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 gettogether, 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).

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 respponded 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

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



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

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 Ara-

bian 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

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.

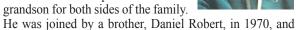
She is survived by her children Tanya Collier, Sharon (Field) Paine, Bart (Karin) Mitchell, Larry (Prinipa) Brooks, Dalton (Yulia) Brooks; 20 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren; one brand new great-great grandson and one on the way.

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.tamipsinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Michael Stevenson July 27, 1967 - January 30, 2022

"Character comes out in adversity, and he was a beacon to everyone as he bravely dealt with what would have defeated a lesser soul." - John

Michael Ray Stevenson entered the world on July 27, 1967, in Escondido, California. He was the first child born to his parents and first



sister, Sharon Rose, in 1974. In 1976, the family packed up and moved to La Grande,

Oregon. Except for an occasional adventure, Mike would spend most of his next 29 years there. The family lived in a big, old farmhouse on 10 acres of land. There would be a huge variety of animals around and Mike was always an animal lover. He attended Greenwood Elementary School, graduated from La Grande High School in 1985, and attended EOSC part time.

He enjoyed fishing, bowling, softball and excelled in racquetball. Football and baseball were also a passion with favorite teams, including the Oregon Ducks and NFL team, the Rams. There were many Cubs games attended with Grandpa Kendall, his brother, and Uncle Joe at Wrigley Field during visits to his mother's hometown of Chicago. He loved music, with his favorite band being U2. He finally got to attend one of their concerts with his brother and son in 2011. Mike braved an Alaskan cruise in 2015 and delighted in seeing the glaciers and whales.

His two sons - Alex in 1992 and Garrett in 1998 - were both born in La Grande. In November 2005 a life changing, work-related accident occurred. Mike was left completely and permanently disabled. After 1-1/2 years in hospitals and rehab facilities, he would settle into a new home in Gearhart, Oregon, to be nearer to family. There would be many challenges over the next 16 years, which Mike faced with extraordinary strength and courage. He never lost his quick wit and sense of humor. In 2017, he welcomed a grandson, Chevy Michael James Stevenson, in whom he took great delight. He was loved deeply by his family and cherished by many friends throughout the years. On Jan. 30, 2022, Mike's body gave out, related to his ongoing medical challenges; his spirit will live on forever.

Mike is survived by his parents, Stanley and Rosemary Stevenson, Gearhart, Oregon; brother, Dan, Boise, Idaho; sister, Sharon (Boty), Gearhart, Oregon; his son, Alex, Seaside, Oregon; grandson, Chevy, Post Falls, Idaho. He was a loving uncle to Noah, Springfield, Oregon; Gavin, Gearhart, Oregon; and Vann, La Grande, Oregon. His stepchildren, Kayla and Kyle, remember him fondly. He is also survived by other family members and many loyal friends. His family appreciated the dedicated caregivers who provided help for Mike throughout the years. His loving yellow lab, Kirby, and felines, Dexter and Marley. He was preceded in death by his son, Garrett Michael Stevenson, on Jan. 9, 2022, and infant sister, Mary in 1968, and his grandparents, Robert and Helen Kendall and John and Lois Stevenson.

Donations can be made to the Providence Seaside Hospital Foundation, or Columbia Memorial Hospice in Mike's memory. Please visit www.hughesransom.com to sign our online guestbook and for direct links to make donations in Michael's honor.

