

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

BRIEFS

Teens will make paper flowers at next iCraft

LA GRANDE — Teen iCraft will be held at Cook Memorial Library, 2006 Fourth St., La Grande on Wednesday, Feb. 9, beginning at 4 p.m. In this month's craft get-together, teens will make paper flowers.

The free activity is open to anyone in middle or high school. Supplies are provided, and registration is not needed. The activity will be held in the library's Community Room. Masks are required while inside the library.

The library offers a variety of free activities for teens. For information on upcoming events, visit the library's web, Facebook, Instagram and Pinterest pages or call 541-962-1339.

EOU choir show postponed to Feb. 25-26

LA GRANDE — The Eastern Oregon University's chamber choir is postponing its weekend show, "We've Got Your Number," after some members of the chorus tested positive for COVID-19. The show has been rescheduled for Feb. 25 and 26 at McKenzie Theatre in Loso Hall on EOU's campus.

Choir members have followed EOU's COVID-19 testing protocols since returning to campus for winter term and will continue to be tested.

"Students, faculty and guest choreographers have been working carefully and diligently under challenging rehearsal circumstances, but this is the only practical and prudent way to proceed in support of our community's health," said Nate Lowe, dean of the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. "I am thankful for our faculty's and Student Affairs'



Cook Memorial Library/Contributed Photo

Teens are invited to make paper roses at the next iCraft at Cook Memorial Library, La Grande, on Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2022.

careful and thoughtful approach to working with these student performers so that they have a public stage to showcase their talents."

The show will run at the same times — 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 25, and 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 26 — and tickets that have already been purchased will remain valid. For more information or questions about already purchased tickets, contact the choir director, Peter Wordelman, at pwordelm@eou.edu.

MENUS

Union County Senior Center lunch menu

Dine-in meals: Served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; use front entrance and observe social distancing.

Takeout meals: Pick up from noon to 1 p.m. at kitchen's back door.

Cost: Age 60+, \$4 suggested donation; all others, \$7 (note 2022 price increase).

FEB. 7-11

Monday: cheeseburger, steak fries, fresh fruit, dessert.

Tuesday: shepherd's pie, salad greens, fresh fruit, cobbler.

Wednesday: fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, salad greens, fresh fruit, dessert.

Thursday: beef cabbage rolls, salad greens, fresh fruit, lemon bar.

Friday: mac and cheese with bacon bits, spinach salad, baked bread, fresh fruit.

MEETINGS

• LA GRANDE — A regular session of the La Grande Rural Fire District Board will begin at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, at the fire hall. For more information, call 541-910-3114.

• LA GRANDE — The Union County chapter of Health Care for ALL Oregon will meet virtually on Tuesday, Feb. 8, at 6 p.m. via Zoom for part one of a messaging workshop with Dave Alba, the Oregon coordinator for the Progressive Democrats of America. For access to the meeting, email unioncounty@hcao.org.

• LA GRANDE — The city of La Grande's Planning Commission will meet online for a regular session Tuesday, Feb. 8, at 6 p.m. The meeting can be viewed at www.facebook.com/LaGrandeCityManager. Time permitting, a work session will follow to discuss 2022 land code development changes.

• LA GRANDE — The Board of Directors of the La Grande School District will meet in the District Office Board Room, 1305 N. Willow, on Wednesday, Feb. 9, at 5:30 p.m. for a closed executive session and then at 7 p.m. for a regular session. The meeting will be available in person, online and via phone. See the agenda at www.lagrandesd.org for meeting access information.

— The Observer

DEATH NOTICES

Darlene P. Bartlett

La Grande

Darlene P. Bartlett, 72, of La Grande, died Feb. 3, 2022, at Grande Ronde Hospital. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Judy A. Pratt

Elgin

Judy A. Pratt, 75, of Elgin, died Feb. 2, 2022, at her home. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

James L. Yankey

North Powder

James LeRoy Yankey, 72, of North Powder, died Feb. 2, 2022, at Oregon Health Science University Hospital, Portland. Arrangements are by Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, Baker City.

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Wilmerth Dorene Bates

August 29, 1930 – January 26, 2022

Wilmerth Dorene Bates, 91, of Cove, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2022, at her residence. At her request, there will be no service.

Wilmerth was born on Aug. 29, 1930, in Hot Lake, Oregon, to Fred and Bessie (Horton) Bristow. She attended Cove schools and married Floyd Bates when she was 19. They were happily married for many years and had three children and raised one grandson, Butch, and one great-granddaughter, Kiauna.

Wilmerth worked as a cook for the Cove School District for many years. She was dearly loved and will be greatly missed.

Wilmerth is survived by her children; son, Gene Bates (Carla), of Union, Oregon, and their son, Eric; daughter, Kathy Musick (Richard), of Cove, Oregon, and their son, Allen, and his children; brother, Dean Bristow (Betty), of Sacramento; grandson, Butch Fritz (Jill) and their children and grandchildren of Pilot Rock, Oregon; sister-in-law, Imie of Cove, Oregon, and her children and grandchildren; many great- and great-great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by husband, Floyd; daughter, Sylvia; grandchildren, Mark Anthony Fritz, Amanda Schuldt and Caleb Musick; brothers, Elbert, Briss, Oral and Wayne and sisters, Lena and Zina.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 2

10:11 a.m. — A caller complained about a barking dog on the 2400 block of L Avenue, La Grande. An animal enforcement officer gave the dog's owner a warning.

11:59 a.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about vandalism on the 2500 block of Cove Avenue. An officer responded.

1:45 p.m. — La Grande police responded to a complaint about vandalism on the 2100 block of L Avenue.

1:55 p.m. — La Grande police received a report from Youth for Christ, 1001 Second St., of an assault that occurred the previous night. An officer responded and would follow up.

4:32 p.m. — A caller at Legacy Ford, 2906 Island Ave., La Grande, reported the possible theft of a rental car. An officer took a report.

11:03 p.m. — Local law enforcement responded to Eastern Oregon University, 1 University Blvd., La Grande, on a report of a disturbance but could not locate both people involved.

THURSDAY, FEB. 3

9:45 a.m. — La Grande police received a complaint from the 600 block of 12th Street about a subject needing to be trespassed. An officer made contact and looked for people involved.

10:47 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the area of Spruce Street and Monroe Avenue on a report of harassment and gave a warning.

4:26 p.m. — A caller on the 2000 block of Fourth Street, La Grande, reported a disturbance involving a juvenile. An officer responded and referred the situation to the Cen-

ter for Human Development.

9:31 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a complaint about a suspicious vehicle on the 1100 block of Alder Street, Elgin. A deputy responded, determined the driver was lost and gave assistance.

10:35 p.m. — La Grande police received a complaint from the 2000 block of Third Street about a trespasser who may have been experiencing mental illness. Local law enforcement responded and the person left willingly.

UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



Feb. 5 — ROSE MARIE REESE: 1 p.m. graveside service, Cove Cemetery.

March 26 — JUDY HUNT: 3 p.m. celebration of life, La Grande Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Please follow guidelines regarding face coverings and social distancing at gatherings. Calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel.

Jane Hegele



Jane Hegele is in her eternal home after 84 years on this Earth. She lived through a lot but always knew God was there by her side. She was married to Edward Hegele for 66 years.

When Jane was in high school, her classmate, Danny, would walk past her and ask, "Are you saved yet?" Well she did get saved at the age of 16, kneeling at the couch in her childhood home that had a Last Supper tapestry hanging above it.

She grew up on a farm and so hard work was expected every day starting with milking cows and then working in the fields. School was optional depending on how much she was needed on the farm. Over the summer of her junior year, she went to a Seventh Day Adventist school and paid her way by ironing clothes.

Her favorite place was the ocean but her longest desire was to travel to Jerusalem but was never able to go. Ed and Jane bought many videos about Israel and Jerusalem so they had more of a virtual tour. Rick Steves Travel Adventures allowed her to travel the world from her living room and was one of her favorite shows.

Each Sunday she would get up early to watch Charles Stanley preach and then watch the Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir. Her most cherished time was with her husband during their morning devotions and prayer time. She kept a hymnal next to her chair and especially loved the song, "It Is Well With my Soul."

She loved to learn new things and took up stained glass, macrame, ceramics and making rugs.

Horseback riding up into the mountains always gave her such joy in her younger years and she had traversed many miles with her horse, Ace. She always loved the Arabian horses but only had one for a brief time.

She managed rentals and her husband came up with the business name of "Jane's Marvelous Rentals." It was always her desire to make a rental nice enough that she would live there herself and eventually did in the late 90s. The color green was a favorite, so if you ever stayed in one of her rentals with emerald green carpet, now you know why.

Jane became a lot like her high school classmate and would often ask others, "Are you saved yet?" Having Jesus Christ as her personal Savior was her most cherished gift and she wanted everyone around her to live in that freedom. Her light will continue to shine through as we remember all the love she shared with us.

Donna Brooks

February 14, 1928 - January 28, 2022

Donna Brooks, 93, of Union, Oregon, died at her home on Friday, Jan. 28, 2022. A celebration of life will be held at a later date, time and place TBA.

Donna was born on Feb. 14, 1928, in Hot Lake, Oregon. She was raised in Union and graduated from Union High School in 1946.

In 1950, she married Charles Mitchell in Baker City and together they had 3 children; Tanya, Bart and Sharon. They later divorced. Donna married Dwight Brooks on March 10, 1967. He also had 3 children; Debbie, Larry and Dalton. Their blended family drew no lines as both Dwight and Donna graciously became "mom and dad" to each other's children.

Prior to having her kids, Donna worked at the Union High School in the office. She then worked at Ronde Valley Lumber Company for 15 years before moving to Idaho for Dwight's job. She finished her working career at a new golf course before retiring.

Donna liked all kinds of crafts, including working with pine cones, Christmas trees and wreaths. She enjoyed crocheting so much that she made 42 afghan blankets and gave them all away. Donna also loved spring, flowers, babies, animals, the mountains, camping at Tamarack Campground, watching the hummingbirds at the bird feeders and reading books.

Highlights during Donna's life included the births of her children and her marriage and life with Dwight. She will be remembered for her love of all of her family.

Donna was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, Dwight Brooks; brothers, Robert, Neal and Leon Van Housen; and sister, Verle Green.

She is survived by her children Tanya Collier, Sharon (Field) Paine, Bart (Karin) Mitchell, Larry (Prinipa) Brooks, Dalton (Yulia) Brooks; 20 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren; one brand new great-great grandson and one on the way.

For those who would like to make a memorial donation in honor of Donna, she specifically requested donations be made to the Union High School Scholarship Fund through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services PO Box 543 Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be shared at www.tamipinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

