

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

## MEETINGS

- **ELGIN** — A meeting of the Elgin School Board will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 18, in the Stella Mayfield auditorium.
- **IMBLER** — The Imbler School Board of Directors will meet for a regular session beginning at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 19. The meeting will be held in Room 1 of the high school.
- **PENDLETON** — The Board of Directors of the InterMountain Education Sewrvice District will meet for a regular session on Wednesday, April 20, at 4 p.m. at the IMESD, 2001 SW Nye Ave., Pendleton.

## BRIEFS

## Free movie for teens shown at Cook Memorial Library

LA GRANDE — Cook Memorial Library's Teen Mid-Week Movie for April is on Wednesday, April 20, at 4 p.m. This free activity is open to anyone in middle or high school. Call the library or visit [www.cookmemoriallibrary.org](http://www.cookmemoriallibrary.org) for the movie title. This activity includes free popcorn and pop and will be held in the library's Community Room.

The library, 2004 Fourth St., La Grande, offers a variety of free activities for teens. For information on upcoming events, call 541-962-1339 or visit the library's social media.

## Comedy presented by Cove High School theater

COVE — Cove High School will present "Nooses Off" — a "play within a play" farce by Don Zolidis — on Friday and Saturday, April 22-23, at 7 p.m., and on Sunday, April 24, at 2 p.m. The performances will be at the Coe Kerr Community Building on the Ascension School grounds, 1104 Church St.

Seating is limited. Ticket reservations are available at [www.eventbrite.com/e/nooses-off-tickets-319764001737](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/nooses-off-tickets-319764001737). Donations are accepted at the door in lieu of ticket pricing.

—The Observer

## 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 sug-

gested donation; all others, \$7.

## April 18-22

**Monday:** BBQ chicken over rice, grilled tomatoes, sweet onion-cucumber salad, wheat roll, brownie.

**Tuesday:** spaghetti, Caesar salad, steamed carrot coins, garlic bread,

fresh fruit.

**Wednesday:** pot roast, salad greens, wheat roll, apple cake.

**Thursday:** taco bar, Mexi-rice, salad greens, tortilla chips, fruit.

**Friday:** BLT sandwich, pea salad, fresh fruit, lemon sorbet.

## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

9:20 a.m. — La Grande police conducted a welfare check on a person who may have been experiencing mental or emotional distress. Police notified the Center for Human Development, Inc.

10:44 a.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy found cattle on the loose at West Center and South Fourth streets, Union, and returned the cows to their owner.

1:39 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of a person who may have been experiencing mental or emotional distress. Officers found the person, who said he would not harm himself.

2:08 p.m. — A resident on the 200 block of Cedar Street, Elgin, reported harassment from a FedEx driver. A Union County sheriff's deputy made contact and referred the resident to FedEx.

2:46 p.m. — A La Grande resident on the 1800 block of Fourth Street, La Grande, reported harassment. An officer made contact and explained options regarding a stalking order.

4:36 p.m. — La Grande Middle School, 1108 Fourth St., made a report about harassment. The school resource officer made contact and planned to follow up.

8:54 p.m. — A resident on the 1500 block of 21st Street, La Grande, reported a neighbor pounded on her door and told her to be quiet. An officer responded and the situation between neighbors was resolved for now.

10:34 p.m. — The Royal Motor Inn, 1510 Adams Ave., La Grande, reported someone was smoking in a guest room. An officer responded. The person got back their money and left. Police noted there was no sign anyone had been smoking.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 14

6:53 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of an assault on the 1000 block of 21st Street. An officer responded and took a report.

12:10 p.m. — A caller reported horses on the loose in the area of 62800 Fruitdale Lane, La Grande. The owner of the horses resolved the situation before an animal enforcement officer responded.

1:42 p.m. — A caller reported possible animal abuse/neglect on the 1000 block of B Avenue, L Grande. An animal enforcement officer made contact.

4:21 p.m. — La Grande police received a report on a runaway juvenile. Officers responded, and the youth returned home.

4:55 p.m. — A resident on the 1700 block of Fourth Street, La Grande, reported a burglary. An officer made contact and took a report.

10 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 200 block of Fir Street on a report of possible gunshots. Officers searched but found no one shooting.

## Arnold "Arnie" Ray Young

March 4, 1949 - April 10, 2022

Arnold "Arnie" Ray Young, 73, of La Grande, passed away at his home on April 10, 2022. At his request, there will not be a service.

Arnie was born on March 4, 1949, in Moscow, Idaho, and grew up on the family farm on the breaks of the Snake River, southwest of Pullman, Washington. He was a farm kid and his work ethic was a big part of his identity all through his life. Arnie was a lifelong fan of Washington State Cougar athletics, as well as the Seahawks and Mariners.

After graduating from Pullman High School in 1967, Arnie married Karen Akins and shipped off to Vietnam as a member of the U.S. Navy SeaBees. He saw three tours of duty as a heavy equipment operator and road builder. After leaving the Navy, Arnie farmed with his family on the Palouse for a few years before relocating to La Grande, Oregon, in 1978. Once settled in La Grande, Arnie started driving a delivery route for the Coca Cola company and his route took him all around the northeast corner of Oregon. He eventually moved over to Pepsi and continued to drive his routes.

Arnie took a year off from his regular life in the year 2000 and rode his bicycle around the world for a year, pedaling through 45 countries and approximately 18,000 miles with the Odyssey 2000 group. This trip inspired Arnie to travel even more, and over the course of the 2010s he traveled to Cuba, Rio De Janeiro and a couple of trips to Sturgis on his Harley.

Arnie started buying up rental property in the 1970s and he worked very hard to make sure his houses were in immaculate shape. He took great pride in the upgrades to each house and the creative landscaping, all of which he did himself. After retirement from his truck driving job, Arnie continued to invest in properties in the Grande Ronde Valley. In recent years, Arnie enjoyed watching his grandsons play baseball and basketball, traveling all around the Northwest to watch games.

Arnie is survived by his two older sisters, Barbara and Sunny, who live in Kennewick, Washington; brother, Larry (Anita) of Pullman, Washington; his sons, CJ (Danielle) of Colfax, Washington, and Steve of Spokane, Washington; grandsons, Laken and Bennett of Spokane, Washington; and several nephews and nieces. Arnie was preceded in death by his father, Robert, and mother, Iva Dell of Pullman.



## Collins S. Tucker

April 28, 1926 - April 11, 2022

Collins S. Tucker, 95, a longtime resident of La Grande and a proud World War 2 veteran, passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by his family on Monday, April 11, 2022. A celebration of his life will be held at the La Grande Nazarene Church on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 2 p.m.

Collins was born on April 28, 1926, in Enterprise, Oregon, the only son of George and Ina (Applegate) Tucker. He and his three sisters were raised on the family ranch in Flora, Oregon.

Collins was drafted into the U.S. Army in October of 1944 and sailed to Europe in March of 1945 on the Queen Elizabeth. He arrived in France and was activated into the 106th infantry and received a Battle Star in Saint-Nazaire. While he was in France, Germany surrendered and Collins became a cryptographic technician in the 65th Signal Corp and spent the remainder of his service in Germany. He was honorably discharged in August of 1946.

He married Mabel Murphy in February 1948, and in 1949 they bought their farm in the Grande Ronde Valley where they lived and raised their three children. Collins worked the farm, raised cattle, grew wheat and hay, and remodeled their farmhouse, all while he worked full-time at Boise Cascade for more than 30 years before he retired in 1988.

He loved to fly and was able to get his pilot's license and enjoyed flying around Northeastern Oregon.

Collins' retirement years were full. He and Mabel loved to travel and were able to go to England and Spain. They explored Southeastern Alaska and celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to Hawaii. They took several road trips to see extended family in Missouri, flew to Pittsburgh and traveled throughout the mid-Atlantic states. They took another trip to Connecticut to delve deeper into family genealogy.

Collins and Mabel also took many road trips with their three grown children along with their spouses to visit newly found Tucker relatives in Alliance, Nebraska. They took different routes each time, saw some beautiful country and made wonderful memories with their family.

Restoring antique cars became Collins' retirement passion and he spent many hours in his shop working on a 1930 and a 1931 Model A Ford, a 1930 Studebaker and a 1941 Plymouth. He and Mabel were active members of the Rusty Wheels Antique Car Club, enjoying parades, rallies and very good friends. They took long trips to Yellowstone National Park and to Victoria, B.C., in their restored 1930 Model A.

In 2011, Collins was selected to go on an Honor Flight. Veterans were honored for their service by being flown to Washington, D.C., where they visited the war memorials, other monuments, the United States Capitol and Arlington National Cemetery. He received a WW2 veteran cap that he proudly wore around town.

Collins is survived by his children, Coralee Hasse of Anacortes, Washington, Corliss (Mike) Howard of Cove, Oregon, and Allen Tucker of Pendleton, Oregon; stepsister, Nancy Wright of Portland, Oregon; nine grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mabel; sisters, Allene Burton, Georgia Lampkins and Sarah Mumaly; son-in-law, David Hasse; and daughter-in-law, Pamela Tucker.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the hospice caretakers from Heart 'n Home.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com](http://www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com)



## DEATH &amp; SERVICE NOTICES

## Rusty Brodhead &amp; Donna Brodhead

North Powder

Merald "Rusty" Brodhead, 83, of North Powder, died Nov. 19, 2021. Donna (Daggett) Brodhead, 86, of North Powder, died Dec. 24, 2021. Rusty and Donna were married on June 27, 1968. A joint memorial service with military honors will be held April 22, 2022, at 11 a.m. at the North Powder Cemetery. Arrangements are by Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Halfway. Online condolences may be shared at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com).

## Todd K. McCoy

Wallowa County

Todd K. McCoy, 60, of Wallowa County, died March 11, 2022. The location of the May 7 service has changed — the 1 p.m. memorial service will be at Grace Lutheran Church, Enterprise. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

## Samuel Wheeler

Elgin

Samuel "Sam" Wheeler, 64, of Elgin, died April 13, 2022, at Grande Ronde Retirement Residence, La Grande. Arrangements are by Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Halfway.

## UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



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

**April 19** — **COLLINS TUCKER:** 2 p.m. celebration of life, La Grande Nazarene Church.

**April 22** — **RUSTY & DONNA BRODHEAD:** 11 a.m. joint memorial service, North Powder Cemetery.

**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. memorial service, Grace Lutheran Church, Enterprise.

**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

## Maria M. Onaindia

March 22, 1930 - April 6, 2022

Maria M. Onaindia, of Enterprise, passed away on April 6, 2022. She was born in the Basque country in Vizcaya, Spain, on March 22, 1930. She married Jose Onaindia in Spain. They became partners in Cherry Creek Sheep Co. on the Snake River, where they ran sheep for many years.

Some of Maria's best memories were made at the ranch, cooking on a woodstove for large shearing and lambing crews. After selling the ranch, Maria and her sister Juana remained active in the community and St. Katherine Catholic Church and were often seen walking together.

Maria is survived by her children, Joe (Bobbie), Juanita (Loren) and Rick (Jeannie); four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Joe; and five sisters and one brother.

A private family burial was held and a Mass is planned for a later date. Memorial donations can be made to Heart 'n Home Hospice in La Grande in care of Bollman Funeral Home, of Enterprise.



## Sylvia Porter

May 17, 1940 - April 2, 2022

Sylvia Porter, formerly of La Grande, died Saturday, April 2, 2022, in Vancouver, Washington, at the age of 81.

At her request there will be no ceremonies. She will be cremated and her family will scatter her ashes over Mount Glen. Arrangements are entrusted to Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center in La Grande.

Sylvia was born on May 17, 1940, in La Grande to Vernon "Bus" and Edna (Towery) Courtney. She attended school at Ackerman Elementary and La Grande Junior High and graduated from La Grande High School with the class of 1958. She attended college courses in Portland.

Sylvia worked as a bookkeeper for the Oregon State Patrol and was a payroll clerk for the VA Hospital in Vancouver, Washington. She worked for Eveson, Snyder & Lincoln CPAs and after marrying Jerry Porter in 1963 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in La Grande. She worked for the Bureau of Land Management in Wyoming and was an executive secretary for the Bank of Vernal in Vernal, Utah.

After they retired Jerry and Sylvia traveled the southern United States and South America in the winter and actually spent six months of each year for eight years in the recent years in Ecuador. They moved to Vancouver about a year ago.

Sylvia was a lifetime member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church. She was also a member of the DK chapter of PEO.

Surviving relatives include her husband of nearly 50 years, Jerry Porter of Vancouver, Washington; daughter, Danielle Alqahtani of Hilo, Hawaii; son and daughter-in-law, Dan and Karen Porter of Vancouver, Washington; two grandsons, Steven Porter of Newberg and Jovian Fennel of Hilo, Hawaii; cousins, Steve Towery and Randy Towery, both of Caldwell, Idaho; sister-in-law, Arleta Porter of John Day; and nephew, Don Porter Jr. of Long Creek. She was preceded in death by her parents, Bus and Edna.

Contributions in memory of Sylvia Porter may be made to the St. Peter's Episcopal Church or PEO, chapter DK.