

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

MONDAY, APRIL 4

1:53 a.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office arrested Christopher J. Wallace, 56, while he was in custody in the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton, on a Union County warrant for first-degree burglary, vehicle theft, five counts of first-degree theft and one count of first-degree aggravated theft.

2:23 a.m. — A caller reported a vehicle was stuck in snow on Ladd Creek Road, La Grande. A Union County sheriff's deputy made contact and arranged for a tow truck.

12:34 p.m. — A caller made a complaint about animal cruelty on the 30 block of Highway 204, Elgin. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded and resolved the situation.

3:22 p.m. — A caller reported a tree fell and created a traffic hazard on Mill Creek Lane, Cove.

6:19 p.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy responded to Taco Bell, 11625 Island Ave., Island City, on a report of a disturbance. The deputy trespassed one male.

11:33 p.m. — A caller on the 2100 block of Fir Street, La Grande, reported a restraining order violation. Officers responded and found there was no violation but did take a report for theft.

TUESDAY, APRIL 5

7:42 a.m. — A caller on the 1200 block of Conklin Road, Cove, made a complaint about harassment. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded and cited a juvenile.

10:09 a.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a report of a disturbance at the Flying J Travel Center, 63276 Highway 203, La Grande. A deputy responded and the subject agreed to go to Grande Ronde Hospital, La Grande.

10:17 a.m. — A caller reported a safety hazard due to a disabled vehicle at Cedar Street and Y Avenue, La Grande. Officers responded and warned the subjects for trespassing.

1:52 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a report of a sex crime in Island City. A deputy made contact.

3:40 p.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy responded to La Grande High School, 708 K Ave., La Grande, for a restraining order violation. Deputy referred the victim to Shelter From the Storm.

7:11 p.m. — A resident on the 1500 block of Washington Avenue, La Grande, reported an assault that occurred Friday, April 1. An officer made contact.

7:30 p.m. — A resident on the 10700 block of Emily Drive, La Grande, reported a person threatened to slash vehicle tires. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded and trespassed the subject from the residence.

10:30 p.m. — A caller reported two dogs on the 2600 block of Fourth Street, La Grande, were without food and water.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

BRIEF

Reserve your spot for April 19 Cove senior lunch

COVE — Cove senior lunches are served at Founders Hall on the Ascension School grounds on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Coffee and tea are available at 11:30 a.m., and lunch is at noon.

The menu for Tuesday, April 19, is sweet and sour chicken over rice, winter squash, salad bar, rolls and sugar cookies.

The price is \$5 per meal and reservations are requested to ensure there is food for everyone. If you haven't been contacted or wish to participate, call Betsy Arnson at 541-568-4902 or Virginia Fischer at 907-299-6072 by April 12.

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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 — JAKKI BOEHNE: 2 p.m. funeral, Faith Lutheran Church, La Grande.

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

April 9 — STEVE ZOLLMAN: 2 p.m. memorial service, Enterprise First Baptist Church; followed by burial at Alder Slope Cemetery.

—Calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande

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Mikel Terry Holbrook

November 18, 1940 - March 27, 2022

Mikel Terry Holbrook, 81, of Joseph, passed away at his home of heart failure.

Terry was born in Grangeville, Idaho, the third child of Charles Holbrook and Ruth Harris Holbrook. Early in his childhood the family moved to Joseph, Oregon, where his two younger sisters were born. He attended school in Joseph and graduated in 1959. In 1962 Terry and Judi Cornwell were married in Enterprise where they lived in town until their new home on Alder Slope was completed. Alder Slope remained their home for the next 56 years. There he enjoyed raising his two sons, sheep, cattle and pasturing retired horses and mules for others.

Terry was hired by The Wallowa County Road Dept. as part-time help the spring he graduated high school. He remained on the job 43 years, retiring in 2002 as road superintendent. After retiring, Terry enjoyed working for Jones Excavating and Moffit Brothers driving truck and travel bus with his buddy Jim Mackin.

He was a member of the Enterprise Elks Lodge and held a Voting Membership with Chief Joseph Days Rodeo, Inc. He was proud of being named Elk of the year in 1968. Terry was instrumental in forming the Enterprise Booster Club and was selected by the wrestlers to the Boosters' Honor Roll. He was appreciative of being recognized as an Honorary Chapter Farmer for FFA.

He was selected Grand Marshal of the Chief Joseph Days Parade in 2008.

Terry participated and volunteered for everything involving his sons. He spent many years coaching youth baseball and raising 4-H and FFA sheep. He loved camping, fishing, hunting and making summer sausage, jerky and smoked cheese.

Terry is survived by his wife; son Ron (Denise) of Broomfield, CO; son Dan (Barb) of Keizer, OR; five grandchildren, Kyle, Sarah and Abby of Broomfield, CO; Wyatt of Scotts Mills, OR; Wade of La Grande, OR; and great-granddaughter Emberlynn of Scotts Mills, OR; three sisters, Dawn Meyers of Sutherlin, OR; Kathy Lamm (Kevin) of Leavenworth, WA; Connie Simonis (Larry) of Clarkston, WA; and many nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his father, mother, sister Sharon, step-father Wayne Davis and brother-in-law Max Meyers.

The celebration of life will be at 11 a.m. Friday, April 8, 2022, at the Thunder Room in Joseph, Bollman Funeral Home entrusted with arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Chief Joseph Days Rodeo, Inc. Hall of Fame fund or charity of choice.



DEATH & SERVICE NOTICES

Jakki L. Boehne

Cove

Jakki L. Boehne, 66, of Cove, died April 5, 2022, at her residence. A funeral service will be held April 9 at 2 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, La Grande. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande.

Mary H. Crawford

Formerly of Union

Mary H. Crawford, 91, formerly of Union, died April 2, 2022, at Blue Mt. Care Center, Prairie City. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande.

Maria Onaindia

La Grande

Maria Onaindia, 92, of La Grande, died April 6, 2022, at a local care facility. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande.

Laura (Feik) McKinnis

August 7, 1935 - March 21, 2022

Laura McKinnis, 86, longtime Imbler resident, died Monday, March 21, 2022, at Grande Ronde Hospital. A service will be held at the Summerville Cemetery Chapel beginning at 2 p.m. Friday, April 8, 2022. Casual dress is requested.



Laura was born Aug. 7, 1935, in La Grande, Oregon, the first of three children born to Floyd and Andrea (Ainsworth) Feik. The family spent most of Laura's growing up years in La Grande until they purchased what would later become Two Rock Simmental Ranch near Summerville. Laura graduated with the class of 1953 at Imbler High School. A couple years later, on May 5, 1955, she married John "Dean" McKinnis in La Grande.

After a short time in Clovis, New Mexico, while Dean completed his time with the USAF, they returned to the area, making their home La Grande for a couple years and then to Imbler. Laura held many jobs in her young married life, including working for Dr. Bud Ferdinandsen and operating a small cafe in Imbler. She went to work for Boise Cascade as a secretary, first in the forestry division and later for many years in the purchasing department until her retirement in 1997. After Dean passed away in December 1996, she stayed in Imbler until 2020 when she moved to Grande Ronde Retirement.

Laura was artistic and enjoyed crafts all throughout her life. She was a huge music fan and you would find her clapping her hands, smiling and dancing whenever she was around music. Laura was famous for her sense of humor and her big smile, and she loved being around people. She was a positive, fun-loving person who loved family gatherings, fishing (really loved fishing!) and being outdoors picking berries. She started a tradition of taking each of her grandkids school shopping every year. Those kids looked forward to, and have great memories of, their shopping trips with Grandma Laura.

Surviving relatives include her children, Randy (Shawna) McKinnis of Imbler and Lynne (Max) Zollman of Union; grandchildren, Brandon (Kim) Zollman, Kinda (Jayson) Cable, Forrest (Rebecca Ferge) McKinnis, Cody McKinnis, Jerae McKinnis and Coleman (Rianna) Bridge; 13 great-grandchildren; brother, Merle (Bertha) Feik; and many other relatives and friends.

Laura was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Dean; and her beloved brother, Ronnie Feik.

Contributions in lieu of flowers can be made to the Imbler High School sports programs or to the Imbler Rural Fire Protection District.

Bruce L. Colwell

January 23, 1933 - March 26, 2022

Bruce Leon Colwell, 89, of Union, Oregon, passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 26, 2022.

Bruce was born on Jan. 23, 1933, in Clovis, New Mexico, to George Lester Colwell and Jewell May (Sorrows) Colwell.

Bruce proudly served in the United States Navy. He enlisted in 1949 and was honorably discharged in 1953. He was stationed in Guam on the USS Helena during the Korean War. Shortly after his return to the U.S., he met and married the love of his life, Jaqueline "Jackie" Mary (Prochnau) Colwell. They were married in Spokane, Washington, on Oct. 22, 1955. Bruce and Jackie were married 63 years before she passed away in January of 2018.

Bruce and Jackie spent many years living in Crescent City, California, where Bruce served on the California Highway Patrol. He then moved his family to Union, Oregon, in 1970 and was employed by the Boise Cascade Particle Board Plant until his retirement in 1995.

Bruce was an avid outdoorsman who felt more at home in the woods than anywhere else. He enjoyed big game hunting, and one of his favorite pastimes was to listen to or tell stories of past hunts. He loved cutting firewood and continued this activity well into his 80s.

Bruce always took care to stay healthy and fit, and he was aided in this endeavor by his love of gardening, running and hiking. He ran many outdoor road races and competed in these events even into his 50s.

Bruce was also a very talented carpenter and woodworker. He had a natural ability for building, and though his skills were mainly self-taught, he could make just about anything he set his mind to. He had a true servant's heart and would employ his skills and talents freely for those he cared about, without a thought of return. Throughout his years, he accomplished many outstanding projects, as well as amazing works of art - including intricately carved and beautifully finished wooden boxes, large and small furniture pieces, cradles and even toys with many working parts - all of which became immediate keepsakes for anyone lucky enough to receive one of them. Though he could easily have sold his work, that was not his way. He was extremely humble and created solely for the satisfaction of the work, and the joy of giving to those he loved.

There was nothing more rewarding in the world for Bruce than to sit with Jackie after a long day of hard work or activity and drink a cup of tea. After 60-plus years of marriage, he still enjoyed listening to the stories his wife would tell over and over, chuckling each time as if it were the first time he heard it.

Bruce was kind, friendly and easygoing. He had a great sense of humor and never passed up an opportunity to entertain with his wit and charm. He was the kind of man every man should strive to be, the kind of father, grandfather, brother and son any boy could hope to become, and the kind of husband whose love and devotion is what every woman hopes to find.

Bruce is survived by his seven children with Jackie, Dan Colwell of Sandy, Utah, Sally Allen of Ontario, Oregon, Sue Garwood of La Grande, Oregon, Nic Colwell of Richland, Oregon, Dave Colwell of Paradise, California, Norm Colwell of Hood River, Oregon, and Chris Colwell of Imbler, Oregon; sisters, Nona Turner of Cottage Grove, Oregon, and Nell Hammond of Boise, Idaho; and brother, Gary Colwell of Arizona.

Bruce was affectionately known as "Pop" to all his children and their spouses, as well as his 28 grandkids and 21 great-grandkids. Bruce was an amazing man who will be remembered fondly by anyone who had the great pleasure and honor of knowing him.

A celebration of life memorial will be held at Catherine Creek State Park (in the day-use area across the creek) on Sunday, May 29, 2022.

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



David J. Hasse

December 5, 1950 - March 30, 2022

David "Dave" James Hasse, 71, of Anacortes, Washington, passed away in La Grande, Oregon, on Wednesday, March 30, 2022, at a family home. A service will be held in La Grande at a later time.

Dave was born on Dec. 5, 1950, in La Grande to Donald and Doris (Fager) Hasse, the second of three boys. He graduated from La Grande High School in 1969, and married his high school sweetheart and one true love, Coralee Tucker, in June of 1970.

They had their first son, James, while living in La Grande and attending Eastern Oregon University. They then moved to Philomath, where Dave and Coralee both graduated from Oregon State University and had their second child, their only daughter, Angela. Their third child, Robert, was later born in Vancouver, Washington.

Dave was a civil engineer in construction. He took advantage of various job opportunities and he and his family lived in several cities throughout Washington and Oregon, and even a remote camp job in Snettisham, Alaska. Later, when his kids were grown, he and his wife explored the East Coast with jobs in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Mystic, Connecticut, before finally settling down in Anacortes, Washington.

He and his family enjoyed white-water rafting, rafting the Salmon, Snake, Rogue, Deschutes, John Day, Owyhee and Grande Ronde rivers. And in all his rafting adventures, he never flipped a raft!

Dave and Coralee loved camping and taking road trips together. They would load the camping gear into the car and get "on the road again." They set foot on the ground in all 50 states while exploring national parks and scenic areas.

One of Dave's favorite destinations was Hawaii, where he loved to hike, snorkel, golf and experience the beauty of Hawaii. Earlier this year, he even talked Coralee into ziplining the Kohala Coast.

Dave enjoyed many a yard sale and was often quoted as saying, "I bought it for a dollar at a yard sale."

Dave loved boating and crabbing in the San Juans, where he had built a cabin with lots of help from family and friends. He enjoyed fishing, "where the fishing was good, though the catching not so much."

He was the family photographer, capturing faces and memories wherever he was, and had recently taken to studying family genealogy.

Dave was a handyman, Mr. Fix-It extraordinaire, and was always there to lend a helping hand to friends and family. He believed you could never have too many tools. If one is good, more is better! He was often found tinkering in his shop when he was home.

Dave is survived by his wife, Coralee; children, James Hasse (Karmin) of La Grande, Oregon, Angela Bothwell (Robbie) of Sammamish, Washington, and Robert Hasse of Cove, Oregon; brother, Joel Hasse (Leslie) of La Grande, Oregon; father-in-law, Collins Tucker of La Grande, Oregon; sister-in-law, Collis Howard (Mike) of Cove, Oregon; brother-in-law, Allen Tucker of Pendleton, Oregon; four grandchildren, Braden, Brynlee, Alyssa and Ashlyn; and eight nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Donald and Doris, and brother, Gene Hasse.

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

