

## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

### FRIDAY, JAN. 21

9:51 a.m. — A caller reported a civil disturbance on the 400 block of Mill Creek Lane, Cove. A Union County sheriff's deputy made contact and provided options.

1:45 p.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about a drug law violation at Fourth Street and X Avenue. An officer made contact and arranged for an extra patrol.

4:12 p.m. — A caller reported a disturbance at a residence at Blue Springs Crossing, 10801 S. Walton Road, Island City. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded, determined this was a civil issue and explained options.

6:20 p.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about a firework explosion at Hall Street and Cove Avenue. An officer responded and took information.

6:47 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 2300 block of Pine Street for an assault. Police took a report.

### SATURDAY, JAN. 22

1:17 a.m. — A caller reported a loud disturbance on the 70 block of North Eighth Avenue, Elgin. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded but found nothing suspicious.

7:45 a.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about criminal mischief on the 1200 block of Spring Avenue, and 20 minutes later received a criminal mischief complaint from the 1100 block of Washington Avenue about a broken window. An officer responded to each and took reports.

11:31 a.m. — A resident on the 300 block of 20th Street, La Grande, complained about harassment. An officer made contact and advised the person to call when it was happening.

7:28 p.m. — A resident at Grande Woods Apartments, 2005 Gekeler Lane, La Grande, reported a civil disturbance. An officer made contact and explained options.

8:56 p.m. — A resident in the area of 64700 Webster Road, La Grande, reported telephonic harassment. A Union County sheriff's deputy made contact and explained options.

10:35 p.m. — A caller complained about loud music from a residence at Tamarack Court Apartments, 1613 21st St., La Grande. An officer responded and referred the matter to property management.

### SUNDAY, JAN. 23

1:33 a.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about a loud party on the 700 block of Glacier Street. An officer responded and resolved the situation.

2:31 a.m. — A caller reported a domestic disturbance at a residence on the 1900 block of H Avenue, La Grande. Officers responded, but the subjects were gone.

2:39 a.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about a loud party at a residence on the 1900 block of Second Street. Officers responded and counseled the subjects.

8:58 a.m. — La Grande police received a report of a trespasser at Eastern Oregon Storage, 1410 21st St. An officer responded and trespassed two people.

9:07 a.m. — Union County sheriff's deputies responded to the Chevron station at 785 Albany St., Elgin, on a report of a disturbance and trespassed a female.

9:48 a.m. — Local law enforcement responded to the area of 62000 Blackhawk Trail Lane, La Grande, on a report of a trespasser and warned a 57-year-old woman for trespassing and cited her on four Union County warrants for failure to appear.

12:44 p.m. — Union County sheriff's deputies responded to the area of 70200 Summerville Road north of Summerville on a report of a domestic disturbance and took a report.

5:01 p.m. — La Grande police responded to a residence on the 1200 block of Adams Avenue on a report of a domestic disturbance in progress. Police arrested Cynthia Ann Haubner, 58, of La Grande, for fourth-degree domestic violence assault.

8:54 p.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about a suspicious vehicle on the 700 block of 16th Street. An officer responded and found a driver who was searching for an address.

## DEATH & SERVICE NOTICES

### Wayne L. Allen

Formerly of La Grande

Wayne Leon Allen, 65, of Umatilla and formerly of La Grande, died Jan. 14, 2022, in Hermiston. A graveside service will be held on Jan. 28 at 1 p.m. at Grandview Cemetery, La Grande. Arrangements are by Burns Mortuary, Hermiston.

### Donald L. Williams

La Grande

Donald L. Williams, 68, of La Grande, died Jan. 22, 2022, at his residence. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

## UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



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

**Jan. 25 — ARMIA SHAWVER:** 1 p.m. memorial service, Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebra-

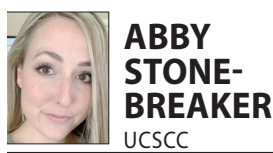
tion Center, La Grande.

**Jan. 28 — WAYNE ALLEN:** 1 p.m. graveside service, Grandview Cemetery, La Grande.

**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

# Disposing of medications reduces the risk of misuse at home



**ABBY STONE-BREAKER**  
UCSCC

As little as two years ago, there were very few options in Union County when it came to the proper disposal of expired or unwanted medications. You could leave them at the La Grande Police Department in their drop-box, or wait for the next Drug Take Back Day, which happens twice a year.

If you're anything like me, remembering to mark your calendar for Drug Take Back Day, or making a special trip to the Police Department to toss my old medication in the drop-off box is as unlikely as me remembering to pack my lunch every morning before work — very unlikely.

Enter MED-Project, an organization established by the Pharmaceutical Product Stewardship Work Group to facilitate the proper disposal of pharmaceutical products from households. The work group provides communities throughout California, Massachusetts, New York, Oregon and Washington with disposal options at no cost to the host organization or the person disposing of medication.

Today, Union County has five medication drop-off kiosks — at places you might be going to anyway



Grande Ronde Hospital/Contributed Photo, File  
**Wendy Roberts, Grande Ronde Hospital community benefit officer, in February 2021 uses the MED-Project kiosk in the hospital lobby to dispose of unwanted medications. In 2022, there are four more Med-Project drop-off kiosks in La Grande: at the La Grande Police Department, Red Cross Drug Store, Safeway and Rite Aid.**

— and an additional three mail-back supply locations, for a total of eight free, confidential, secure and convenient disposal options.

There are Med-Project kiosks at Grande Ronde Hospital, the La Grande Police Department, Red Cross Drug Store, Safeway

and Rite Aid. The bright blue drop-off kiosks are as simple to use as a post office collection box.

First, you need to verify that your medication is one that is accepted at these kiosk locations and package the medications per the Med-Project guidelines.

- Check the medicine's packaging. If there are specific disposal instructions on the label, package or insert, follow those instructions.

- Remove all personally identifiable information on medication labels or packaging.

- Keep medicines in their original container or a sealed bag.

- Accepted for disposal: Medications in any dosage form, except for those listed below, still in their original container or sealed bag.

- Not accepted for disposal: Herbal remedies, vitamins, supplements, cosmetics, other personal care products, batteries, mercury-containing thermometers, medical devices, sharps and illicit drugs.

Once at the kiosk, use the handle to open the door of the kiosk. Drop your medication inside the box and close the lever. That's all there is to it. (Just so you are aware, if you plan to drop off medications in the GRH kiosk, you must go through the screening process first per hospital policy.)

If you'd like to package your medications at home and drop them in the mail, that's also an option. Free mail-back supplies are available at Cook Memorial Library in La Grande, Imbler City Hall and Elgin City Hall.

Carrie Bushman, Interim Library Director

at Cook Memorial Library, explained how the process works, saying, "All you have to do is walk up to the front desk of the library and request your prepaid, labeled medication disposal envelope. Instructions are even provided inside the envelope."

Once your package is sealed and ready to go, it can be mailed from any USPS location to MED-Project for secure disposal.

The Union County Safe Communities Coalition is passionate about decreasing youth drug and alcohol use in Union County, and dis-

posing of unused, expired or unwanted medications is an excellent way to reduce the risk of misuse at home. For more information about the mission of the UCSCC or to see what we're up to, visit [ucsafecommunities.org](http://ucsafecommunities.org).

For more information about MED-Project or locations near you, go to [med-project.org](http://med-project.org).

Abby Stonebreaker is a public relations specialist at Grande Ronde Hospital and Clinics and a member of the Union County Safe Communities Coalition.

### Gertrude Ellen (Fugelson) Gilliland

July 11, 1932 – January 3, 2022

Gertrude Ellen Gilliland, 89, of La Grande, passed away on Jan. 3, 2022, at her residence. A service will be announced at a later time.

Gertrude was born on July 11, 1932, in Benson Minnesota, to William A. and Helen G. (Brand) Fugelson. She resided in Benson, Minnesota, and in Portland, Molalla, Oregon City and La Grande, Oregon. She married John Max Gilliland.

Gertrude was a devoted wife and mother to two children. She enjoyed attending church, theater, was an avid reader, and played the tambourine in the church band.

Gertrude is survived by her children, Jon Gilliland of La Grande and Suzanne Williams (Rick) of Molino, Oregon; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and four nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, John Gilliland; sister, Dorothy St. Helen; and parents, William and Helen Fugelson.

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



### Thelma "Beth" Elizabeth Dunkelberger

December 4, 1944 ~ January 10, 2022

Thelma "Beth" Elizabeth Dunkelberger, 77, of John Day, Oregon, passed away on January 10, 2022, at her residence in Valley View Assisted Living. A private family service will be held in the spring or summer of 2022 in Summerville, Oregon.

Beth was born in Prairie City, Oregon, on December 4, 1944, to George "Mick" and Lucille "Lucy" (Justice) Dougharity. She had three siblings, Keith "Mick" Dougharity, Sharon Dougharity, and Patty Dougharity-Bingaman. The family moved to Summerville, Oregon, and built the house they all lived in.

Beth was a rodeo princess and graduated high school in Imbler, Oregon, in 1964. After high school, she studied business in college. While in college, she met Ray Dunkelberger, and on July 10, 1965, they married. Beth and Ray had two children, Kelly and Ken Dunkelberger.

In 1990, Ray and Beth divorced, though they stayed friends. After the divorce, Beth went back to college and trained to become a paralegal. She had a few careers during her life; working at First Interstate Bank, Standard TV & Appliance, Bend Memorial Clinic, and as a paralegal. Beth's most interesting job was a private investigator; she got to wear disguises, and her sister-in-law, Charlotte Dougharity, got to go on a stakeout with her, and they had a blast!

When she wasn't taking care of her family or working, Beth liked to paint and make quilts. She also took pride in volunteering at Toy-n-Joy in Portland for 20 years.

Beth adored her grandchildren, Cody, born in 1992, and Katrina, born in 1997. They called her Gram or "G."

She is survived by her children Kelly (Dereck) Dunkelberger Ivey of Bend, Oregon and Ken Dunkelberger of Portland, Oregon; grandchildren Katrina Ivey and Cody Ivey of Bend, Oregon; sister Patty (Russel) Dougharity Bingaman; sister-in-law Charlotte Dougharity. She is also survived by her nieces and nephews, Mick Dougharity, Keith Dougharity, Cindy Dougharity-Spencer, Shaun Bingaman, Cheryl Bingaman, and Austin Bingaman.

Beth was preceded in death by her parents, George "Mick" and Lucille "Lucy" Dougharity, and two of her siblings, Mick Dougharity and Sharon Dougharity Stace.

To leave an online condolence for the family of Beth, please visit: [www.driskillmemorialchapel.com](http://www.driskillmemorialchapel.com). Paid for by the family of Thelma Dunkelberger.



## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

### MEETINGS

**LA GRANDE** — The next Mt. Emily Recreation Area Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 1, at 6 p.m. via Zoom. The Zoom meeting link will be accessible on [www.union-county.org](http://www.union-county.org) before the meeting date. On the agenda is discussion of forest management projects and a time set aside for public comments.

### BRIEFS

**Groundhog Day event includes dinner and bingo**

**ENTERPRISE** — The Wallowa County Fair Board is hosting a Groundhog Day Dinner on Wednesday, Feb. 2, at Cloverleaf Hall, 600 NW First St., Enterprise. The cost ranges from \$5-\$10 for the pancake and sausage dinner, which will be served from 5:30-7 p.m. The evening also includes bingo games.

**P.E.O. scholarship available for women in Union County**

**LA GRANDE** — Applications for the Chapter DK P.E.O. Memorial Scholar-

ship are now available.

Eligible applicants must be women who have graduated from a Union County high school and have a GPA of 3.0 or higher. This is a \$1,000 scholarship to be used for educational

expenses at the accredited college of the recipient's choice. To request a scholarship application contact Teresa Gustafson at [tkgustafson@outlook.com](mailto:tkgustafson@outlook.com).

Scholarship applications must be postmarked by

March 30 to be accepted for consideration.

P.E.O. is a philanthropic educational organization dedicated to the advancement and education of women.

— The Observer

# 84<sup>th</sup> P1FCU

# ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Thursday | Jan. 27 | 6pm

Join us virtually to hear how the credit union performed in 2021 and to vote on our 4 open board seats. **Vote online or in-branch!**

Visit [p1fcu.org](http://p1fcu.org) for more details.