

## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

## FRIDAY, FEB. 4

1:21 p.m. — La Grande police responded to 1101 Willow St. on a call about a burglary at a business and took a report.

2:06 p.m. — A caller reported a trespasser on the 2000 block of Fourth Street, La Grande. Officers responded and trespassed one male.

3:41 p.m. — A caller at the Moon Motel, 2116 Adams Ave., La Grande, reported harassment. An officer made contact and took information.

4:44 p.m. — La Grande police cited Jefferson Eli Cole Sharp, 27, of Baker City, while he was in the Union County Jail, La Grande, on a Baker County warrant charging giving false information to a police officer and two counts of unlawful possession of a firearm.

4:59 p.m. — A caller reported a dog was in with livestock on the 1000 block of B Avenue, La Grande. An animal enforcement officer made contact and took information.

8:26 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of a resident who was experiencing a mental or emotional crisis. The person went to a hospital before an officer arrived.

## SATURDAY, FEB. 5

6:51 a.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about criminal mischief on the 1200 block of Willow Street. An officer responded and counseled one male.

12:06 p.m. — A caller at Walmart, 11619 Island Ave., Island City, reported a parent may have abused a child. An officer responded but did not find the vehicle.

3:33 p.m. — A caller in the area of 51100 Highway 244, Union County, reported a possible wolf depredation. An animal enforcement officer and the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife will follow up.

5:55 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1000 block of Jackson Avenue on a report of a dispute over property. Officers arrived, and the parties were working on separating the property.

8:21 p.m. — A caller on the 200 block of 12th Street, La Grande, reported seeing a coyote.

8:36 p.m. — La Grande police responded to a residence on the 2300 block of Q Avenue on a complaint about loud music. Police counseled the subject.

9:26 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 2100 block of Leo Lane on a report of a domestic disturbance. The parties separated before police arrived.

## SUNDAY, FEB. 6

3:36 a.m. — La Grande police and medics responded to the 200 block of 18th Street on a report of an assault.

11:16 a.m. — A caller on the 68300 block of Craig Loop, Summerville, reported an aggressive dog. An animal enforcement officer responded.

12:32 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of a theft and found drug paraphernalia at the Chevron station at 2706 Island Ave. An officer responded.

2:06 p.m. — A caller reported a domestic disturbance at an apartment at Grande Woods Apartments, 2005 Gekeler Lane, La Grande. Officers responded and separated the parties.

3:04 p.m. — Safeway, 2111 Adams Ave., La Grande, made a trespass complaint. No La Grande police were available. An Oregon State Police trooper responded and trespassed one female.

3:56 p.m. — A caller on the first block of Depot Street, La Grande, made a trespass complaint. City police were on another call. An Oregon State Police trooper responded and arrested one person.

5:03 p.m. — A caller reported criminal mischief at Lighthouse Church, 10501 W. First St., Island City. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded and took a report.

8:20 p.m. — A resident at Green Tree Apartments, 2310 Q Ave., La Grande, reported a person refused to leave an apartment. An officer responded and gave the male a ride to the warming shelter.

## DEATH &amp; SERVICE NOTICES

## Ty Hallgarth

Elgin

Ty Hallgarth, 53, of Elgin, died Jan. 31, 2022, at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, Boise. A celebration of his life will be held Feb. 12 at 1 p.m. at the Elgin Stampede Hall. The family prefers casual dress, cowboy hats and courage. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

## Annette Leckenby

La Grande

Annette Leckenby, 64, of La Grande, died Feb. 2, 2022, at Grande Ronde Hospital. Arrangements are by Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, La Grande.

## Orva L. Murrill

La Grande

Orva L. Murrill, 90, of La Grande, died Feb. 5, 2022, at La Grande Post Acute Rehab. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

## Cheryl A. Spurlock

La Grande

Cheryl Ann Spurlock, 56, of La Grande, died Feb. 5, 2022. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

## Community center offers meal, computer class

UNION — Community meals are served on the second Friday of the month at noon at the Catherine Creek Community Center, 667 N. Main St., Union.

The next gathering is planned for Friday, Feb. 11. Cost is \$3.50 and all are welcome. Delivery is available. Call 541-562-2038 or email at ccccenter667@gmail.com to set up delivery.

Also on Feb. 11 at the community center, housed in the former Union Methodist Church, there will be a free introduction to computers class. The class begins at 1 p.m. Friday.

## Bingo games moved to Wednesday

UNION — In an effort to make community bingo games more available, the VFW High Valley Post 4060 in Union is now holding its games on Wednesday afternoons. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. and games begin at 1 p.m. at the VFW hall. All are welcome.

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## Eagles on the Columbia



Photos by Ben Lonergan/East Oregonian



A bald eagle, above, perches atop a tree and an immature bald eagle, left, soars over the Columbia River at the McNary Beach Recreation Area in Umatilla on Friday, Feb. 4, 2022.

## UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



**Feb. 12 — TY HALLGARTH:** 1 p.m. celebration of life, Elgin Stampede Hall (casual dress and cowboy hats preferred).

**Feb. 19 — WANDA LOWE:** 1 p.m. memorial celebration, Mountain Life Church, La Grande.

**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.*

## Wanda Joyce Lowe

October 23, 1935 - December 18, 2021

Wanda Joyce Lowe passed away peacefully and went to be with Jesus on Dec. 18, 2021, due to pancreatic cancer. Wanda was born Oct. 23, 1935, in Baker City, Oregon. A memorial celebration will be held on Saturday, Feb. 19, at 1 p.m. at Mountain Life Church, 10700 South Walton Rd., La Grande, Oregon 97850.

Wanda was raised in the Burnt River Valley in Herford, Oregon, where she met and married her high school sweetheart Dell Lowe. They settled in La Grande, Oregon, and raised their children, where Wanda was a devoted wife, mother and devout Christian. She was also very involved with, and loved her church family. Wanda loved horseback riding and the outdoors; hunting with her family; long walks in the woods; searching for wild huckleberries; gardening and canning; sewing and making wedding and prom dresses for her relatives; reading and oil painting. Early on, Wanda was active in the lives of her nieces and nephews, and was instrumental in their spiritual upbringing. She diligently shared with them the love of Jesus, and often transported them to church and VBS where she nurtured them and other young people with the word of God as a Sunday school teacher. When her own children were in their teens, she became the youth pastor at their church where she was dedicated to reaching young people for Christ while making it exciting and adventurous. Her grandchildren experienced the same devotion, as Wanda attended nearly every major event in their lives, including every sporting event possible.

Wanda and Dell freely offered their home to anyone in need - family, friends and strangers giving them food, clothing, money, or place to sleep. They would often tow travelers whose cars had broken down, to their home where Wanda would feed and entertain them (and share the Gospel) while Dell repaired their car. After Dell passed away in 1985, Wanda graduated from La Grande College of Business and started her career as a medical receptionist. She worked for Dr. James Kopp for many years before retiring in 2002. She always considered the people she worked with her family. She continued spreading the Gospel to people in need and began a Bible study for widows and divorced single women which she eventually opened to all women in need. She made many lifelong friends through this ministry.

Wanda was preceded in death by her husband, Dell G. Lowe, parents, John R. and Rosemary L. Mitchell; sisters, Anna Munsell, Myrnie Koontz, Nedra Scott and granddaughter, Marisa Dell Lowe.

Wanda waits in heaven for her children, Darrell Lowe (wife Darla), Wendy (Lowe) Ball (husband Reed), and Brent Lowe; six grandchildren, Ben, Miah (wife Katie) and David Lowe; Marri (Ball) Dahir (husband Adam), Derek Ball (wife Willow), Felishia (Lowe) Alexander (husband Eric). Wanda had seven great-grandchildren: Aiden, Asher, Emerson (David Lowe), Logan, Mika, Nash (Miah Lowe) and Sterling (Felishia Alexander).

## Art center hosts oil painting exhibit and workshop

LA GRANDE — “Tiny Fruits,” an exhibit featuring a series of Sarah Bird’s oil paintings, opened Friday, Feb. 4 at Art Center East, 1006 Penn Ave., La Grande. The exhibit will run through March 26 in the center’s main gallery.

ACE is open Wednesday through Friday from noon to 5 p.m., and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free, and masks are required.

The exhibit may also be viewed virtually on Art Center East’s website, [www.artcentereast.org](http://www.artcentereast.org).

The artist is leading a still life oil painting workshop at the art center, held on Wednesdays from Feb. 9 to March 2 from 4-6 p.m. This is a four-session oil painting technique class for all skill levels, beginners to advanced painters. Participants will make a small still life painting from start to finish using a traditional 19th-century style of painting. Using the pre-modern technique — finishing as you go — students will learn how



to understand and overcome optical illusions when seeing, mixing and applying paint.

This technique will also allow you to improvise and change your compositions

as you go along.

The cost is \$110 for ACE members and \$125 for non-members. All supplies are included.

To learn more about the class and check avail-



Art Center East/Contributed Photos  
An exhibit of Sarah Bird’s still life oil paintings, including the pieces shown here, opened Friday, Feb. 4, 2022, at Art Center East, La Grande. Beginning Wednesday, Feb. 9, Bird will be teaching a four-session oil painting workshop at the center.

ability, go to [www.artcentereast.org/calendar](http://www.artcentereast.org/calendar) (click on the Feb. 9 class) or call 541-624-2800.

Learn more about Bird’s work at [www.sarahwhittemorebird.com](http://www.sarahwhittemorebird.com).