

## MILESTONE Everett Rhoton celebrates 90th birthday



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Everett Rhoton, the “Coolest Kitty in the City,” has turned 90. Friends are welcome to join him in this celebration at an open house hosted by his family on April 10 from 2-5 p.m. at the La Grande Church of the Nazarene. Light refreshments and cake will be served. No gifts, please.

Everett was born in Baker City, Oregon, and attended schools in North Powder, Portland and La Grande. He married his wife, Thelma, in 1952 and shortly after their wedding began serving in the U.S. Navy. Everett was stationed in Pensacola Florida, and San Diego, California, and completed a tour on the USS Terrell County.

Following his service to our country Everett and



Thelma made their home in La Grande, where they raised their three sons and have been active members of the La Grande Church of the Nazarene.

Everett was employed by Boise Cascade for 46 years before retiring in 1997. In his retirement he has enjoyed winter visits to Palm Springs and San Diego as well as spending time with his three sons, Rick, Scott and Kevin, and their families.

## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

### FRIDAY, APRIL 1

9:57 a.m.— A Union County sheriff's deputy responded to the 20 block of South Sixth Avenue, Elgin, on a complaint about a burglary and took a report.

12:01 p.m.— A resident on the 2800 block of Spruce Street, La Grande, reported a possible burglary. A Union County sheriff's deputy made contact.

12:54 p.m. — A caller reported a disturbance at GrandeScapes Nursery and Landscaping, 11001 Island Ave., Island City. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded and trespassed a person.

5:36 p.m. — The La Grande School District office, 1305 N. Willow St., reported possible harassment. An officer responded and forwarded the matter to the school resource officer.

6:56 p.m.— A caller reported a domestic disturbance on the 1100 block of Alder Street, Elgin. Union County sheriff's deputies responded and warned two people and arrested one for disorderly conduct.

7:33 p.m.— A caller reported a sick deer on the 500 block of Fifth Street, La Grande. An officer dispatched the deer and contacted the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

11:19 p.m. — A caller made a complaint about noise on the 1100 block of Alder Street, Elgin. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded and the subject turned down the music.

11:28 p.m. — La Grande police responded to Grande Ronde Hospital, 900 Sunset Drive, for a female causing a disturbance. Officers gave her a courtesy ride.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 2

2:14 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the Longbranch Bar and Eats, 208 Depot St., on a noise complaint and counseled the subjects.

7:10 a.m. — A caller reported an injured deer at Antles Lane and Jasper Street, Cove. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded and dispatched the deer.

2:25 p.m. — La Grande police received a request to talk with an officer about vandalism on the 2000 block of X Avenue. An officer responded and counseled the subject.

2:42 p.m. — A caller on the 200 block of Fir Street, La Grande, asked to speak to an officer about vandalism. An officer made contact and took a report.

5:08 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1400 block of Court Avenue on a call about a domestic disturbance. An officer explained options to both parties.

11:18 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the high school, 708 K Ave., on a complaint about noise. An officer counseled juveniles, who shut off the music.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 3

12:02 a.m. — A caller reported a careless motorcycle rider was crossing the railroad tracks in the area of X Avenue, La Grande. An officer searched the area but did not find the rider.

1:03 a.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a complaint about a loud party on the 69500 area of Lantz Lane, Cove. A deputy responded and found the party was breaking up.

1:39 a.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy arrested Corey Owen Newman, 40, at Highway 237 and Lower Cove Road, Cove, for driving under the

influence of intoxicants.

8:04 a.m. — A caller reported a possible assault at a residence on the 800 block of North 15th Avenue, Elgin. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded and will follow up.

4:18 p.m. — A caller on the 500 block of Penn Avenue, La Grande, reported a lost chicken.

4:48 p.m. — A caller reported a stuck colt in the area of 63200 Highway 203, La Grande. An animal enforcement officer responded and determined the animal was a goat.

5:13 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of a careless driver in the area of Willow Street and Adams Avenue. Officers responded and warned a driver for having obstructed windows.

7:48 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of a disturbance involving a juvenile at the high school, 708 K Ave. An officer responded and counseled the juvenile.

8:33 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a report of a sex crime in Elgin. A deputy responded and took a report.

## DEATH & SERVICE NOTICES

### Frances J. Bollman

Wallowa Lake

Frances Jo Bollman, 101, died April 2, 2022, at her home at Wallowa Lake, just three days shy of her 102nd birthday, which family was going to celebrate that day. A graveside service will be held April 23 at 11 a.m. at the Enterprise Cemetery with vault interment to follow. Arrangements are by Bollman Funeral Home, Enterprise.

### Joan 'Joni' K. Jarvis

Cove

Joan "Joni" Kendall Jarvis, 81, of Cove, died April 4 at her home. Arrangements are by Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, La Grande.

### John Keating

Elgin

John Keating, 86, of Elgin, died April 2, 2022, at his home. Arrangements are by Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Halfway.

### Sylvia Porter

Formerly of La Grande

Sylvia Porter, 81, formerly of La Grande, died April 2, 2022, in Vancouver, Washington. Arrangements are by Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, La Grande.

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### Donald Leroy Hough

December 5, 1932 - March 23, 2022

Donald was born to Hugh and Lucille Giles Hough in Hugo, Colorado. The family moved to the Ashgrove area of Denver when Don was 4. Don started getting farm experience early on, milking cows and driving tractor for area farmers at the age of 8. Always working while attending school, he graduated from South High School in 1950.

After high school, he was drafted into the United States Army, where he served as a Staff Sergeant during the Korean War. After the Army, Don enrolled at (then) Colorado A&M University and majored in animal husbandry. While there, he pledged Farmhouse fraternity, serving as president. He was awarded a bachelor of science degree from Colorado State University in 1959. Following his graduation from college, he joined his father in a farming business in Douglas County, Colorado. They worked together to raise dry land wheat and cattle.

Don married Lois Rosser in 1959 in Denver, Colorado. She joined him on the farm in Douglas County. Their daughter, Danna, was born in 1960. After Danna was born, Don returned to school for a master's degree in science education. During this time, Don, Lois, and Danna moved to Elizabeth, Colorado, where they purchased more farmland for the Hough family ranch. He was also employed by Castle Rock High School to teach Biology. Eventually, Don and Lois decided to search for their own ranch - a place with abundant water and grass that would be perfect for raising cattle.

In 1971, he purchased the Double Key Ranch in Joseph, Oregon. For nearly 50 years, Don operated the 5,000 acre ranch - the largest, contiguous ranch in Wallowa County. Ranching was always his passion, and he concentrated on improving his Angus cattle herd and providing them with the best environment. His knowledge of biology and genetics helped him to be a forward thinker and leader in the selective breeding of cattle. He was selected by Wallowa County Stockgrowers Association as

“Cattleman of the Year” and “Grassman of the Year.” In his “spare time,” Don was an active member in the Oregon Cattlemen's Association, the Liberty Grange and served as President of the Associated Ditch Company.



Don and Lois both believed in agriculture education, and were strong supporters of the Wallowa County 4-H and FFA programs. Don was a respected livestock judge and showman, and they both loved visiting the County Fair to observe the youth projects. Don supported the annual stock sale by buying several animals over the years.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, Hugh and Lucille, his daughter Danna, and his wife of 60 years, Lois Hough.

He is survived by his siblings: Hugh Vernon Hough of Charleston, SC; Nadine Lucille Hough Murray (John) of Seattle, WA; Kenneth Charles Hough (Beth) of Enterprise, OR. Surviving nieces and nephews include: Sheridan Hough (Christian) of Charleston, SC; Kendall Hayes (Jerry) of Enterprise, OR; Kirsten Pennell of Virginia Beach, VA; Jason Hough (Heidi) of St. John, WA; and John Andrew Murray (Joanna) of Seattle, WA. Surviving grand nieces and nephews include Connor Pennell of Virginia Beach, VA.; Marley Hayes of Enterprise, OR; Kaitlyn and Tyler Hough of Saint John, WA; and Isabella and Tasmyn Murray of Seattle, WA.

Most important to Don were his family, his Christian faith, and his passion for cattle ranching. He often said, “I got to do what I wanted to do in my life.”

Don will be laid to rest at Prairie Creek Cemetery, next to his wife Lois. Graveside services will be held Thursday April 7, at 2 p.m. Bollman Funeral Home entrusted with arrangements.

Remembrances may be made to First Baptist Church, 1420 W. North Street, Enterprise, OR 97828 or to the Wallowa County Fair, 668 NW 1st Street, Enterprise, OR 97828.

## UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



**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 23 — FRANCES BOLLMAN:** 11 a.m. graveside service and vault interment, Enterprise Cemetery.

**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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### Iris N. (Taylor) Adkins

June 13, 1922 – March 25, 2022

Iris Nadine Adkins, age 99, of La Grande and formerly of Union, died March 25, 2022. Iris was born on June 13, 1922, the daughter of Otto H. and Alious (Steinbach) Taylor in Union County, Oregon. She was the youngest of seven children, the only one born in Oregon of Missouri emigrants.

Iris attended school in Union, graduating from Union High School in 1940. She married Vernon Adkins in 1940 in Weiser, Idaho. He preceded her in death in December of 2005. She was a member of the Union Methodist Church and enjoyed square dancing and bowling.

Survivors include her daughter, Linda (Dale) Conklin of Heppner; grandchildren, Ashley (Teri) Conklin of Eugene, Jill (Ray) Lew of Beaverton, Mark (Shannon) Conklin of Vancouver, Washington, Nathan Adkins (Crystal Tholen) of Union, and Andy (Amaya) Adkins of La Grande; nine great-grandchildren; special niece, Shirley Johnson; and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her son Kerry Adkins in June of 2017; six siblings; one grandchild and one great-grandchild.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Union Bobcat Foundation. At her request there will not be a public service. Arrangements are entrusted to Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Center.

### Steven Wayne Zollman

September 23, 1948 - March 26, 2022

Steve was born to Paul and Winnifred Zollman in Enterprise, Oregon. Steve graduated from Wallowa High School in 1967. After high school, Steve enlisted in the U.S. Army, where he served in Maryland, Germany and eventually Vietnam. Steve was in the SP5 maintenance Division 135 CO USARV. On June 20, 1970,



Steve was honorably discharged as a PV 1, receiving the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and the Vietnam Campaign Medal. After his service, Steve moved back to Lostine, Oregon, where he worked for the U.S. Forest Service. On June 26, 1971, he married Joyce Cook at the First Baptist Church in Enterprise, Oregon. Steve and Joyce moved to Mitchell, Oregon, where he worked for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, then moved to Pendleton, Oregon, where he worked a couple different jobs before finding his career at Pendleton Grain Growers. In September of 1978 they moved to Enterprise, Oregon, where he began work at Wallowa County Grain Growers. He worked there until his retirement in December of 2008. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, VFW Post 4307 and the American Legion.

Steve was very involved in all the activities that his four children participated in. He loved the outdoors, camping, hunting and fishing, especially with his family. One of Steve's favorite hobbies was his fantasy football team. In 2014, Steve and Joyce moved to Council, Idaho. Due to his failing health, Steve spent close to 4 years in the compassionate care of the VA CLC in Boise, Idaho, until his death. Steve was a devout Christian man that was very kind and always willing to help others.

Steve is survived by his wife of 50 years, Joyce; his children Amy (Dan) Shumway, Wilmer (Beth) Zollman, Ryan (Anna) Zollman, and Brent (Codii) Zollman; nine grandchildren, two brothers, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles.

Services for Steve will be held at the First Baptist Church in Enterprise on April 9, 2022, at 2 p.m. Following the service, Steve will be laid to rest at the Alder Slope Cemetery.