

MILESTONES

Steve and Linda Howland's 50th anniversary



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Steve and Linda Howland will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, Feb. 19. They were married in 1972 in Boise, Idaho, and have two children, Tonya Williams and Paul (Elainna) Howland. They also have been blessed with six grandchildren: Joey Matthews, Megan and Austin (Matthews) Cousineau, Brielle and Brooke Howland, and Derek and Logan Williams. Due to COVID-19, a small family celebration will be held in the spring or summer. Cards may be mailed to P.O. Box 254, Cove 97824.

Joan Bright's 100th birthday



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Doreen "Joan" Bright, a longtime Union County resident, was born Feb. 19, 1922, in Enterprise. She will celebrate her 100th birthday with friends and family at Riverside Park, La Grande, on June 18. In the meantime, cards are welcome and may be mailed to Joan at 2212 Cove Ave., Apt. E109, La Grande 97850.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

La Grande pool closed most of day Feb. 18

LA GRANDE — Due to staff availability, Veterans' Memorial Pool, La Grande, will be closed on Friday, Feb. 18, for every time slot except for the 5:30-7:30 a.m. lap swim.

Celebrate 'Dead of Winter' at Side A

LA GRANDE — Side A Brewing is once again celebrating the dark days of winter with a special festival. The Dead of Winter Festival is happening Saturday, Feb. 19, from 6-9 p.m. on the back patio of the brew pub, 1219 Washington Ave., La Grande.

There will be lawn games, bonfires, small bites food, and Travis Hansen's "famous Side A Chili." Also available will be tours of the brewery and six special beers — three from Side A and three surprise brews from breweries along

the West Coast.

There is no cover for the festival, and all ages are welcome.

The Dead of Winter Festival will be separate from normal dining in the pub. Since this is held all outside, attendees are encouraged to dress warm. To stay updated on Side A events, visit the Facebook page or go online to sideabeer.com.

GRH Auxiliary meets Feb. 21

LA GRANDE — The Grande Ronde Hospital Auxiliary will meet on Monday, Feb. 21, at Island City City Hall. Refreshments will be available at 9 a.m. and the meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. Anyone interested in becoming an Auxiliary member is welcome to attend.

— The Observer

DEATH NOTICES

Doug Batten

Enterprise

Doug Batten, 74, of Enterprise, died Feb. 11, 2022, at St. Charles Medical Center, Bend. Arrangements are by Bollman Funeral Home, Enterprise.

Stephen Hamblin

Formerly of Imbler

Stephen Hamblin, 73, of Richland and formerly of Imbler, died Feb. 15, 2022, at his residence. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Ruby G. Wren

La Grande

Ruby Geraldine Wren, 93, of La Grande, died Feb. 3, 2022. Arrangements are by Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home, Milton-Freewater.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

MONDAY, FEB. 14

12:43 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 2400 block of R Avenue on a complaint about a disturbance and took a report.

10:08 a.m. — A caller reported a burglary at a home on the 1800 block of 26th Street, La Grande. An officer responded and took a report.

12:13 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 2400 block of Depot Street on a complaint about trespassing. Police arrested Joshua Caleb Meier, 33, for violating a restraining order.

12:23 p.m. — A caller on the 400 block of Second Street, La Grande, made a complaint about a barking dog. An animal enforcement officer made contact and explained options.

3:14 p.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about a motor home on the 500 block of Second Street. An officer responded and had someone move the motor home.

4:03 p.m. — An Elgin resident reported identity theft. A Union County sheriff's deputy made contact and explained options.

11:24 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a report about a car prowler on the 700 block of North Eighth

Avenue, Elgin. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded and found this was a case of miscommunication.

TUESDAY, FEB. 15

9:06 a.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a report of possible child abuse in Island City. A deputy made contact.

9:20 a.m. — La Grande police received a request for a welfare check. An officer responded and provided assistance.

10:28 a.m. — A caller on the 500 block of F Street, North Powder, reported an aggressive dog was loose. An animal enforcement officer made contact and would provide an extra patrol.

3:37 p.m. — A caller reported cows on the loose on the 700 block of West Grande Street, Union. The cows were rounded up and owner advised.

5:14 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of vandalism to a vehicle at a residence on the 1800 block of G Avenue. An officer made contact and will follow up.

5:53 p.m. — A caller reported a child was sleeping on the sidewalk on the 700 block of North Eighth Avenue, Elgin. A Union

County sheriff's deputy made contact and the child had returned home. The deputy explained options.

6:45 p.m. — A caller made a complaint about careless four-wheelers riding on the street at North Bellwood and East Beakman streets, Union.

7:41 p.m. — Local law enforcement responded to the 2400 block of Riddle Road, La Grande, on a report of a dis-

turbance. Police arrested Cody Lawrence Haycock, 33, of La Grande, for harassment, second-degree disorderly conduct and attempted assault on a public safety officer.

7:45 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of a male in the middle of the road on Island Avenue trying to urinate on cars. An officer responded but did not find a suspect.

UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



Feb. 19 — TRUDY YEARGAIN: noon graveside service, Union Cemetery.

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

March 11 — GEORGE RUSH: 10:30 a.m. memorial service, Catherine Creek Community Center, Union.

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, La Grande.

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Trudy (Wilde) Yeargain

March 21, 1941 – February 3, 2022

Trudy Rae Yeargain, beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, passed away on Feb. 3, 2022, at 80 years old in Eagle, Idaho. She was born on March 21, 1941, in Union, Oregon, to parents Royal and Norine Wilde and attended school in Union, Oregon.



Upon graduation Trudy moved to Boise, Idaho, and attended Links Business School. It is in Boise where she met Philip Yeargain as he was attending Boise Junior College. Trudy married Philip on Dec. 31, 1960, in Union, Oregon, where they started their lives together on the ranch. Together they had two sons, Brian and Monte.

Trudy loved genealogy and working at the Union Cemetery. She was also very good at quilting. On our visits back to the ranch she was always busy in her yard and garden. Her "yard" was really like a huge field. She was meticulous with the care of her vegetable garden. It was always funny to see her chasing the deer away with the broom!

She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Trudy is survived by her son Brian (Lisa) of Eagle, Idaho; five grandchildren, Hannah Ballard (Rich), Haily Castillo (Dalton), Parker, Payton and T.J.; and seven great-grandchildren, Emmett, Ezra, Evelyn, Eden, Jonathan, Elliott and Lydia. She was preceded in death by her husband, Philip Yeargain, and son, Monte Yeargain.

There will be a graveside service on Saturday, Feb. 19, at noon at the Union Cemetery.

Leonard George Spears

February 22, 1929 - February 9, 2022

Leonard George Spears, 92, of La Grande, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2022, at a local care facility. A memorial service will be held at a later time.



Leonard was born on Feb. 22, 1929, in Eugene, Oregon, to Leonard and Francis (Berry) Spears. The family moved to La Grande when he was 4 years old. Leonard attended schools in La Grande and Gem State Academy in Idaho.

Leonard worked for Boise Cascade Corporation for 44 years. He retired in 1991. He was a member of the La Grande Eagles Lodge, of the La Grande Breakfast Lions and later of the Island City Lions. He was a member of the La Grande Elks Lodge #443, serving as Exalted Ruler I 1995-1996. He was named a district deputy to the national president of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks and served the Northeast District in Oregon 1999-2000.

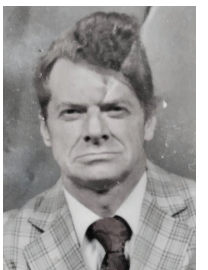
Leonard is survived by his sons, Robert (Kathy) Spears, William Spears, Douglas (Cheryl) Spears; seven grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Gloria; parents, Leonard and Francis; stepmother, Marie; half brother, Wayne; brothers, Claude and Merle; and half sister, Miriam Griffith.

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

George James Rush

January 27, 2022

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George was the youngest of six children born to Lillian and Arthur Rush in Rushville, Nebraska. His family moved to Deer Lodge, Montana, in 1950. There he went to school and grew up. He married Nina Olsen, and they were married for more than 50 years and had two children: Betty Rush and Julie Rush. Later George and Nina moved to Union, Oregon.

George was a musician, playing the violin, guitar and piano. He loved animals, especially horses. He was always helping people in need even when perhaps he needed it more himself. George loved God and witnessed for him all the time to those who would listen. He loved working with wood and a wide variety of construction/house projects.

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Steven Screamingeagle Seneca
January 20, 1956 – February 2, 2022
Steven Screamingeagle Seneca, 66, of Union, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2022, at his residence. At his request, there will not be a service.
Steven was born on Jan. 20, 1956, in Portland, Oregon, to George and Clara (Smyth) LaMere. He resided in Klamath Falls, Veneta and Union, Oregon. He graduated from Klamath Union High School and later attended Oregon State University.
Steven married Barbara Seneca. He served our country while in the United States Army.
Steven enjoyed gardening and dancing. In his younger years, he enjoyed wrestling and swimming.
Steven is survived by his mother, Clara Houck of Union, Oregon; sisters, Gina Coggins and Gloria LaMere; brothers, Jim LaMere, Glen LaMere, Raymond LaMere and Robert Houck Jr.; aunt, Helen Schriener; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara Seneca, and stepfather, Robert Houck Sr.
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