

**PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT**

**THURSDAY, DEC. 30**

9:20 a.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy assisted a driver with a disabled vehicle at Highway 82 and Pierce Road, La Grande.  
 11:55 a.m. — A Union resident reported fraud. A Union County sheriff's deputy made contact and took information.  
 2:36 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1300 block of O Avenue on a report of a disturbance over careless driving. An officer separated the parties.  
 4:22 p.m. — A caller complained about careless driving at Ramo Flat Apartments, 1091 S. Main St., Union. A Union County sheriff's deputy made contact, but the vehicles had left the area.  
 9:04 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 2100 block of Maple Street on a report of a domestic disturbance. An officer separated the parties.  
 9:08 p.m. — Local law enforcement responded to a domestic disturbance on the 1400 block of Cherry Street, La Grande, and separated the parties.

**FRIDAY, DEC. 31**

8:54 a.m. — La Grande police responded to a residence on the 500 block of Adams Avenue for a domestic disturbance. An officer separated the parties.  
 3:24 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of a theft at the Royal Motor Inn, 1510 Adams Ave. An officer made contact and took a report.  
 4:40 p.m. — A caller reported animal abuse on

the 800 block of North Cove Street, Union.  
 5:24 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of a burglary on the 500 block of Second Street. An officer made contact and took a report.  
 6:36 p.m. — La Grande police and medics responded to Starbucks Coffee Co., 2712 Island Ave., for an accident with an injury. Police took a report.  
 7:54 p.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about something suspicious on the 3000 block of Birch Street. An officer determined it was a firework.  
 8:00 p.m. — La Grande police cleared traffic hazards at the intersections of Island Avenue and Albany Street and Mulholland Drive.  
 11:09 p.m. — A La Grande officer at Bi-Mart, 2510 Adams Ave., warned a driver for being careless.

**SATURDAY, JAN. 1**

11:22 a.m. — La Grande police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at Cove Avenue and 21st Street and separated the parties.  
 11:33 a.m. — Police and an ambulance responded to The Annex apartment complex, 105 Fir St., on a report of an assault. Police took a report.  
 2:13 p.m. — La Grande police responded to a vehicle crash on the 2000 block of Fourth Street. Police arrested Rudy Lakmis, 29, of La Grande, for DUII.  
 5:37 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 700 block of K Avenue on a report of a traffic accident. Police arrested Herbert Hairness Jr.,

32, for DUII.  
 8:43 p.m. — A caller reported the theft of a vehicle from the 2900 block of Third Street, La Grande. An officer made contact and took information.  
**SUNDAY, JAN. 2**  
 6:48 a.m. — A caller reported disabled vehicles at Mulholland Drive and 26th Street, La Grande. Local law enforcement received many reports of stuck or disabled vehicles throughout the day.  
 8:32 a.m. — La Grande police removed a hazard from the road at Cove Avenue and Willow Street.  
 10:36 a.m. — La Grande police responded to Fourth Street and Spring Avenue for a vehicle crash. Police took a report.  
 4:11 p.m. — A caller reported a stop sign was down at Fourth Street and N Avenue,

La Grande.  
 5:42 p.m. — A caller reported a power line was down at U Avenue and Maple Street, La Grande. An officer responded and notified Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative.  
 6:17 p.m. — A caller reported a trespasser on the 500 block of Patton Street, Summerville. A Union County sheriff's deputy was not able to respond due to the weather but made contact and explained options and will follow up.  
 10:46 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of a disturbance at a residence on the 1200 block of Adams Avenue. This turned out to be a noise complaint.  
 11:15 p.m. — La Grande police responded to a report of a disturbance on the 400 block of Harrison Avenue and separated the parties.

**COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD**

**Free health and wellness classes begin Jan. 7**

LA GRANDE — Grande Ronde Chiropractic Clinic, 2106 Island Ave., La Grande, is offering health and wellness classes beginning Friday, Jan. 7. The free classes will be held the first and third Friday of each month, led by licensed nutritionist Gary Oswald. Space is limited. To sign up, call 541-963-0339. For more information, go to [www.grande-rondechiro.com](http://www.grande-rondechiro.com).

**Community Band Northeast postpones rehearsals**

LA GRANDE — Community Band Northeast will not begin rehearsals in January as previously announced. The band was to resume rehearsals Jan. 3 but has postponed gathering until at least March due to concerns about the omicron variant and public health and safety. Look for updates or more information at [www.artcentereast.org](http://www.artcentereast.org). — *The Observer*

**Teresa (Terri) Elaine Hocker**  
 February 10, 1951 - December 13, 2021

Teresa (Terri) Elaine Hocker, 70, of La Grande, passed away on Monday, December 13, 2021. A funeral service will begin Friday, January 7, at 2:30 p.m. at Wallowa Christian Church in Wallowa. Burial will be at Wallowa Cemetery. A reception will follow at the same location as the funeral.



Terri was born February 10, 1951, in Enterprise, Oregon, to Macel Mae (Moys) Fisher and Leon Norman (Bill) Fisher. Terri attended school in Wallowa, graduating in 1969. She also attended college at Eastern Oregon University in La Grande, Oregon.  
 Terri married Gayle Hocker on Sept. 4, 1970. They were married for 51 years until Terri passed.  
 Terri spent her life as a businesswoman, showing her two daughters a strong work ethic until she was forced to retire due to medical rea-

sons. Her priority was family, celebrating every occasion possible with all. She loved spending time with her husband, children, grandchildren and great-granddaughter. She enjoyed fishing, riding four-wheelers, mushrooming, practice shooting, listening to music and going to Wildhorse Casino with family members.  
 Terri was survived by her husband, Gayle Hocker; daughters, Danyelle (Josh) Glendenning and Kari (Cody) Ford; sister, Patty Atkinson; brother, Charles (Mardell) Fisher; grandchildren, Denise (Kylar) Schilz, Brennan Hale, Nolan Hale and Grayson Glendenning; great-granddaughter, Reese Schilz; and numerous nieces and nephews.  
 She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Larae Hocker; and brother, Michael Fisher.

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**DEATH NOTICES**

**Mamie M. McCrae**

**La Grande**  
 Mamie M. McCrae, 86, of La Grande, died Jan. 2, 2022, at her residence. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

**Doris Tsiatsos**

**Starkey**  
 Doris Tsiatsos, 90, of Starkey, died Jan. 1, 2022, at a local care facility. Arrangements are by Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, La Grande.

**Betty O. Trump**

**Elgin**  
 Betty O. Trump, 98, of Elgin, died Dec. 31, 2021, at a local care facility. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

**Armia 'Jean' Shawver**

**La Grande**  
 Armia "Jean" Shawver, 92, of La Grande, died Dec. 30, 2021, at a local care facility. Arrangements are by Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, La Grande.

**Kenneth R. Gilson**

**Formerly of La Grande**  
 Kenneth R. Gilson, 78, formerly of La Grande, died Nov. 2, 2021, in Portland. Condolences to the family may be sent in care of Carol Box, P.O. Box 621, Union 97883.

**Marilynn 'Joann' Nelson**

**La Grande**  
 Marilynn "Joann" Nelson, 91, of La Grande, died Oct. 25, 2021, at her home. A funeral service will be held sometime in the spring. Arrangements are by Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, La Grande.

**Brian Rodney Spencer**  
 September 19, 1938 - December 23, 2021

Brian Rodney Spencer, 83, of La Grande, passed away on December 23, 2021. A Rosary with a Funeral Mass immediately following at 1 pm on January 6th, 2021, at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church in La Grande, Oregon. Burial will be on Friday January 7th at 1 pm at the Burns Cemetery in Burns, Oregon.



Brian was born September 19, 1938, to Warren and Thelma Spencer in Baker City, Oregon, and was the oldest of seven children. He married Catherine Diane O'Toole Spencer September 2, 1989, and they were married for 32 years.

Brian attended St. Francis Academy in Baker City, Oregon; Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington; and Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he received his Doctorate of Dentistry. After graduating from Marquette, he enlisted in the Navy and became a proud member of the Sea Bees and served in Vietnam. At the conclusion of his service in the Navy he moved to La Grande, Oregon, and established a dental practice that he operated until his retirement in 2012.

Brian was an active member of the Catholic Church and a strong supporter of his community belonging to many community organizations and he especially enjoyed supporting area youth at the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show. He was an avid

outdoorsman and hunter, taking joy in the many hunting trips with his son Brian. Spending time experiencing the natural beauty of the surrounding area was something that gave him both peace and joy. He was a generous and kind man, always willing to help with most any project or to those needing a helping hand. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, and lifelong friend to many and enjoyed spending time with his family and friends truly looking forward to any opportunity to spend time with those he loved, creating much laughter as the prankster of the party. In retirement, he turned his talents to jewelry making, creating beautiful one-of-a-kind pieces for family and friends.

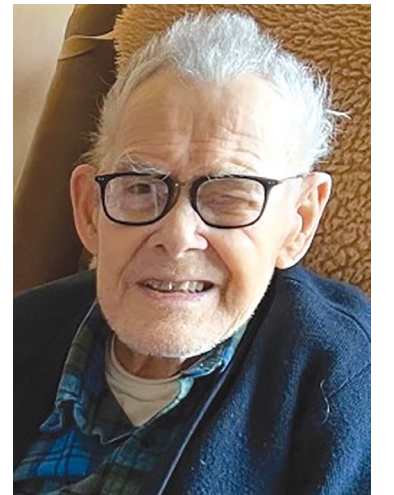
Brian is survived by his wife Catherine (Katy); six children, Brian (WA), Kathleen, Molly and Bridget (OR), Laura and Michelle (ID); his sisters Suzy, Cheryl, Jan, Celeste, and Kim; 8 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents and his brother Gregory.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that remembrances be made in the form of a donation to Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, 1002 L Avenue, La Grande, OR, 97850 and The Eastern Oregon Livestock Foundation, PO Box 3230, La Grande, OR, 97850.

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

**Stanley Brein Ludviksen**  
 August 31, 1931 - December 26, 2021

Stanley Brein Ludviksen was earthly born on August 31, 1931 to John and Helen Ludviksen in Silverton, Oregon. He was born to eternal life on December 26, 2021 in La Grande, OR.



Stanley received his elementary education 1st - 7th grade in Silverton, Oregon. His family moved to Portland in 1945. He finished his elementary education at Ockley Green School in Portland and graduated from Jefferson High School in 1950. He attended Augsburg College in Minneapolis, MN and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work in 1956.

Stanley went on to work for the state of Oregon in 1957. His first job was with Baker City as a social worker for Baker County Public Welfare. He later moved back to the Portland area and went to work for Clackamas County Welfare in Oregon City. In September of 1966, he moved to Lakeview, OR where he worked as an administrator for Lake County Public Welfare. In March of 1967, he moved to La Grande as administrator for Union County Public Welfare and Children Services. He then went to work for Public Employee Retirement Services as a counselor and later retired from P.E.R.S. in July of 1992.

Stanley married Gaila Joy Ehni on March 17, 1962 at Central Lutheran Church in Port-

land, OR.  
 Stanley is survived by his wife, Gaila (Gai) Ludviksen of La Grande, OR; sons, Kevin (Sherry) Ludviksen of Upper Perry, OR, and Peter (Sara) Ludviksen of Tustin, MI; daughter, Rachel Head of Sutherlin, OR; granddaughters, Kaela Ludviksen of La Grande, OR, Haley and Hannah Ludviksen of Grand Rapids, MI, Sharman Sams of La Grande, OR, Lorrie Duncan of Reedsport, OR, and Lacie Head of La Grande, OR; great-granddaughters, Mykinzy Ludviksen of Sutherlin, OR and Emerson Gregerson of La Grande, OR; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Helen; siblings, Lester, Harlow, Allen, Bernice, Lorraine, and Joyce; and nephew, Allen Ludviksen.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to a charity of choice.

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

**UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES**



*Please follow guidelines regarding face coverings and social distancing at all gatherings.*  
**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. 6-7, 2022 — BRIAN SPENCER:** Thursday, 1 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial, Our

Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, La Grande; Friday, 1 p.m. graveside service, Burns Cemetery.  
**Jan. 7, 2022 — TERRI HOCKER:** 2:30 p.m. funeral, Wallowa Christian Church; burial follows at the Wallowa Cemetery, then a reception at the church.  
**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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