

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

MEETINGS

• LA GRANDE — Public meetings of the regional chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will resume Friday, April 8. The meeting will run from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Cook Memorial Library, 2006 Fourth St., La Grande, and is open to anyone who wants to learn more about DAR.

BRIEFS

Learn about proposed school district bond

LA GRANDE — The La Grande School District will be conducting five Bond Information Night programs this month on the \$4.485 million bond the district will ask voters to approve in the May 17 election. Money from the bond would be used to replace the district's aging Annex building with a new academic and athletic center.

Bond Information Nights will be conducted on Tuesday, April 5, in Greenwood Elementary School's gym; Thursday, April 7, in Central Elementary School's gym; Monday, April 11, in the La Grande Middle School's commons; Thursday, April 14, in La Grande High School's AV auditorium; and Thursday, April 21, in Island City Elementary School's library. Each of the information nights will start at 6 p.m.

People who cannot attend in person can watch the sessions virtually by using the Google Meet link on the La Grande School District's Facebook page.

Eat, dance and enjoy a fiddlers show in Union April 9

UNION — The Blue Mountain Old Time Fiddlers will put on a show Saturday, April 9, at the Catherine Creek Community Center, 667 N. Main St., Union. Food will be for sale starting at 5 p.m., with the music following at 6 p.m. Admission is \$5, or free for ages 12 and younger.

Sensory-friendly egg hunt planned for April 9

LA GRANDE — A sensory-friendly egg hunt for special needs kids and their families will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 9, at the Riverside Park Pavilion. The Easter Bunny will be there for pictures. All ages are welcome, and participants will receive gift bags and snacks. Collection buckets will be available if needed.

RSVP is encouraged so organizers know how many to expect. Call or text JulieKay Dudley, Autism Society representative, at 541-562-6137.



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The Blue Mountain Old Time Fiddlers perform at a 2010 Sumpter show. The group is still going strong and will put on a show on Saturday, April 9, 2022, in Union.

Also, an online support group can be found at www.facebook.com/groups/EasternOregonAutismSupport.

Actress sought for small role in upcoming comedy

BAKER CITY — Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Eastern Oregon Regional Theatre in Baker City is looking for an actress for a small part in its upcoming production of "Women Playing Hamlet," by William Missouri Downs. As a press release stated, "Community theater is all about learning together," and no experience is needed.

The comedy features an all-female cast, and Playscripts.com described it as "rip-roaring fun for Shakespeare fans and haters alike."

For more on the play, visit www.easternoregonregionalthatre.com. Anyone interested in taking over the role should email bakerlivetheatre@gmail.com.

Do you have unclaimed OTEC capital credits?

BAKER CITY — Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative has updated its list of unclaimed capital credits. In accordance with OTEC bylaws and policy, the names of OTEC members entitled to and have not yet claimed their retirements can be reviewed on the OTEC website at www.otec.coop/capital-credits

Application for re-issuing funds owed to those named or their heirs may be made by contacting your local OTEC office before July 31. At that time, unclaimed capital credit

retirements that have been available for a period of four years, or since Dec. 31, 2017, may be forfeited to the cooperative.

For more information, contact your local OTEC office, or call the cooperative's headquarters in Baker City at 541-523-3616.

Union County Senior Center offers lunch on weekdays

LA GRANDE — Lunch is served at the Union County Senior Center, 1504 N. Albany St., La Grande, on weekdays. The meal is open to the public and both sit-down and grab-and-go options are available. For information on having lunches delivered by Meals on Wheels, call 541-605-5556.

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

Takeout meals: Pick up from noon to 1 p.m. at kitchen's back door. **Cost:** Age 60+, \$4 suggested donation; all others, \$7. APRIL 4-8

Monday: shepherd's pie, salad greens, wheat roll, slice fruit.

Tuesday: taco salad, tortilla chips, tortilla soup.

Wednesday: chicken pot pie, Harvard beans, salad greens, fresh fruit.

Thursday: beef cabbage rolls, cottage cheese and fresh fruit, wheat roll, sherbet.

Friday: honey-glazed ham or lemon chicken, sweet potato casserole, steamed green beans, garden salad, fresh fruit.

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DEATH & SERVICE NOTICES

Mikel 'Terry' Holbrook

Joseph

Mikel "Terry" Holbrook, 81, of Joseph, died March 27, 2022, at his home of heart failure. A celebration of his life will be held April 8 at 11 a.m. at the Thunder Room, Joseph. Arrangements are by Bollman Funeral Home, Enterprise.

UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



April 2 — CHERYL HAHER: 10 a.m. funeral, Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande (casual dress preferred).

April 2 — DIANNA BRAY: noon memorial service, Calvary Baptist Church, Cove; 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.

April 4 — MARC McDOWELL: 1 p.m. celebration of life, Cloverleaf Hall, Enterprise.

April 7 — DON HOUGH: 2 p.m. graveside service, Joseph Cemetery.

April 8 — TERRY HOLBROOK: 11 a.m. celebration of life, Thunder Room, Joseph.

April 8 — LAURA MCKINNIS: 2 p.m. celebration of life, Summerville Cemetery Chapel.

April 8 — MICHAEL DUNN: 3 p.m. memorial service, Catherine Creek Community Center, Union; followed by reception at the center.

April 8 — JO ANNE HUNT: 3 p.m. memorial service, Enterprise First Baptist Church.

April 9 — JUDY & BILL ROSS: 11 a.m. joint graveside service, Joseph Cemetery; followed by gathering at the Stubborn Mule.

April 9 — HUBERT "MERLE" COMFORT: 2 p.m. celebration of life, La Grande Nazarene Church.

April 16 — RICHARD SPRINGER: 2 p.m. celebration of life, Elgin Community Center.

April 24 — MICHAEL ROBINSON: 2 p.m. celebration of life, Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande; followed by reception at Riverside Park Pavilion, La Grande.

May 7 — TODD MCCOY: 1 p.m. graveside service, Prairie Creek Cemetery, Joseph.

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

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• DEADLINES: Noon Friday for Tuesday publication; noon Tuesday for Thursday publication; noon Thursday for Saturday publication.
 • CONTACT: Devi Mathson, dmathson@lagrandeobserver.com • 541-624-6007

DEATH NOTICE • Free of charge • 150-word maximum in newspaper content style

• Includes name, age, town of residency and information about any funeral services or life celebrations. • No add-ons available (photos, etc.).

• DEADLINE: 11 a.m. the day prior to publication
 • CONTACT: Lisa Lester Kelly, lkelly@lagrandeobserver.com • 541-624-6019

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

7:44 a.m. — La Grande police received a report of an attempted burglary at a residence on the 300 block of Jefferson Avenue. An officer made contact and took a report.

7:57 a.m. — A caller reported a kitten was stuck on the 800 block of North First Street, Union. An animal enforcement officer freed the kitten.

2:13 p.m. — La Grande police responded to 21st Street and O Avenue for a vehicle crash without injuries. Police took a report.

4:05 p.m. — The La Grande parking enforcement officer cited a vehicle on the 100 block of Greenwood Street for parking in the wrong direction.

4:48 p.m. — A resident on the 700 block of Adams Avenue, La Grande, made a complaint about telephonic harassment. An officer made contact and provided options.

4:59 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a complaint about noise on the 700 block of Bellwood Street, Union. A deputy responded and counseled juveniles.

7:43 p.m. — Union County sheriff's deputies and Oregon State Police responded to the 86200 block of Mount Glen Road, La Grande, on a report of a possible assault. Law enforcement found the situation did not rise to the level of a mandatory arrest.

9:02 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office responded

to Walmart, 11619 Island Ave., Island City, and arrested James Glenn Elliott, 20, of La Grande, for first-degree theft.

THURSDAY, MARCH 31

6:54 a.m. — A caller reported an assault on the 3000 block of First Street, La Grande. An officer made contact and took a report.

1:25 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of identity theft at Denny's Restaurant, 2604 Island Ave., La Grande. An officer made contact and took a report.

2:28 p.m. — A caller reported the theft of a vehicle from the area of 69800 Haefer Lane, Cove. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded and took a report.

2:41 p.m. — A caller reported animal abuse on the 1600 block of Baltimore Street, Elgin. An animal enforcement officer will follow up.

2:52 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of identity theft at Pinehurst Apartments, 1502 21st St. An officer made contact and took a report.

6:44 p.m. — A caller reported three dogs were running loose in the area of Cove Avenue and Portland Street, La Grande.

8:20 p.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about suspicious circumstances on the 600 block of 18th Street. An officer responded and determined it was a small pile of leaves.

Cheryl K. (Lyon) Hafer

August 26, 1944 - March 29, 2022

Cheryl K. Hafer, 77, of La Grande, passed away on Tuesday, March 29, 2022, at a local care facility.

Cheryl was born on Aug. 26, 1944, in Promise, Oregon, to Gilbert and Sadie (Carper) Lyon. She resided in Wallowa, La Grande and Cove, Oregon. She graduated from Wallowa High School in 1962, then attended Eastern Oregon College 1962-1964. She married her one true love, Guy Henry Hafer, who was a teacher at La Grande High School, on June 12, 1966, in La Grande, Oregon.

Cheryl worked as a nurse's aide at St. Joseph Hospital in La Grande and later was a bookkeeper for Burr Courtright Irrigation, House & Wasley Accountants, and Abstract and Title. She enjoyed volunteering and was a member of the La Grande Lions, Salvation Army Advisory Board, Knife & Fork Club, Cove Booster Club, Coats for Kids, Santa Mall, Star Promenaders Square Dance Club and multiple scholarship committees. She also enjoyed watching and cheering for children, grandchildren and all kids in general. She earned the Woman of Year award for Union County in 2005.

Cheryl is survived by her children, Lisa Murchison (Dennis) of Cove, Oregon, and Russell Hafer (Sandra) of Boise, Idaho; sister, Janice O'Malley of Pendleton, Oregon; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and too many nieces and nephews to count. She was preceded in death by her husband, Guy Hafer; parents, Gilbert and Sadie Lyon; and sisters, Barbara Whaley and Colleen Neustel.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Cove Education Foundation, 803 Main St., Cove, OR 97824.



Marcus "Marc" J. McDowell

June 29, 1973 - March 29, 2022

Marcus "Marc" Jay McDowell, 48, of Joseph, Oregon, passed away on Tuesday, March 29, 2022. A celebration of his life will be held at the Cloverleaf Hall, Enterprise, Oregon, on Monday, April 4, 2022, at 1 p.m.

Marc was born on June 29, 1973, in Portland, Oregon, to Durwood "Woody" and Marlene (Teeny) McDowell. He resided in Molalla, Joseph, John Day and La Grande, Oregon. He graduated from Molalla Union High School and later graduated from Iowa School of Taxidermy and Oregon State Police Academy.

Marc was an outfitter at their family-owned packing operation, the Eagle Cap Pack Station, and a taxidermist. He later became an Oregon State Police K-9 handler, a senior trooper and a sergeant. In his spare time, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, snorkeling, traveling and seeing the world with his children.

Marc is survived by his daughter, Alysa McDowell; son, Austin McDowell; mother, Marlene McDowell; sisters, Monica Karcher (Bill) of Ponte Vedra, Florida, Marcie Teeney of Joseph, Oregon, and Misty Beckman of Joseph, Oregon; brother, Matthew McDowell (Amber) of Enterprise, Oregon; aunts and uncles, Mitch and Virginia Teeney and Dave and Lorraine Teeney. He was preceded in death by his father, Woody McDowell.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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



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Jo Anne (Garrison) Hunt

February 23, 1933 - March 20, 2022

Jo Anne Garrison Hunt, a resident of Enterprise, Oregon, passed away on Sunday night, March 20, 2022, peacefully in her room at the Wallowa Valley Senior Living.

She was born on Feb. 23, 1933, in Pittsburg, Kansas, to Howard Jayson Garrison and Ada Pearl (Jones) Garrison. There were six children born to Howard and Ada - Alice, Grace, Dale, Jean, Mary and Jo - all of whom have gone before her.

Jo Anne married Stewart L. Hunt on May 26, 1953. There were three children in this marriage: John Stewart, Jeanette Marie and Gary Howard.

Jo Anne went to Pittsburgh High School and to Kansas University. She enjoyed her job with the Cypress School District in Southern California as a teacher's aide. Jo Anne loved to go to the sporting events of her children and eventually her grandchildren. She loved baseball, specifically the Dodgers in Los Angeles. Later she watched a lot of basketball and loved to cheer on Gonzaga as her team.

We had many camping trips as a family and enjoyed going on trips to Niagara Falls, Paul Revere's house, George Washington's home on the Potomac, Kennedy's grave to see the eternal flame and Plymouth Rock.

After moving to the Wallowa Valley in the 1980s, Jo and Stu enjoyed raising cows and sheep on their small acreage outside of town. They enjoyed the country life as did their family when they came to visit.

Joanne had strong convictions in her faith and attended the First Baptist Church of Enterprise. Along with her children, she enjoyed five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren: John and Patty Jo Hunt, John Hunt Jr.; Jeanette and Mark Barnhart, Sam; Ernie and Charon Sams, Jacob, Ethan, Eli; Tiffany and Michael Cox, Kalon; Evan and Kendra Sams, Olive, London; Chad and Alice Sams, Kendra, Kiera; and Gary and Cathy Hunt.

A memorial service will be held April 8, 2022, at 3 p.m. at the Enterprise First Baptist Church. Bollman Funeral Home entrusted with arrangements.