

## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

### MONDAY, JAN. 17

10:07 a.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy responded to the 700 block of Hartford Street, Elgin, on a report of a domestic disturbance and separated the parties.

2:01 p.m. — A Union resident on the 400 block of South Dewey Street reported harassment. A Union County sheriff's deputy made contact and took information.

2:03 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1900 block of H Avenue on a complaint about a trespasser. Police counseled one male at the scene.

3:29 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 700 block of Adams Avenue on a report of a domestic disturbance. Officers separated the parties.

6:18 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 100 block of Jackson Avenue on a report of a domestic disturbance. Officers determined this was verbal only and separated the parties. Then police received a second report of a disturbance

and arrested a 46-year-old man on a failure to appear warrant in a contempt of court case.

8:03 p.m. — A caller reported gunshots in the 2100 block of Adams Avenue, La Grande. An officer responded and found the sounds were probably fireworks.

### TUESDAY, JAN. 18

11:52 a.m. — A resident on the 200 block of Oak Street, La Grande, asked to speak to an officer about harassment. An officer responded and explained options.

3:12 p.m. — La Grande police received information about a possible assault at La Grande Middle School, 1108 Fourth St. The school resource officer attempted contact and will follow up.

3:52 p.m. — A caller reported a dog bit someone at Riverside Park, La Grande. An animal enforcement officer responded and took information. The bite did not break the skin.

4:20 p.m. — A La Grande resident reported possible credit card fraud. A Union County sheriff's deputy made contact and took a report.

5:09 p.m. — Local law enforcement responded to Cove Avenue and Cherry Street, La Grande, on a report of an assault. The confrontation did not rise to the level of a mandatory arrest and neither party wanted to be a victim.

8:25 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of a vehicle running for two hours at South Grandview Drive and East First Street. A Union County sheriff's deputy checked and found the driver was sleeping and waiting for a ride.

9:30 p.m. — La Grande police responded to report of someone launching fireworks on private property on the 2200 block of Fir Street. Police took a report.

9:30 p.m. — A La Grande resident reported identity theft. An officer made contact and took a report.



The Observer, File

**Buffalo Peak Golf Course donated nearly \$4,500 on Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2022, to the Grande Ronde Hospital Foundation. The funds are the proceeds from the second annual Breast Cancer Awareness Scramble held in October 2021 and will go into the foundation's mammogram fund.**

## Golf event boosts GRH Foundation mammogram fund

The Observer

LA GRANDE — On Wednesday, Jan. 5, the Grande Ronde Hospital Foundation received a donation of \$4,490 from Buffalo Peak Golf Course, a press release from the foundation announced.

The generous funds donated by the golf course are the proceeds from the second annual Breast Cancer Awareness Scramble held in October of last year.

According to the foundation's manager, Patrick Flynn, the donation will go into the foundation's mammogram fund, which covers mammogram screenings for patients who are not insured or would otherwise pay out of pocket for the essential health screening.

"We never want the ability to pay to deter people from getting screened," Flynn said in the release. "There are stories of local people whose lives have been saved because of early detection due to their annual mammogram."

The Grande Ronde Hospital Foundation previously shared the story of

Kim Hulse, whose breast cancer was caught early because of her annual mammogram at Grande Ronde Hospital. She made a full recovery. The full video can be found on the Grande Ronde Hospital YouTube channel.

"It is important to myself and Buffalo Peak to be part of the community, and help the community when and however we can," said Dana Londin, Buffalo Peak General Manager and the course's golf pro.

Buffalo Peak Golf Course also donated to the GRH mammography fund last year. According to the press release, the proceeds from this year's fundraising event far surpassed the inaugural golf scramble.

The Grande Ronde Hospital Foundation has been fundraising for patient care equipment at Grande Ronde Hospital since 1969 and has raised more than \$4.6 million.

For more information about the mammography fund, other fundraising projects or to make a donation, call 541-963-1431 or go to [www.grh.org/foundation](http://www.grh.org/foundation).

## Out and about in winter



Alex Wittwer/The Observer

**A group of young deer make their way across a field near Hunter Road in Summerville on Monday, Jan. 17, 2022.**

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

### Oregon East Symphony winter concert open to family members only

PENDLETON — Attendance at the Oregon East Symphony Youth Orchestra concert on Thursday, Jan. 27, will be limited to family members, OES announced. The announcement was made after the printing of this week's Go! Magazine, which published a story on the Oregon East Symphony and the upcoming concert. The change was made out of concern about the rising number of COVID-19 cases in the region.

Family members are invited to attend the group's winter concert,

which begins at 7 p.m. at the Vert Auditorium, 480 SW Dorian Ave., Pendleton. Masks will be required. The Oregon East Symphony is open to musicians from throughout Eastern Oregon. For more information, visit [www.oregoneastsymphony.org](http://www.oregoneastsymphony.org).

### Blood drives planned in La Grande

LA GRANDE — According to the Red Cross' website, the organization is experiencing the worst national blood shortage in more than a decade. The dangerously low blood supply levels have forced some hospitals to defer patients from major surgery,

including organ transplants. "Your donation is desperately needed," the website states.

Opportunities to give blood will be available next week in La Grande. A community drive will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1802 Gekeler, on Tuesday, Jan. 25, from noon to 6 p.m., and on Wednesday, Jan. 26, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. On Thursday, Jan. 27, there will be a blood drive on the campus of Eastern Oregon University, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information about the current blood crisis and to make an appointment, visit [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).

— *The Observer*

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11 a.m. day prior to publication (Monday/Wednesday/Friday)

## UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



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

**Jan. 21 — THERESA FIELDS:** 2 p.m. celebration of life, Cove Seventh-day Adventist Church.

**Jan. 22 — WAYNE WOLFE:** 1 p.m. Mass of

Christian Burial, St. Katharine Catholic Church, Enterprise; vault interment follows at Wallowa Cemetery.

**Feb. 4 — CECILIA CAMPBELL:** 10 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial, Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, La Grande.

— *calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel*

### Theresa Anne Fields

November 16, 1960 - January 3, 2022

Theresa Anne Fields, 61, of Cove and Union, Oregon, passed away on Monday, Jan. 3, 2022. A celebration of life will be held on Jan. 21, 2022, at 2 p.m. at the Cove Seventh-day Adventist Church, Main Street, Cove, Oregon.

Theresa was born in La Grande, Oregon, on Nov. 16, 1960, to David and Shirley (Alexander) Fields. She attended Cove schools and managed the basketball and volleyball teams, graduating from Cove High School in 1979.

Theresa dedicated much of her time to volunteer work in local schools, her church and the Union Chapter of FFA. She was also a member of the 4H horse club. Theresa enjoyed many hobbies throughout her life, including horseback riding, crochet and needlework as well as socializing with her numerous friends and family.

She leaves behind her mother, Shirley Fields; sister, Lynn Cochran; brother, Steven Fields; as well as her niece, Jennifer, and nephew, Gabe Cochran, of La Grande. She is preceded in death by her father, David Fields, and brother, Bobby Fields.

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



### Rodney Lewis Loennig

April 16, 1955 - December 22, 2021

Rodney Lewis Loennig, loving father, brother, uncle, and friend died Wednesday, December 22, 2021, in Baker City, Ore. He was 66 years old.

Rodney was born April 16, 1955, in Baker, Oregon, to parents Frank Loennig and Marjorie Marie Loennig. After graduating from North Powder High School, he moved to Eugene and obtained an associate's degree in Electronics from Lane Community College while living with his grandfather.

It was while attending North Powder High School that Rodney accompanied a friend to visit his family. The family happened to be the home of Sherry's parents, his friend introduced Rodney to his cousin, Sherry Cairns, at her home in Baker. The two began dating shortly afterwards. Though they were apart for two years he did not let his move to Eugene stand in their way. While Rodney worked to obtain his degree as well as work full time he would make the long drive back to Baker, in his '66 Volkswagen named "Cookie" to see Sherry on the weekends. The month after Sherry graduated Baker High School, they were married July 27, 1975.

The newlyweds moved to Creswell, Oregon, where Rodney honed his skills with electronics before taking on a position at Peace Health Hospital in 1979 where he would fashion a 35-year career. He started humbly enough calibrating blood pressure cuffs and the voltage on electronic equipment. As the hospital grew and acquired more complex machines Rodney earned the opportunity to become a Radiographic Service Technician which saw him flying all over the United States from North Carolina to New Jersey, Wisconsin to California to be trained on how to service and repair

the hospitals' X-ray and radiation therapy machines along with anything else that seemed to fit into his job description.

During this time Rodney and Sherry welcomed their two daughters, Lisa and Cassie. Though living in the Willamette Valley, they would often take their children most summer and winter vacations back to see family and friends in the Baker Valley and surrounding areas.

Once Rodney retired in September 2016, he returned to his family's land outside of North Powder and began to prepare it to be a permanent home for he and Sherry, who joined him once she retired the following year.

Rodney enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He took great pride in making breakfast, "Papa's Famous Pancakes" for his wife, his daughters, and their families when they came to visit. His love for building and electronics never left and he would often find amusement in racing his own modified remote-control cars to the delight of his daughters and grandsons. Most days during Rodney's retirement he would often partner with his brother Gerald to help work the timber on their neighboring properties, reminiscing about shared memories while making new ones.

In addition to Sherry and their children, Lisa Loennig-Tinker (Noah Tinker) and Cassie Loennig, Rodney is survived by two grandsons, Aiden Tinker and Dylan Ritz, his brothers, Derry and Gerald, and sister, Helen, along with 3 nieces and 4 nephews.

A celebration of life will be planned for early summer.

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