Nickole Luan Thamert, 47, Jon Morgan Weathers, 51, and Emily Ann Wilson, 38, for first-degree burglary.

4:45 p.m. — A caller on the 67200 block of Miller Lane, Union, reported a dog bit someone. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded and took a report.

4:46 p.m. — A caller on the 10500 block of East Keltz Lane, Island City, reported a dog bit someone. An officer responded and took a report.

6:40 p.m. — A vehicle stopped on the railroad tracks at Walnut Street and Harrison Avenue, La Grande. An officer responded and the vehicle was removed.

7:50 p.m. — La Grande police received reports of disabled vehicles on Modelaire and Sunset drives. An officer responded and the city sent a sander to the area.

9 p.m. — A caller reported fireworks on the 1400 block of Birch Street, Elgin.

SATURDAY, DEC. 25

4:34 a.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about noise at a residence at Sundowner Mobile Park, 1806 26th St. An officer responded and told the subjects to keep down the noise.

5:41 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the La Grande Chevron Foodmart, 1519 Adams Ave., on a report of a person yelling. The officer counseled the person.

10:13 a.m. — A caller on the 1000 block of Division Street, Elgin, reported a civil disturbance regarding child custody. A Union County sheriff's deputy made contact and explained options.

2:35 p.m. — A caller reported a burglary at a residence on the

2600 block of Bearco Loop, La Grande. An officer responded and took a report.

3:18 p.m. — A caller reported an assault on the 2200 block of Adams Avenue, La Grande. Officers responded and took a report.

5:06 p.m. — A caller reported gunshots in the area of 62900 block of Buchanan Lane, La Grande.

6:24 p.m. — A caller reported gunshots on the 2600 block of Bearco Loop, La Grande.

9:35 p.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about drugs at Grande Woods Apartments, 2005 Gekeler Lane. An officer responded and took the drugs for disposal.

SUNDAY, DEC. 26

12:18 a.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy responded to the 800 block of North Second Street, Union, on a report of a disturbance. The deputy separated the parties and gave one person a ride.

11:38 a.m. — La Grande police responded to Third Street and B Avenue on a traffic complaint and counseled two people for being careless.

12:14 p.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy responded to a disturbance on the 900 block of Second Street, North Powder. The deputy counseled the parties involved.

5:54 p.m. — A La Grande officer at Grande Ronde Hospital, 900 Sunset Drive, took a person suffering mental illness back to their residence.

6:18 p.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy returned to the address on the 900 block of Second Street, North Powder, for a disturbance and explained options.

6:46 p.m. — Police responded to the La Grande Eat & Run, 2310 Island Ave., La Grande, on a complaint about a domestic disturbance. Police took a report.

7:17 p.m. — La Grande police took a report for a careless driver on the 2400 block of R Avenue.

10:08 p.m. — A caller reported someone in a vehicle was looking in mailboxes on the 800 block of Lake Avenue, La Grande.

DEATH & SERVICE NOTICES

Audrey B. Bean
Formerly of La Grande

Audrey B. Bean, 87, of Meridian, Idaho, and formerly of La Grande, died Dec. 22, 2021, at St. Luke's Medical Center, Boise. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Michelle L. Crepeau
Union

Michelle L. Crepeau, 48, of Union, died Dec. 19, 2021, at her residence. A viewing will be held Jan. 5, 2022, from 5-7 p.m. at Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande. A funeral begins at 2 p.m. Jan. 6, also at Loveland Funeral Chapel.

Billy D. Doty
Formerly of Joseph

Billy Darrell Doty, 86, formerly of Joseph, died Dec. 13, 2021, in Beaverton. The previously announced services have been changed: There will be a viewing Dec. 31 at 10 a.m. at Bollman Funeral Home, Enterprise, followed by burial at the Prairie Creek Cemetery, Joseph.

Stanley Ludviksen
La Grande

Stanley Ludviksen, 90, of La Grande, died Dec. 26, 2021, at his home. 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. A celebration of his life will be held Dec. 29 at 1 p.m. at Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, La Grande. Private interment will be at the Island City Cemetery.

Patricia C. Shepherd
La Grande

Patricia C. Shepherd, 75, of La Grande, died Dec. 24, 2021, at her residence. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Brian R. Spencer
La Grande

Brian R. Spencer, 83, of La Grande, died Dec. 23, 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. 29 — NORMAN PAYNE: 1 p.m. celebration of life, Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, La Grande.

Dec. 31 — BILLY DOTY: 10 a.m. viewing,

Bollman Funeral Home, Enterprise; burial follows at Prairie Creek Cemetery, Joseph.

Jan. 5-6, 2022 — MICHELLE CREPEAU: Wednesday, 5-7 p.m. viewing; Thursday, 2 p.m. funeral; both at Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande.

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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Members of the Elgin Lions Club volunteer their time to usher at the December 2021 performances of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" at the Elgin Opera House. Lions, from left in yellow vests, Mark Johnston, Gerald Hopkins and Jan Keil pose with the cast's Scrooges: Henry Sadner (Little Scrooge), Kevin Cahill (Scrooge) and Sam Shown (Young Scrooge).

Not a 'Scrooge' Christmas for the Elgin Lions Club

The Observer

ELGIN — It was anything but a "Scrooge" Christmas for the Elgin Lions, according to a press release. Members of the club ushered at the Elgin Opera House during December, took a deserving family Christmas shopping, purchased 25 turkeys for Christmas food boxes, gave out additional prizes at the club's weekly bingo night including a Christmas ham, and purchased glasses

for an individual in need. Members also generously gave items they made at home and purchased items through an auction that raised more than \$1,700 for the club's support of the community.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Community Band Northeast to resume rehearsals in January

LA GRANDE — Community Band Northeast will resume rehearsals on Monday, Jan. 3, 2022, in Groth Recital Hall, in Loso Hall at EOU in La Grande. The group's first concert will be March 14. Musicians of all ages and abilities are welcome to share the pleasure of playing together in an ensemble, improving their musical skills and bringing musical entertainment to the community. Rehearsals run from 7-9 p.m. Per EOU's policy, all members will be required to present proof of being fully vaccinated.

BlueMountaineers plan New Year's Eve party

LA GRANDE — The

BlueMountaineers will play live on New Year's Eve, Friday, Dec. 31, from 6-9 p.m. at the Union County Senior Center, 1504 N. Albany St., La Grande. The evening will include a finger-food potluck and door prizes. Admission is \$5, or free for ages 12 and younger.

Community Center plans year-end funding drive

UNION — The Catherine Creek Community Center will be closed Dec. 20-30 and then reopen on Friday, Dec. 31, for a year-end funding drive. The community is invited to come by between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. for a tour and free hot chocolate. To learn more about the center and the ways it serves the community, visit www.catherinecreek-communitycenter.com.

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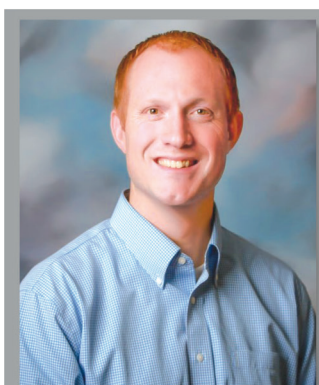
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