

Girls: Get what you need to plan your future

Local Soroptimist club to provide career guidance, mentorship to girls during one-day conference

The Observer

LA GRANDE — Soroptimist International of La Grande is hosting a day-long conference for secondary school-age girls to provide career guidance and mentorship opportunities. The Soroptimist “Dream It, Be It: Career Support for Girls” program aims to help girls grow to be strong, successful and happy adults. The career conference is on Saturday, May 14, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Le BeBe Bakery’s event center, 1101 Wash-

ington Ave., La Grande.

Girls and their parents/guardians can learn more and sign up for the program by going to www.lagrandesoroptimist.org or contacting Patty Gooderham at gooderhams@charter.net. The deadline for signing up is April 25. Early registration is recommended since space is limited.

Throughout the day, the girls will attend sessions based on the following topics:

- Discovering your dreams
- Exploring careers
- Creating achievable goals
- Rising above obstacles
- Turning failure into success
- Balancing your stress
- Putting dreams into action

“Because we don’t expect that all girls will know what they want to do for the rest of their lives and we also know that plans change, the skills developed through the day can be applied to any goals the girls identify throughout their education and careers,” said Jacque Harvey, club president, in a press release. “The girls will also have the opportunity to speak with working women and perhaps arrange a mentorship with a woman whose career interests them.”

In addition to learning important life skills, participants will leave with a variety of other resources and fun items, a special Dream It, Be It shirt and bracelet and certificate of completion.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

MEETINGS

• LA GRANDE — The La Grande Landmarks Commission will meet for a work session on Tuesday, April 26, at 6 p.m. to continue discussing the Housing Production Strategy. View the session at www.facebook.com/CityofLaGrande.

• LA GRANDE — The Northeast Oregon Housing Authority Board of Commissioners will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, April 16, beginning at 10 a.m. in the community room at Blue Springs Crossing, 10801 Walton Road, La Grande.

BRIEFS

Defensive awareness class set for April 27

COVE — An Intro to Defensive Awareness Class is open to teens, adults and seniors on Wednesday, April 27, from 6-8 p.m. at the Ascension School in Cove. Beyond self-defense, the class will cover how to spot and avoid dangerous situations and understand your surroundings. This is a safe, encouraging class with low-impact

group and partner activities, taught by Danae Yurgel and David Tift, of La Grande, who have 40 years experience teaching martial arts and defensive awareness. The class for \$15 per person and scholarships are available. No one will be turned away. To register, contact Katie Sanchez at katie@cove-ascensionschool.com or 541-568-2086.

Canned food drive underway for local veterans

LA GRANDE — Heart ‘n Home Hospice and Center for Human Development, both of La Grande, invite the community to contribute to a canned food drive during the month of April to benefit local veterans. Donations may be dropped off at Heart ‘n Home, 2104 Cove Ave.; CHD, 2301 Cove Ave.; the Union County Chamber of Commerce, 207 Depot St.; or the La Grande VA Clinic, 202 12th St.

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 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.

The menu for April 25-29 is:

Monday: cheeseburger, seasoned potato wedges, sliced fruit, oat-meal-raisin bar.

Tuesday: fish and chips, seasoned fries, coleslaw, baked beans, fresh melon wedges.

Wednesday: meatloaf, whipped potatoes with brown gravy, steamed cauliflower blend, roll, berry pie.

Thursday: The senior center will be closed for an all-staff meeting.

Friday: chicken strips, seasoned grilled red potato wedges, coleslaw, fresh fruit, Jell-O cake.

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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

7:22 a.m. — A resident on the 1600 block of Russell Avenue, La Grande, reported telephonic harassment and requested law enforcement warn everyone involved.

7:48 a.m. — The Union County Sheriff’s Office arrested Damon Lee Stevens, 46, who already was in custody in the Union County Jail, La Grande, on three warrants: a Clackamas County warrant for failure to appear on a charge of false information to a police officer; a Clay County, Missouri, warrant for failure to appear on a charge of possession of a controlled substance; and on a warrant out of Dona Ana County, New Mexico, for failure to appear on charges of trafficking by possession with intent to distribute and possession of drug paraphernalia.

8:50 a.m. — The Union County Sheriff’s Office received a complaint about an aggressive dog on the 200 block of North 16th Avenue, Elgin.

12:01 p.m. — A La Grande police officer saw a person standing in the middle of the road on the 2300 block of Island Avenue and warned the person for disorderly conduct.

4:14 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff’s Office received a complaint about an aggressive dog on the 800 block of Third Street, North Powder. An animal enforcement officer made contact, found the dog was on its own property and provided options.

6:34 p.m. — A caller on the 1000 block of B Avenue, La Grande, reported dogs were chasing sheep.

8:49 p.m. — Local law enforcement responded to the area of Island Avenue and Pine Street, La Grande, on a complaint about careless driving and counseled the subject.

9:45 p.m. — La Grande police responded the 2200 block of Adams Avenue on a request for assistance with someone experiencing mental illness. Police provided assistance.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

10:32 a.m. — La Grande police responded to a residence on the 1500 block of Adams Avenue on a report of a civil disturbance. An officer explained options.

11:35 a.m. — A caller on the 1800 block of G Avenue, La Grande, reported a dog bit someone. An animal enforcement officer responded and took a report.

12 p.m. — La Grande police at a traffic stop on the 2200 block of Sixth Street arrested Patrick Wayne Crowson, 38, on multiple warrants for failure to appear in Union County and one in Umatilla County.

2:02 p.m. — A caller reported an aggressive dog on the 1100 block of Alder Street, Elgin.

5:43 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff’s Office received a report of a residential burglary on the 70500 block of Valley View Road, Elgin. A deputy responded and took a report.

6:31 p.m. — La Grande officers responded to C Avenue and Cedar Street on a complaint about a careless driver and warned the driver.

Myrtle M. (Manning) Huber

January 4, 1926 – April 16, 2022

Myrtle (Jean, as she was commonly known) M. Huber, 96, died Saturday, April 16, 2022, at her home near Summerville.

A service will begin Saturday, April 23, at 2 p.m. at the Summerville Baptist Church. Committal and interment will follow at the Summerville Cemetery next to her husband, Harry. Arrangements are entrusted to Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, La Grande.

Myrtle was born on Jan. 4, 1926, in Mutual, Oklahoma, the daughter of Charlie and Mary M. (Mote) Manning. She was raised and educated in Vici, Oklahoma. After she completed high school she attended the university in Weatherford, Oklahoma. She and her mother moved to California for her mother to work as a nurse. Myrtle met Harry Lewis Huber, and they were married on Sept. 4, 1949, in Long Beach. They remained in California where both of their sons were born before they moved to a farm in Oklahoma in 1965. They returned to California in 1969, and in 1970 they moved to the farm near Summerville, Oregon, where they remained for the rest of their lives.

Myrtle was a mother first until the boys were old enough, then she began working for the post office in Elgin before transferring to the office in Imbler, which she became postmaster of and managed until her retirement.

Myrtle and her husband were very active in the First Baptist Church in La Grande and later the Summerville Baptist Church, both of which Harry helped build. Myrtle was a member of the Eastern Star chapter in Elgin. She was an avid seamstress and made many things for her family and others. She loved working on the farm.

Surviving relatives include her sons, Schuyler, of the family farm near Summerville, and Corey and his wife, Lore, of Syracuse, Kansas; granddaughter, Keshia, and her children, Jaxon Allison and Logan Andrews; grandson, Corey Jr., and his daughter, Timber Huber.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Harry, on Feb. 3, 2018, and a sister, Edna Edsel.

Contributions in memory of Myrtle M. Huber may be made to the Summerville Baptist Church.



BIRTHS

GRANDE RONDE HOSPITAL, LA GRANDE

COLLMAN: James Marshall Collman, born April 9, 2022, to Rachel Danielle Collman and Casey Lynn Collman, of La Grande. Grandparents are James and Gabrielle Leal and Monty and Beverly Collman.

MOSCHKAU: Taelin Ronald Moschkau, born April 4, 2022, to Reyna Moschkau and Craig Moschkau, of La Grande.

WARREN: Jaxon Riley David Warren, born April 11, 2022, to Brooke Ashley Larsen and Jared Ryan Warren, of La Grande.

WATSON: Ronnie Andrew Watson, born April 8, 2022, to Truvy Jean Watson, of La Grande. Grandparents are Samie and Phillip Watson.

DEATH & SERVICE NOTICES

Verba J. Hampton

Ovid, Idaho

Verba Jean Hampton, 85, of Ovid, Idaho, died April 12, 2022, at the Portneuf Medical Center in Pocatello, Idaho. A graveside service will be held May 5 at 2 p.m. at the Elgin Cemetery. Arrangements are by Gray’s West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, Baker City.

Jerome Lafarge

Elgin

Jerome Lafarge, 88, of Elgin, died April 20, 2022, at Grande Ronde Hospital, La Grande. 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. A celebration of his life will be held April 30 at 2 p.m. at the Elgin Community Center. Arrangements are by Tami’s Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Halfway.

UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



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

April 23 — MYRTLE HUBER: 2 p.m. funeral service, Summerville Baptist Church.

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

April 30 — ALBERT DIXON: 11 a.m. funeral service, Union Victorian Cemetery.

April 30 — SAM WHEELER: 2 p.m. celebration of life, Elgin Community Center.

May 7 — TODD MCCOY: 1 p.m. memorial service, Grace Lutheran Church, Enterprise.

May 7 — JEFFERY HARDY: 2 p.m. graveside service, Highland Cemetery, Elgin.

May 14 — VIRGINIA FLANERY-DREW: 1 p.m. celebration of life, La Grande Country Club (casual dress preferred).

May 16 — LEONARD SPEARS: 10 a.m. celebration of life, Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande.

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

Susan ‘Susi’ (Scott) Webb

November 14, 1936 - April 2, 2022

Susan “Susi” (Scott) Webb was a loving mother, grandmother, sister and friend. She left this world on April 2, 2022, at the age of 85. She was born on Nov. 14, 1936, in Anacortes, Washington, to Robert Donald Scott and Edith Ebell Scott. After Susi graduated from high school at Punahou School in Hawaii, she went to college in Colorado, where she studied architecture.



Susi married her first husband, William Thoelecke, and moved to Chicago. Sadly, William passed away after a few years of marriage. Susi married John Webb in California in 1963. Together they had two children (Kimberly and Belynda). Susi lovingly helped raise two of John’s children from his first marriage (Suzanne and John) and stepped in as a loving guardian to Alison McCallum.

Susi loved growing up in Hawaii. She was a haole hula dancer and boogie boarder. She spent the early part of her adult years living in San Francisco and working as a model at I. Magnin. Susi raised her family in Moraga, California. She loved to sail on the bay all winter and spent summers camping with her family in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Susi was very involved in painting sets for many theater companies in the San Francisco Bay area. She loved to travel and saw many beautiful places, including Africa, Israel, China and Germany, where she met many family members with her mother and sister.

Susi moved to La Grande to care for her mother in 2003. During her time in La Grande, Susi was involved with the library, Shelter From the Storm, Oregon Arts Council and PEO. She enjoyed volunteering to help within her community.

Preceded in death by her sister, Marcia Scott Myers, Susi is survived by her daughter, Kimberly Webb Dittmann and her husband, Thomas Dittmann; her daughter, Belynda Marks Webb; grandson, Emmett; stepchildren, Suzanne Webb and John Webb and Alison McCallum; niece, Michele Myers Kennedy; and nephew, Robert “Bob” Myers.

If you were a friend of Susi’s and are interested in joining us to celebrate her life, contact Kim Webb at 415-706-3374. The memorial will be on Saturday, April 30, from 2-4 pm. in La Grande.

In place of flowers, please donate to any of the following organizations: Shelter From the Storm, Oregon Arts Council or the La Grande chapter of PEO.

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Olga Lee (Wood) Grant

February 16, 1936 – January 25, 2022

Olga Lee Grant, 85, of Salem, died Tuesday Jan. 25, 2022, at her home in Salem.

Olga was born in Grants, New Mexico, to Perry Bryant Wood and Jessie Fay (Long) Wood, and moved early and often. She arrived in Elgin, Oregon, in 1953 and spent her senior year of high school there, a whole year in the same school for the first time.

In 1955 Olga married Thomas Burton Grant. She worked for the Elgin School District, then retired and moved to Salem after Tom became ill in the late 1990s. Tom died in 1998.

Olga was involved in OSU Home Extension, and she enjoyed family, music, baking (especially pies), travel, her church family and singing just for fun.

Survivors include her sister, Johnnie Belle Conley of Eagle Point, Oregon; brother, Jack Edward Wood of Kamloops, British Columbia; daughter, Julie Rayburn (Cory) of Salem; sons, Mike (DeAnn) of Hubbard, Larry (Deb) of Salem, Greg (Virginia) of Heppner, and Robert of Portland; eight grandchildren, Camie, Michelle, J.T., Tonya, Katrin, Nelson, Sophie and Kellen; and one great-grandson, Hunter. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Thomas Grant; brother, William Winfred “Bill” Wood; and sisters, Editha LaVerne, Vivien and Mary Josephine.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, April 23, 2022, at 1 p.m. in the chapel at City View Funeral Home, Salem. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Marion Polk Food Share or Salem Free Clinics in Olga’s name.

