

DEATH NOTICES

Joyce A. Campbell

Summerville

Joyce A. Campbell, 78, Summerville, died Jan. 12, 2022, at her home. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Leroy A. Fonceca

La Grande

Leroy A. Fonceca, 80, of La Grande, died Jan. 11, 2022, at Grande Ronde Hospital. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Lynn K. Johnson

La Grande

Lynn K. Johnson, 76, of La Grande, died Jan. 12, 2022, at Grande Ronde Hospital. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Michael Perren

Enterprise

Michael Perren, 69, of Enterprise, died Jan. 11, 2022, at Wallowa Memorial Hospital. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

William E. Rachau

La Grande

William Edward Rachau, 90, of La Grande, died Jan. 10, 2022, at Grande Ronde Hospital. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Sherry J. Schoenwald

Elgin

Sherry J. Schoenwald, 79, of Elgin, died Jan. 10, 2022, at her residence. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Meet the chamber's new executive director Jan. 18

The Observer

LA GRANDE — The Union County Chamber of Commerce is hosting an informal meet-and-greet on Tuesday, Jan. 18, with the chamber's new team, including the newly hired executive director, Scott Newman.

Local business owners and community members are invited to stop by the chamber's office, 207 Depot St., La Grande, from 10-11 a.m. to meet the new director.

The new executive director was chosen by a search committee made up of representatives from the city of La Grande, Union County Board of Commissioners, Union County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and chamber staff.

"It was a very difficult search and decision-making process," said Caleb Sampson, incoming 2022 chairperson of the chamber's board of directors, in a press release. "This is a complex position leading a complex organization, so

finding a candidate with the right composition of experience, background, and even personality was crucial."

Newman, of Madison, Wisconsin, and his family are relocating to the area, after falling in love with its charm and many wonderful outdoor recreation and cultural assets. According to the release, Newman has a background in business operations, marketing and relations, in addition to having unique experience and background in fundraising and event planning and management. He also has "strong ties to Eastern Oregon University."

Newman, who will officially begin and take his position with the chamber on Jan. 18, first visited La Grande and Union County more than three years ago.

"I've already been learning so much about the history and background of the chamber and its current projects and programs," he said in the press release, "and can't wait to dive in and really start making an impact."

Barbara Lorraine Price Smith

April 21, 1933 - December 28, 2021

Barbara Price Smith passed away on December 28, 2021 peacefully in her apartment in La Grande, Oregon. She was born in Glendale, California, on April 21, 1933 to parents Harold Price and Margaret Alice Batchelor Price. Barbara



lived in West Los Angeles, the San Fernando Valley, and Santa Ana in California; Albuquerque, New Mexico; and then Richland, Washington until March 2020 when she moved to La Grande, Oregon, to be near one of her daughters. She married Hayden Phipps Smith on March 17, 1951 in Yuma, Arizona.

She was a wonderful mother raising and caring for four children. She also bred goats for many years in Albuquerque and West Richland. Because of that hobby, some of her grandchildren called her Grandma Goat. She was also an avid quilter, producing many amazing quilts, many of which she donated to charities. She kept busy sewing almost to the end. Along with her husband, Hayden,

Barbara delivered meals to the elderly for the Mid-Columbia Meals on Wheels for over 14 years. They also worked and served meals at the Tri-City Union Gospel Mission for many years. She was an active member of Richland Church of Christ. One of her passions was travel. Barbara and Hayden spent their retirement traveling the world and many parts of the United States. They especially enjoyed their time on sailboats in the Caribbean.

She is survived by three of her four children; Craig Smith (Denise) of Salt Lake City, Utah, Scott Smith (Lisa) of Talkeetna, Alaska, and Teresa Smith-Dixon (Craig) of La Grande, Oregon. Her daughter, Linda Smith, preceded her in death. She is also survived by 14 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and her younger brother Larry Price of California.

A memorial service will be held January 15, 2022 at 1:00 pm at the Richland Church of Christ.

Doris J. Tsiatsos

May 30, 1931 - January 1, 2022

Doris J. Tsiatsos, beloved wife of Greg, of Starkey, died January 1, 2022, at a local care facility. She was 90 years of age. A memorial gathering will be announced in the spring to celebrate her life. Arrangements are entrusted to Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center.



She was born, Doris Jean Gray on May 30, 1931 in Wallowa, to Lloyd and Eunice (Scott) Gray. At the age of 7, her father bought her a violin and lessons to play it, to entice her to want to join the rest of the family in moving to La Grande. It was the beginning of a lifelong love of music. Doris was raised and educated in La Grande, first at Greenwood School and later graduated from La Grande High School with the class of 1949. After her graduation, she married Greg Tsiatsos at her parents' home in La Grande. She was not accustomed to the many and varied household duties of a housewife and ranch wife but she embraced the adventure and became a

very proficient cook and homemaker and even helped Greg with the livestock. She was an accomplished seamstress and made her family's clothes. Doris was very active in the Grande Ronde Symphony for most of her life and was the concert master for many years and donated her valued violin to the symphony.

Surviving family members include her husband of 72 years, Greg Tsiatsos of Starkey; daughter, Sharon Crampton of Starkey; brother and sister-in-law, Don and Brenda Gray of Vancouver, Washington; grandchildren, Rhonda Ross, Jason Crampton, and twins, Christopher Tsiatsos and Deena Haun; a great-grandson, Caden Ross, to whom she gave her Cadillac for Christmas. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Deena Hale; her son, Grant Tsiatsos and her sister, Barbara Gray.

Friends who wish may make contributions in memory of Doris Tsiatsos to her beloved, Grande Ronde Symphony.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

MONDAY, JAN. 10

8:18 a.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office responded to a residence on the 600 block of Second Street, Cove, for a domestic disturbance and arrested Glen Eymard Thibodeau, 34, for a restraining order violation.

9:20 a.m. — A caller reported an injured dog on the 200 block of West Grande Street, Union. An animal enforcement officer took the dog to the vet.

10:53 a.m. — A caller reported criminal mischief on the 2500 block of Third Street, La Grande. Police made contact and will provide an extra patrol.

12:38 p.m. — La Grande police received a complaint of criminal mischief on the 2200 block of Pine Street. An officer responded and took a report.

2:08 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a complaint about indecent exposure on the 200 block of East Beakman Street, Union.

6:17 p.m. — A caller reported something suspicious at Walmart, 11619 Island Ave., Island City. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded and the situation appeared to be OK.

TUESDAY, JAN. 11

2:25 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1500 block of Adams Avenue on a report of a disturbance. The parties separated.

9:29 a.m. — La Grande police received a complaint of criminal mischief on the 2700 block of Bearco Loop. An officer responded and will follow up.

9:31 a.m. — La Grande police responded to a residence on the 2300 block of Q Avenue on a report of an assault. An officer made contact with the subject and will follow up.

10:11 a.m. — La Grande police responded to a residence on the 1800 block of 26th Street on a report of an assault. Officers counseled the parties.

2:04 p.m. — A suspicious person came to the lobby of the local law enforcement office, 1109 K Ave., La Grande. A city police officer and Union County sheriff's deputy responded and ended up serving the person with a restraining order.

10:37 p.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy removed debris from the road at milepost 4 on Highway 203, La Grande.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

MEETINGS

• UNION — The Union Rural Fire Protection District Board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, at the fire hall. For more information, call 541-910-3114 or email union.rfpd@outlook.com.

• UNION — The VFW High Valley Post 4060, of Union, meets at 7 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of the month. The next meeting is slated for Thursday, Jan. 20, at the VFW Hall, 518 Main St.

BRIEFS

Virtual Brown Bag features geologist and photographer Ellen Morris Bishop

JOSEPH — The Josephy Center's next Brown Bag session begins at noon on Tuesday, Jan. 18, featuring local geologist and photographer Ellen Morris Bishop.

She is one of many artists exhibiting in "Nature In the Abstract," the current show at the Josephy Center for Arts and Culture. Bishop's Brown Bag presentation will focus on the "landscape's story and mysteries."

The lecture series continues to be conducted virtually via Zoom. To join the free event, go to [www.josephy.org](http://www.josephy.org) or email [rich.wandschneider@gmail.com](mailto:rich.wandschneider@gmail.com) to get a link.



Josephy Center/Contributed Photo

The photographs of geologist Ellen Morris Bishop reveal a "landscape's story and mysteries." Bishop will talk about her work via Zoom on Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2021, as part of the Josephy Center's Brown Bag discussion series.

Community meal served Jan. 14 in Union

UNION — Community meals are served once a month from noon to

1 p.m. at the Catherine Creek Community Center, 667 N. Main St., Union. The next gathering is planned for Friday, Jan. 14. Cost is \$3.50 and all are welcome. Delivery is available. Call 541-562-2038 for more information.

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UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



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

Jan. 14 — WANDA LOWE: 2 p.m. graveside service, Grandview Cemetery, La Grande.

Jan. 15 — AUDREY BEAN: 9 a.m. viewing, 10 a.m. funeral; Island City Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Jan. 15 — MAMIE McCRAE: 11 a.m. funeral, Bollman Funeral Chapel, Enterprise.

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

Jan. 22 — WAYNE WOLFE: 1 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial, St. Katherine Catholic Church, Enterprise; vault interment follows at Wallowa Cemetery.

— calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel

Audrey Bell Bean

May 11, 1934 - December 22, 2021

Audrey Bell Bean, formerly of La Grande, Oregon, passed away on December 22, 2021. Her service will be held on Saturday, January 15 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at 11206 McAlister Road, Island City, Oregon.



Audrey was born on May 11, 1934 in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Philip William Bell and Erma Doris (Perry) Bell. She resided in Salt Lake City, Utah; Ontario, Oregon; La Grande, Oregon; and Meridian, Idaho.

Audrey enjoyed the outdoors and playing sports such as golf, tennis, softball, and volleyball. She loved to travel and visited many places including the Grand Canyon, Mount Rushmore, the New England States, Florida, Hawaii, Mexico, Canada, and Europe. Audrey had an adventurous spirit. In her twenties, she learned to pilot a plane. Even in her eighties she was up for new things, like riding a zip-line or going for a 4-wheeler ride.

Audrey wasn't afraid of hard work. Her first job, as a child, was delivering newspapers for the La Grande Observer. Later she worked as a bookkeeper for the Ore-Ida Potato Company in Ontario. For many years, Audrey drove a school bus for the La Grande School District. Her last few years of driving were her favorite. She changed from the full size bus to the smaller special education bus. She often told stories about the sweet children she had the opportunity to be with each day.

Audrey had many interests. She and her sister, Marita Cuthbert, purchased the Hobby Habit in La Grande where they sold many of her favorite hobby items. Audrey also loved to restore things

from campers to cars. She and David would purchase a used RV and remodel it to meet their travel needs. Her most recent project was the complete restoration of a 1927 Whippet.

Audrey was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. She served an eighteen month mission for her church to England and Ireland. She also served faithfully in ward and stake callings; as a temple worker at the Boise, Idaho, Temple; and as a CES Missionary to the singles ward with her husband.

More important to Audrey, than all the things she did, was her family. She never missed an opportunity to spend time with family, whether it was traveling to visit children and grandchildren or spending time at the family cabin. She loved her family and being with them. In her final years she moved to Meridian, Idaho, to be closer to family.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, David Storey Bean; as well as her parents; brothers, Richard, Wayne and Fred Bell; and her sister Marita Cuthbert. She is survived by her three children and their spouses; Jeff Bean (and Tyna, of Bentonville, Arkansas), Jeanette Bean Ockerman (and Curtis, of Meridian, Idaho), and Jim Bean (and Debbi, of Tigard, Oregon). She is also survived by fifteen grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family. She will be greatly missed.

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