

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

MEETINGS

• LA GRANDE — A regular session of the La Grande Rural Fire Protection District Board will begin at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, at the fire hall. For more information, call Kim George at 541-910-3114.

• LA GRANDE — The Board of Directors of the La Grande School District will meet for a regular session on Wednesday, April 13, at 7 p.m. in the District Office Board Room at 1305 N. Willow. The board welcomes the public to attend in person, online or by phone. Access information is available on the agenda posted at www.lagrandesd.org.

• LA GRANDE — The City of La Grande Parks and Recreation Department's Community Landscape and Forestry Commission meets on Tuesday, April 12; a meeting of the La

Grande Arts Commission will be on Wednesday, April 13; and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meets on Thursday, April 14. All meetings begin at 5:30 p.m. For more information on how to tune in or about the agendas, contact Stu Spence, Parks and Recreation director, at 541-962-1348 or sspence@cityoflagrande.org.

BRIEFS

Tangled poetry featured at Teen iCraft

LA GRANDE — The next Teen iCraft at Cook Memorial Library is on Wednesday, April 13, at 4 p.m. Teens will make tangled poems from book pages.

This free activity is open to anyone in middle or high school. Supplies are provided, and registration is not needed.

The library offers a variety of free activities for teens.

For information on upcoming events, stop by the library at 2006 Fourth St., La Grande, call 541-962-1339 or visit the library's website and social media.

'Easter Jam' includes flashlight egg hunt

LA GRANDE — All ages are invited to an "Easter Jam" on Wednesday, April 13, beginning at 6 p.m. at the La Grande Church of the Nazarene.

The free event includes games, music and a glow-in-the-dark egg hunt (bring a flashlight). Registration is encouraged but not required. Call 541-963-3402 or email info@lagrandenazarene.com for more information.

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UNION COUNTY SENIOR CENTER LUNCH MENU

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 11-15

Monday: house sandwich (beef hoagie with cream cheese and mushrooms), potato salad, grilled tomatoes, fresh fruit.

Tuesday: beef bourguignon over egg noodles, garden vegetable salad,

wheat bread, fresh strawberries.

Wednesday: fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, steamed asparagus, tomato-cucumber salad, Italian bread, cookie.

Thursday: pork roast or coconut chicken, whipped potatoes, steamed Brussels sprouts, Caesar salad, baked apples, carrot cake.

Friday: breakfast for lunch: cheese tarts, sausages, country potatoes, fresh fruit, yogurt, cinnamon rolls.

HONORS

Union County students earn academic recognition at BMCC

The Observer

PENDLETON — Blue Mountain Community College, Pendleton, released its 2021-22 winter term honor roll, which recognizes the achievements of full-time students. A number of students from Union County

earned this honor.

President's List (3.75-4.0 GPA): Nathan Bean, Tulley Bloom, Owen Burbank, Danielle Church, Elizabeth Durfee, Bianca Garcia, Keegan Glenn, Ann Hays, Shakayla Johnson, Brianna Kohr, Hana Litzlbeck, Rebecca

Murrill, Mckaylee Orton, Emma Rice, Laramie Ricker, Romayne Ricker, Brenale Ritter, Alexia Siders, Troy Stever.

Vice President's List (3.5 to 3.74): Madison Duker, Lena Eckstein, Dylan Miles, Lilly Naiser, Kenzie Williams.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

12:33 a.m. — La Grande police during a traffic stop at Second Street and X Avenue cited a 15-year-old boy for attempt to elude.

3:35 a.m. — A caller reported a female was walking and yelling on the 1400 block of W Avenue, La Grande.

3:55 a.m. — A caller reported a male was waking in the road in the area of Adams Avenue and Depot Street, La Grande. An officer responded and warned the person for disorderly conduct.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

7:11 a.m. — A resident on the 900 block of Dogwood Street, Elgin, reported the possible theft of a dog.

8:33 a.m. — Union County Sheriff's Office cited and released Rachelle Diahann Smith, 54, on a Union County warrant charging resisting arrest, attempted assault of a public safety officer and harassment.

10:34 a.m. — A resident on the 1700 block of First Street, La Grande, made a complaint about telephonic harassment. An officer made contact and explained options.

12:29 p.m. — Local law enforcement responded to Walmart, 11619 Island Ave., Island City, on a report of a disturbance and provided a ride to one of the parties involved.

1:19 p.m. — A caller complained about noise on the 1400 block of Fourth Street, La Grande. An officer responded and warned the subjects.

1:35 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of a burglary at a business at 2516 Cove Ave. An officer made contact and took a report.

3:14 p.m. — La Grande police and the local school resource officer responded to La Grande High School, 708 K Ave., La Grande, on a report of a juvenile disturbance. The SRO will follow up with the school.

3:39 p.m. — Union County sheriff's deputies responded to the 1700 block of Baltimore Street, Elgin, on a report of a domestic disturbance. Deputies provided options.

6:30 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the Royal Motor Inn, 1510 Adams Ave., on a report of vandalism and trespassed one male.

BIRTHS

GRANDE RONDE HOSPITAL, LA GRANDE

BOWEN: Swayzee Bowen, born April 2, 2022, to Kasaundra Bowen and Caleb Bowen, of La Grande.

ZICKEFOOSE: Helena Darlene Zickefoose, born March 15, 2022, to Heather Zickefoose and Guy Zickefoose, of North Powder. Grandparents are Mark Ewing and Vicky Davis.

DEATH NOTICE

Maria Onaindia

Enterprise

Maria Onaindia, 92, of Enterprise, died April 6, 2022, at a care facility in La Grande. A private family burial will be held at the Enterprise Cemetery with a Memorial Mass to follow at a later date. Arrangements are by Bollman Funeral Home, Enterprise.

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- 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

Mary L. Scott
September 15, 1957 – March 19, 2022

Mary Louise Scott, 64, of Elgin, passed away on Saturday, March 19, 2022, at Willowbrook Terrace in Pendleton, Oregon. A celebration of life potluck will be held at the Elgin Community Center on Saturday, May 21, 2022, at 11 a.m.



Mary was born on Sept. 15, 1957, in Newport, Rhode Island, to Wesley (Pete) and Elaine (Rose) Scott. Mary's father was a Vietnam veteran, and she enjoyed life overseas with her family before returning home to Elgin in 1970. Mary graduated from Elgin High School in 1975. After graduation, she worked at the Elgin Community Center and went on to be a phone operator in Walla Walla and Seattle, Washington, and Salem, Oregon. She enjoyed reading, writing, music, movies and television. She also was creative in crafting and making jewelry.

Mary is survived by her brother, James Scott of Elgin, Oregon; sisters, Marie Hanson of Elgin, Oregon, Helen Falconer of Milton-Freewater, Oregon, and Sharon Baxley of Elgin, Oregon; many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews; her other relatives and friends; and her peeps at Willowbrook. Mary is preceded in death by her grandparents, Ivan and Elsie Churchill and Joe and Ella Scott; her parents, Wesley and Elaine Scott; and a brother, Philip Owen Scott.

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

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UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



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.

April 14 — BOB BERRY: 10 a.m. graveside service and burial, Island City Cemetery.

April 16 — RICK 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.

May 21 — MARY SCOTT: 11 a.m. celebration of life potluck, Elgin Community Center.

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

— Calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande

Robert M. Berry
May 27, 1931 - April 1, 2022

Robert "Bob" Merton Berry was born in La Grande, Oregon, to Merton Albert Berry and Golda Joyce Beck on May 27, 1931, and passed away in Moose Pass, Alaska, on April 1, 2022.

He grew up and attended schools in La Grande. After high school, he worked for the Forest Service, and then for a sawmill out of Elgin. In February of 1951, he left to serve a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and spent two years in the North Central States Mission based in Minnesota. He returned home in February of 1953. On March 26, 1953, he married Carol Ruth Shinsel in the Logan Utah temple. Their earthly life together lasted until her death, August 12, 2012.

Bob was drafted into the Army in April of 1953 and was sent to Ft. Louis in Washington for basic training. Their first son, Robert Sherman, was born there. He was discharged from the Army in February of 1955 and shortly after moved to Provo, Utah, where Loren Ray joined the family. Bob worked on a dairy farm with his wife's uncle before moving back to La Grande. There, he delivered mail for the USPS and welcomed a daughter, Bonita Carol, and another son, Clinton Jay. Although working for the post office was a good job, he had a quest for adventure and on the recommendation of a friend he applied for a job with the BLM in Alaska for fire control. He was hired to start April 1, 1958, in the little village of Northway, Alaska. So, Bob and Carol and four little kids made the 3,000-mile trek to Alaska to start the next phase of their lives. The trip was fraught with trials and adventure, but with the help and grace of the Heavenly Father, they made it on a wing and a prayer. Alaska placed its spell on Bob and they ended up staying in that great state and raising their family for the next 15 years.

During those years they buried a daughter, Crystal Kay, in 1959, and added three more sons, Curtis Merton, Vernal Rex and Goldyn Scott. Their lives were filled with work and fun, and more work. They homesteaded just outside of Delta Junction where they raised potatoes, winter wheat, hay and whatever else they could get to grow there. They withstood the frigid weather, snow and storms, a couple of floods, herds of buffalo who wiped out crops and trampled fields and many more trials. Bob was an avid hunter and took his entire family with him when he went. He kept the freezer full of moose, caribou, salmon and sometimes even buffalo. He worked any other jobs he could get to keep the family fed. He was an accomplished carpenter and builder, a very good mechanic, plumber, electrician and handyman. He built the log house there in Delta Junction and many houses after that. There wasn't anything he couldn't do.

Bob and his family moved back to Oregon in October of 1972, where they operated a dairy farm for a short while, then he got a job with the Vale, Oregon, School District teaching auto mechanics and building trades. He loved mentoring the high schoolers and had fun teaching them how to build houses, fix cars, be self-reliant and to value their self-esteem. He loved those students as much as they loved him. Later, with Carol as his co-pilot, he drove semi-trucks to deliver cars, then delivered oil for Poole Oil in Boise Idaho. Proving that he was good at almost anything he would undertake, he entered and won the state big-rig driving competition and got to go to Nashville, Tennessee, for the national competition.

Bob retired and in 1995 he and his sweetheart decided to serve a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They sold their home in Vale,



purchased some property in La Grande, and put in their mission application papers. They were living in a shop on the La Grande property and preparing to build a house when they received their call to serve in the Portuguese, Lisbon, mission. They spent 18 months in the Cabo-Verde Islands off the coast of South Africa where they taught, supported and mentored the saints there both physically and spiritually. They loved the people there, and the people, in turn, loved Elder and Sister Berry.

They returned home from their mission to La Grande, where Bob built his last home. They enjoyed their time there with family and friends. In 2007, Bob and Carol decided to head back north to Alaska to live with their son Curtis in Moose Pass, which is where he resided until his death. He loved attending the Seward Seahawks high school basketball games and other sports as well, where he was affectionately known as "Gramps." He also loved attending sporting events, weddings, baptisms, blessings, etc., of his grandchildren any time he possibly could.

Bob was a dedicated member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in many callings throughout his life, including president of the first Delta Junction branch, Scout leader, High Priest leader, ward mission leader, temple ordinance worker and his favorite: Sunday school teacher. He was loved and respected by all who knew him. He always had a kind word to say about everyone (unless it was a politician) and very rarely raised his voice. He was a loving and supportive son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, in-law, friend, etc. He loved to tease and was a master at telling the stories of his adventures in the great Northwest (which were many!) He was always ready to help and support anyone in need and lived a righteous life - in which he gathered much wisdom to pass on to his loved ones. His advice was readily sought after and was always invaluable.

Bob leaves a family who will miss him deeply, including six sons, Robert (Judy), Loren, Clint, Curtis (Nikki), Vernal (Twila) and G. Scott (Erika); a daughter, Bonita Yeaman (Alan); a sister, Maxine Shinsel (Victor); a brother Wesley Berry (Teri); and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was excited recently to find out that he would be welcoming a great-great-grandchild in November 2022. He also leaves many beloved nieces and nephews and other extended family members and close friends.

Other than his wife, Carol, preceding him in death are his parents, Merton and Golda Berry; sisters, Thelma Jean See and Luella Mae Berry; brothers, Raymond, Donald and Glendon Berry; grandsons, Kip Robert Johnson and Parker Merton Berry; and granddaughter, Nicole Ann Berry.

Funeral services will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints building in Seward, Alaska, on Friday, April 8, at 5 p.m. There will also be a graveside service in La Grande, Oregon, at 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 14, where he will be buried next to his eternal sweetheart in the Island City Cemetery, Island City, Oregon.

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