

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

MEETINGS

• **LA GRANDE** — A meeting of the Union County Fair Board begins at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 17, at the Fair Board's office by the Union County building at Fourth Street and K Avenue, La Grande.

BRIEFS

All invited to come play pinochle

ISLAND CITY — Delta Epsilon is hosting a night of pinochle on Saturday, March 19, beginning at 6 p.m. at Urban Vine, 10107 W. First St., Island City. All are welcome. There is a \$10 buy-in. For more information, call Mary Ellen Taal at 541-962-5109.

CHD offers free COVID-19 test kits

LA GRANDE — Center for Human Development is giving away at-home COVID-19 testing kits. Stop by the center, 2301 Cove Ave., La Grande. CHD announced it is also working with numerous local businesses and partners to have these available throughout the community. Call CHD at 541-962-8800 for more information.

Learn to use Word in free computer classes

LA GRANDE — Training & Employment Consortium, 1901 Adams, is offering free in-person computer classes. Classes are entirely hands-on training. Classes run from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Pre-registration is required by calling Coral at 541-663-2084.

Introduction to Word is a one-day class held Thursday, April 7. The class is designed to introduce basic word processing functions. Participants will learn how to create documents; cut, copy and paste information; format documents; know the difference between the Save and the Save As feature; and use the spell check and thesaurus features.

A four-day Intermediate Word course is offered on April 12, 14, 19 and 21. Students will review features taught in the Intro to Word class plus learn how to create, format and use the different features of tables, place information into columns, and add graphics to a document. The instruction is entirely hands-on with a lot of exercises.

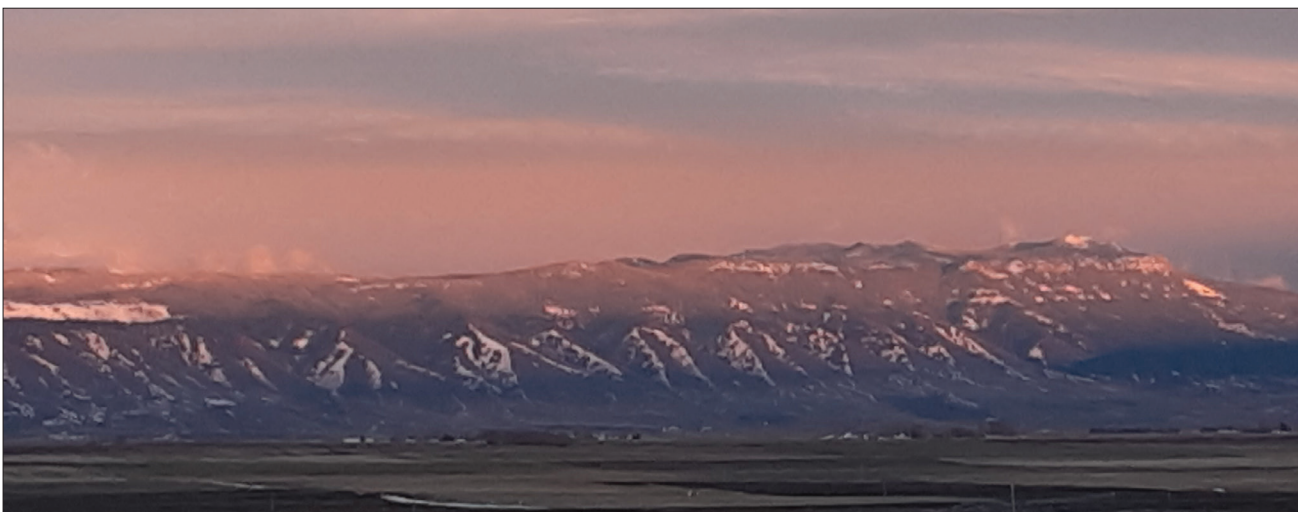
Training & Employment Consortium is an EOE/Program. Auxiliary aids and services available upon request to individuals with disabilities. TTY dial 711.

Meal prices increase at senior center

LA GRANDE — Due to rises in the price of goods and services, the Union County Senior Center, La Grande, in January increased the prices of its weekday meal program. Suggested donations are now \$4 for seniors age 60 and older, and \$7 for everyone younger than 60.

The meals are served in person at the center, 1504 N. Albany St., Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Those who wish to eat the meal on-site are asked to use the front entrance and observe social distancing. To-go lunches may be picked up between noon and 1 p.m. at the kitchen's back door.

Purple mountain majesties



Lisa Lester Kelly/Contributed Photo

A late-winter sunset in March 2022 in the Grande Ronde Valley could have been the inspiration for "purple mountain majesties" in the poem by Katharine Lee Bates that became our unofficial national anthem, "America the Beautiful."

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

MONDAY, MARCH 14

9:02 a.m. — Union County Sheriff's Office arrested Evann Scott Brown, 30, while he was in custody in the Union County Jail, La Grande, on a Union County warrant charging first-degree forgery, first-degree possession of a forged instrument and theft of services.

11:42 a.m. — A caller reported a large dog on the loose on the 500 block of South Main Street, Union. An animal enforcement officer responded and picked up a Great Dane.

1:45 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of a theft of a vehicle from the 200 block of Chestnut Street. An officer responded and took a report.

3:13 p.m. — A caller on Cove Street, Union, reported a dog bite someone. An animal enforcement officer responded and found the bite did not break the skin.

4:59 p.m. — A resident of May Park, 2608 May Lane, La Grande, reported harassment. An officer made contact and explained options.

5:01 p.m. — A resident at Sacajawea Mobile Home Park, 2403 Riddle Road, La Grande, reported a burglary. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded but no one was in the home.

6:34 p.m. — A caller reported a deer was stuck in a fence on the 400 block of Walnut Street, La Grande. An officer responded and freed the deer.

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

5:05 a.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about telephonic harassment on the 1300 block of Z Avenue. An off-

icer made contact and explained options for a restraining order.

7:19 a.m. — A caller reported a domestic disturbance on the 1900 block of H Avenue, La Grande. Officers responded and took a report.

3:31 p.m. — A resident on the 700 block of 18th Street, La Grande, reported a fraudulent use of a credit card. An officer made contact and explained options.

4:55 p.m. — A resident in the area of 62000 Lower Cove Road, Cove, reported mail theft and check fraud. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded and took a report.

5:28 p.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about telephonic harassment on the 1000 block of Lake Avenue. An officer made contact and took a report.

6:42 p.m. — La Grande police took a report for menacing at the La Grande skate park.

7:37 p.m. — A caller reported a deer was attacking a dog at Alder Street and Lane Avenue La Grande. An officer checked but did not find the animals.

11:39 p.m. — A caller on the 100 block of East Bryan Street, Union, made a complaint about a barking dog.

Jacob D. Danforth

May 27, 1977 – February 26, 2022

Jacob Dewitt Danforth, 44, of La Grande, passed away on Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022, at Kadlec Regional Medical Center, Richland, Washington. A service will be held at a later date.



Jacob was born on May 27, 1977, in Oregon City, Oregon, to Tedd and Sandra (Lee) Danforth. He resided in Oregon City, La Grande and Union, Oregon. He graduated from Union High School. He married Jamie Cossitt on July 4, 2021, in Lincoln City, Oregon.

Jacob worked for Nash, 3 Feathers and Outdoor Manufacturing. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, boating, motorcycles and being with his family.

Jacob is survived by his wife, Jamie; children, Leena Danforth (Josiah Richter) of La Grande and Gwyn Danforth of La Grande; stepchildren, Skyler Dillon of Pendleton, Oregon, and Kayla Dillon and Daymion King, both of La Grande; parents, Tedd Danforth of Union and Sandy Lynch of Milwaukie, Oregon; sister, Jessica Glenn (Mike) of West Linn, Oregon; brother, Jared Danforth of Union; one grandchild, Greyson Page; many nieces and nephews; and aunts and uncles, Allen Danforth, Rick Danforth and Patti Kunze. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Glenn and Ruby Danforth.

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

DEATH NOTICES

Christina A. Shrout

La Grande

Christina A. Shrout, 64, of La Grande, died March 14, 2022, at a local care facility. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Roberta L. Truax

La Grande

Roberta L. Truax, 90, of La Grande, died Dec. 21, 2021, at a local assisted living facility. A celebration of her life will be held April 2 at 1 p.m. at the Island City Cemetery. Following the service there will be a gathering at 209 S. 18th St., La Grande. Services are entrusted to Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, La Grande.

James E. Roe

La Grande

James E. Roe, 68, of La Grande, died March 13, 2022, at Grande Ronde Hospital, La Grande. A memorial service will be held March 18 at 2 p.m. at the Presbyterian Friendship Center, La Grande. Casual dress is preferred by the family. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Sharon L. (Meyers) Mortensen

January 10, 1940 - November 25, 2021

Sharon LaVelle Mortensen, 81, died on Nov. 25, 2021, surrounded by friends and family who cared for her at Autumn House in Grants Pass, Oregon.

Sharon, the mother of two and the grandmother of one, was born on Jan. 10, 1940, in Hermiston, Oregon. She and her younger brother, Lonnie, and sister, Joyce, grew up in a logging camp in the hills near Starkey, southwest of La Grande. She graduated from La Grande High School in 1958. Her goal, as she stated in her senior yearbook, was to "see the world."

In 1960, she got her wish. She joined the U.S. Navy, trained in Newport, Rhode Island, and spent a good portion of her three years in Pensacola, Florida, where she worked as a dispersing clerk.

In 1964, while living in Portland with her aunt Nina, Sharon met Alan Mortensen, who had moved from his family home in Nebraska and was living with his aunt Ruby. They married in November 1965 in La Grande.

They had two children, Brian Mortensen in 1966 and Tara in 1969. The family moved from Washington County to Grants Pass in 1974.

She worked mainly as a bookkeeper for her husband's dairy farm sales and service business, and then worked for Bob Drake Enterprises, and then at ESAM in Grants Pass before she retired in 2012.

Sharon was involved in church, attending Murphy Chapel in Murphy for more than 40 years and at times holding a position on its board.

She enjoyed reading and went to school to improve her writing and drawing. She loved riding horses and watching "Jeopardy" and "Dancing with the Stars." She mostly liked being with her family. She especially enjoyed her only grandchild, Mikah, after she was born in 1993.

Sharon was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in 2016, and it simply wore out her body and mind.

She is survived by her brother and sister-in-law, Lonnie and Jacquie Myers, Island City; her daughter and son-in-law, Tara and Scott Fredenburg; her son, Brian Mortensen; her granddaughter, Mikah (Fredenburg) and Jordan Andrews; and great-granddaughter, Scotlyn Andrews.

Sharon will be buried next to her mother and father, Orvalle and Lavelle Myers at Hillcrest Cemetery in La Grande on Friday, May 20.



UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



March 18 — **JAMES ROE**: 2 p.m. memorial service, Presbyterian Friendship Center, La Grande (casual dress preferred).

March 26 — **PATRICIA LEWIS**: 10 a.m. graveside service, North Powder Cemetery; followed by 11 a.m. celebration of life, North Powder Grange.

March 26 — **ANNETTE LECKENBY**: 1 p.m. memorial service, Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, La Grande.

March 26 — **JUDY HUNT**: 3 p.m. celebration of life, La Grande Seventh-day Adventist Church; followed by reception at La Grande Adventist Christian School.

April 2 — **DIANNA BRAY**: noon memorial service, Calvary Baptist Church; followed by reception and meal.

April 2 — **ROBERTA TRUAX**: 1 p.m. celebration of life, Island City Cemetery; followed by reception at 209 S. 18th St., La Grande.

May 19 — **ORVA MURRILL**: 2 p.m. graveside service, Union Victorian Cemetery.

June 23 — **DAN KRAMER**: 2 p.m. memorial service, Grandview Cemetery, La Grande.

— *Calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande.*

Dianna L. (Kirchner) Bray

June 12, 1959 – January 29, 2022

Dianna L. Bray died at her home in Cove Saturday, Jan. 29, 2022, following an extended illness. She was 62.

A memorial service will be at the Calvary Baptist Church in Cove on Saturday, April 2, beginning at noon. All are invited to come celebrate her life with her family and friends. Lunch will be provided following the service.

Dianna Leigh was born June 12, 1959, in Seattle to Gerald and Shirley (Amos) Kirchner. She was raised and educated in Western Washington, graduating from high school in Vancouver. Dianna lived in Montana and Wyoming before coming to Summerville and then to Cove in 2008. She worked as a purchasing agent for Boise Cascade for 25 years.

On Sept. 1, 1982, she married Kenneth Bray. In 1987 they began attending the Calvary Baptist Church and in 1988 Dianna was baptized in the Grande Ronde River. She enjoyed playing cards and loved looking at different houses. She was an outdoors person and enjoyed her horses, fishing and snowmobiling. She also loved her mules and their colts that she and Ken raised and cared for on their acreage.

Dianna is survived by her husband, Kenneth Bray of Cove; siblings, Steve Aguard of Seattle, Sheryl Smith of Camino Island, Washington, Shawn and Nita Kirchner of Vancouver, Washington, and Gerry and Nolan Hess of Sun City, Arizona; and other relatives and many friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Gerald and Shirley Kirchner.

Her death care and cremation were entrusted to Daniels-Knopp Funeral & Cremation Center in La Grande. Private interment will be at the Cove Cemetery.



Judith Ann (Beels) Hunt

February 15, 1941 - December 10, 2021

Judith Ann Beels was born Feb. 14, 1941, in Winner, South Dakota, to Mahlon Bruce Beels and Irene Viola (Skibinski) Beels and died Dec. 10, 2021, at her home in La Grande, Oregon, at 80 years of age.

There will be an open celebration of her life on March 26, 2022, at 3 p.m. in the Seventh-day Adventist Church at 2702 Adams Ave. in La Grande, Oregon, with a time for family and friends to share thoughts about Judy from over the years. This will be followed by a reception at the SDA School across the creek from the church with light refreshments and more time for sharing. Please dress comfortably (casual preferred).

Judy graduated from Elgin High School with the class of 1959 and married Wavel Hunt in Weiser, Idaho.

This young couple started their family with three birth children and added two overseas adopted children 10 to 12 years later followed by five special needs children adopted over the course of a number of years. While Judy was homeschooling her birth children she also took a French class at EOSC (later EOU).

Judy was a busy mother as she provided child care and foster care to a number of children and operated a community services program (Dorcas) for her church that served people by supplying clothing and food items to those needing help. She later opened her own resale store (Tabitha's), which sold clothing and household items to the area at very low prices. Judy began volunteer work at People Helping People Thrift Store almost 20 years ago, during which time she had many opportunities to minister to people's spiritual needs, when someone expressed a desire for help by prayer or comfort. She continued this work until this past summer.

Judy is survived by her husband, Wavel Hunt of La Grande; son, Michael Hunt of Middleton, Idaho; daughters, Jennifer Knoll of Gresham, Oregon, Angela Hanley, Sarah Hunt, Stella (Valen) Hunt, and Indhira (Cozi) Hunt of La Grande; sons, Jacob Hunt of Pendleton, Oregon, London (Rocky) Hunt of Rexburg, Idaho, and Frederick (Skie) Hocky of La Grande. Survivors also include 13 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her son, Joshua Hunt of Pendleton, Oregon, and parents, Mahlon and Irene Beels.

Donations may be made in honor of Judy to The Hospice Promise Foundation (found online) to assist patients and families with various needs that are not met otherwise, or the charity of one's own choice. Loveland Funeral Chapel of La Grande is in charge of arrangements.