

Life Scout puts in sign at Camp Elkanah for Eagle project



Becky Platz/Contributed Photo

For his Eagle project, Samuel Platz organized the building of a large wooden sign board to house a map showing all the buildings and activity areas of Camp Elkanah, on Highway 244 west of La Grande. Platz was responsible for submitting a proposal for approval, fundraising, acquiring supplies, gathering volunteers, and helping build and install the sign. The project took 163 hours total to complete and included help from a group of 16 volunteers including Boy Scouts and leaders, Camp Elkanah staff, neighbors and family members. Platz collected and recycled donated cans and bottles from the community to help fund the project. Shown here, from left, are Amos Lewis, Joe Platz, Mason Ritter, Samuel Platz, Elijah Gliddon and James Anderson.

SERVICE NOTICES

Torry A. Hardenbrook
La Grande

Torry A. Hardenbrook, 53, of La Grande, died April 25, 2022, at his residence. A celebration of his life will be held April 29 at 5 p.m. at 66610 Hunter Road, Summerville.

Mary Lou Schlichting
Formerly of La Grande

Mary Lou Schlichting, 89, formerly of La Grande, died Nov. 3, 2020, in Waco, Texas. A memorial mass will be held on May 2 at 2 p.m. at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, La Grande. Interment of ashes will follow at Grandview Cemetery. Arrangements are by Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, La Grande.

UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



- April 29 — TORRY HARDENBROOK:** 5 p.m. celebration of life, 66610 Hunter Road, Summerville.
- April 30 — ALBERT DIXON:** 11 a.m. funeral service, Union Victorian Cemetery.
- April 30 — TED FREELS:** 11 a.m. celebration of life, Chief Joseph Days Thunder Room, Joseph.
- April 30 — SAM WHEELER:** 2 p.m. celebration of life, Elgin Community Center.
- May 2 — MARY LOU SCHLICHTING:** 2 p.m. memorial mass, Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, La Grande; interment of ashes follows at Grandview Cemetery.
- 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

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

MEETINGS

- **COVE** — The monthly Cove Community Association meeting will be held from 6-7:30 p.m. Monday, May 2, in Founders Hall at the Ascension School on Church Street. Everyone within the Cove School District is welcome to join monthly CCA meetings.
- **IMBLER** — The first meeting of the Imbler School District Budget Committee will be held Tuesday, May 3, at 7 p.m. in Room 1 of Imbler High School. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive public comment on the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained at the high school office. The meeting is open to the public.

BRIEFS

- **Celebrate Side A's birthday at April 30 community block party**
LA GRANDE — Side A Brewing is having a birthday, and the entire community is invited to a block party on Saturday, April 30. The brewery, 1219 Washington Ave., is turning 5. The block party will run 3-8 p.m. on Elm Street with a kids activity corner, lawn games, a "Paint a Pint" station with Art Center East, and booths from local organizations, including La Grande Parks and Recreation, Kevin Boylan Glass, The Sweet Stick, Gardenia's Tamales, Blue Mountain Outfitters, Teahouse, Pixie Dust Creations, Pinedrop Designs and Oregon STEM.
At 5 p.m., Staci & Co. will take the stage to play live for about two

- hours. At 7:30 p.m., an "after party" concert by Bag of Hammers starts on the Side A patio. Side A will host a beer garden throughout the block party.
For more information about Side A, and to stay updated on events and concerts, visit sidebeer.com or Facebook.
- **Learn to grow perennial edibles**
COVE — Garden Hour with Nella Mae is offered every first Wednesday of the month from 6:30-7:30 via Zoom. On May 4, the owner of the Cove farm will discuss perennial vegetables and other perennial edible plants.
For full details and registration, visit www.nellamaesfarm.com.

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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

- MONDAY, APRIL 25**
6:53 a.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office responded to a residence on the 40 block of South 11th Avenue, Elgin, on a call about a burglary. A deputy took a report.
7:42 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 100 block of Second Street on a report of a dead person. An officer took a report.
9:25 a.m. — A resident on the 800 block of B Avenue, La Grande, made a complaint about barking dogs. An animal enforcement officer made contact and explain options.
3:16 p.m. — A caller reported a residential burglary on the 63400 block of Owsley Canyon Road, La Grande. A Union County sheriff's deputy made contact. The subject only wanted the sheriff's office to log the information for now.
3:30 p.m. — Local law enforcement responded to Shelter From the Storm, 10901 Island Ave., Island City, on a report of a suspicious person. Officers counseled the subject.
4:07 p.m. — A caller complained about careless drivers in the area of 70300 Valley View Road, Elgin. Union County sheriff's deputies responded and counseled the drivers.
6:44 p.m. — A caller reported a bull on the loose in the area of 71100 Highway 82, Elgin. The person responsible for the bull reported he would take care of it.

- school.
3:11 p.m. — A resident on the 60400 block of Bushnell Road, La Grande, reported the theft of a package. A Union County sheriff's deputy made contact and took a report.
4:12 p.m. — La Grande

- police received a call from the Chevron station at 2706 Island Ave. about a person seeming to be experiencing mental illness. An officer made contact and took information.
11:58 p.m. — La Grande police conducted a welfare

- check on the 1500 block of Adams Avenue and arrested Emilee Lyn Wagoner, 22, for first-degree theft by receiving.

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- 7:30 p.m. — Oregon State Police arrested Charles Michael Gohn, 26, an inmate in the Union County Jail, La Grande, on eight Union County warrants for failure to appear.
- TUESDAY, APRIL 26**
10:19 a.m. — A caller asked La Grande police to check on the welfare of a resident on the 2400 block of Greenwood Street. An officer responded and the subject was fine.
12:03 p.m. — A caller on the 2600 block of Island Avenue, La Grande, asked to talk to an officer about telephonic harassment. An officer made contact and took information.
1:58 p.m. — A resident on the 1200 block of Seventh Street, La Grande, asked to speak to an officer about harassment. An officer responded and referred the matter to the school resource officer.
3:03 p.m. — Elgin High School, 1400 Birch St., Elgin, reported possible runaway juveniles. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded and returned the juveniles to

Samuel L. Wheeler
October 25, 1957 – April 13, 2022


Sam Wheeler, 64, of Elgin, died on April 13, 2022, at Grande Ronde Retirement Residence in La Grande, Oregon. A celebration of Sam's life will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2022, at 2 p.m. at the Elgin Community Center.

Samuel Lee Wheeler was born on Oct. 25, 1957, to Joe and Joy Wheeler. Sam grew up on Cricket Flat, on the family homestead ranch, outside of Elgin. He went to school in Elgin and then graduated from Imbler High School. Following high school, Sam went to automotive school. When he came back to Elgin, he met his wife, Angie Meyer. Sam and Angie were married in 1986 in La Grande, Oregon, and they had two sons: Ben and Tim. He was very proud of his boys. Sam and Angie divorced in 2001 but remained friends.

Sam was owner/operator of RV Hauling. He then drove long haul and log truck. He later bought his own truck and took a lot of pride in it. He loved being his own boss, making his own decisions and all the freedom it came with. Sam enjoyed hunting, fishing and road trips and was a gun enthusiast. He had a tremendous sense of humor.

Sam is survived by his sons, Ben Wheeler and Tim Wheeler; his mother, Joy; sisters, Carrie Gerber and Elizabeth Wheeler; and several nieces, nephews and extended family. He was preceded in death by his father.

Online condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.



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