

A quilt for Ukraine



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A community-crafted sunflower quilt to benefit those in need in war-torn Ukraine hangs in the window of Community Kindness of Eastern Oregon Thrift Store at the corner of Adams Avenue and Fir Street on Thursday, April 28, 2022. Tracy McKenzie, a local quilter and instructor, hosted a fundraising event in late March, and a handful of local residents spent their day creating blocks for the quilt that features sunflowers, the national flower of Ukraine. The quilt will be displayed through May 6, before being moved to the Union County Chamber of Commerce to be raffled off on May 9. Raffle tickets are on sale for \$5 each, or five tickets for \$20, through Venmo at @Essentially-Loved.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

BRIEFS

Dance to live music of The BlueMountaineers tonight

LA GRANDE — The BlueMountaineers will play Saturday, April 30, at the Union County Senior Center, 1504 N. Albany St., La Grande. The end-of-the-month community dance begins at 6 p.m. Admission is \$5, or free for ages 12 and younger. The evening also features a finger-food potluck and door prizes.

Senior center announces changes to takeout lunch program

LA GRANDE — With in-person dining again in full swing, the Union County Senior Center is making changes to its takeout lunch program. Meals will still be available to pick up at the kitchen's back door from noon to 1 p.m. on weekdays, but the cost will be \$7 for all beginning Monday, May 2.

The community, and especially seniors, are encouraged to come inside for lunch and social time. On-site meals are served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with a suggested donation of \$4 for age 60 and older and \$7 for those younger than 60. For more information, go to www.ceno.org, check out the senior center's Facebook page or call the kitchen at 541-605-5556.

Daddy-Daughter Dance returns with two events on May 7

LA GRANDE — The La Grande Rotary's Daddy-Daughter Dance returns after a two-year hiatus on Saturday, May 7. The theme is "Ties and Tiaras" and there will be two times to choose from: 1-3 p.m. or 6-9 p.m. The dance will be held at the Union County Fairgrounds and is for girls from kindergarten to eighth grade accompanied by dads or other male relatives, guardians or family friends.

Tickets are \$30 per couple (\$10 for each additional girl). Tickets are limited. Purchase tickets at www.lagranelottery.org. For more information, call 541-963-2262. Proceeds from the event benefit La Grande Rotary's youth programs.

Eagle Cap Excursion Train season begins next week

ELGIN — The Eagle Cap Excursion Train, which offers scenic trips along the Grande Ronde and Willowa rivers, opens for the 2022 season on Wednesday, May 4, with a 10 a.m. ride. Also in May, the popular Mother's Day Brunch excursion is on May 8, departing at 11 a.m., and another ride is planned for May 28. Round trips leave from the Elgin Depot. Space is limited and reservations are strongly encouraged.

For excursion descriptions and the full summer and fall schedule, visit www.eaglecaptrainrides.com. People who had tickets for canceled rides due to the pandemic may contact the reservations manager to reschedule on a 2022 excursion.

No more Elgin bingo, but you can still play in Union

UNION COUNTY — The bingo games hosted by the Elgin Lions Club are finished for the season. Games will return to the Elgin Community Center after the summer.

In Union, bingo continues on Wednesday evenings at the Veterans of Foreign Wars High Valley Post 4060. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., with games starting at 6 p.m. The last game of the evening is the jackpot, and organizers say players could win up to \$500. All are welcome.

Reservations encouraged for Mother's Day brunch

LA GRANDE — The Union County Senior Center and the La

Grande Lions Club invite the community to a brunch on Mother's Day, on Sunday, May 8, served from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the center, 1504 N. Albany St., La Grande. The menu will feature quiche, country potatoes, sausage, muffins, yogurt, cheese platter, fresh fruit and juice.

Tickets are \$18, or \$9 for ages 6-12; those younger than 6 eat for free. Proceeds will directly benefit the Lions' sight and hearing preservation efforts and the center's senior programs with a focus on Meals on Wheels. For reservations, call the senior center at 541-605-5556.

Free hands-on computer training offered

LA GRANDE — Training & Employment Consortium, 1901 Adams, is offering free in-person computer classes. Classes are entirely hands-on training and run from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Preregistration is required by calling Coral at 541-633-2084.

A three-session QuickBooks class is offered May 10, 12 and 17. The course is based on building a sample company and using the accounts to make daily transactions, receive and maintain inventory, pay bills, record payments and review balance sheets and reports.

On May 24, a Microsoft Publisher class will explore building newsletters and creating flyers by adding text, coloration and graphics.

Microsoft PowerPoint is taught on May 26. Participants will build several presentations using different transitions, timings and adding fonts, graphics, sound and animation.

Training & Employment Consortium is an EOE/Program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. TTY dial 711.

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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

7:12 a.m. — An animal enforcement officer responded to the 900 block of Sunset Drive, La Grande, for a dog at large. The officer impounded the dog.

8:19 a.m. — A La Grande officer responded to a call about a domestic disturbance on the 1100 block of W Avenue and resolved the situation.

8:38 a.m. — A resident on the 60300 block of McAlister Road, La Grande, asked for contact regarding fraud. A deputy made contact and explained options.

10:03 a.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about child neglect. Police took a report.

10:50 a.m. — La Grande police conducted a welfare check on an individual on the 2100 block of Adams Avenue and called for medical help.

10:50 a.m. — La Grande police received a report of possible neglect. An officer made contact and took a report.

10:54 a.m. — A resident on the 1100 block of Alder Street, Elgin, asked for contact regarding a possible restraining order violation. A Union County sheriff's deputy made contact and will follow up.

2:10 p.m. — La Grande police received a request for assistance with trespassing people from a residence on the 100 block of Sixth Street. An officer made contact and explained options.

6:15 p.m. — An Elgin resident on the 200 block of South 12th Avenue reported a relative took a dirt bike. A Union County sheriff's deputy made contact and explained options.

7:54 p.m. — A caller reported a person was causing a disturbance at McDonald's, 2308 Island Ave., La Grande. An officer responded and cited a 38-year-old man for second-degree disorderly conduct.

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

1:19 a.m. — A caller on the 1100 block of Adams Avenue, La Grande, made a complaint about fraud. A Union County sheriff's deputy made contact and took information.

9:40 a.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about littering on the 2200 block of 26th Street. An officer responded and trespassed one person.

11:12 a.m. — A caller at Grocery Outlet, 11301 Island Ave., Island City, reported locking keys and an infant inside their vehicle. Law enforcement contacted Legacy Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram dealership, which assisted.

11:51 a.m. — A caller reported a horse and donkey on the loose in the area of M Avenue and Alder Street, La Grande. An animal enforcement officer responded and returned the animals to their owners.

3:12 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of a runaway. An officer made contact and returned the person home.

3:21 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office took a report for a sex crime in Cove.

9:47 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a request for a welfare check on an Elgin resident. The person was fine.

11:06 p.m. — Union County sheriff's deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in the area of 64100 Case Road, Cove. Deputies found there was no crime and the parties had separated.

Thomas R. Knowles

March 17, 1943 – March 2, 2022

Thomas Ray Knowles, 78, of La Grande, passed away on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at a local care facility. A service for Thomas has already been held.

Thomas was born on March 17, 1943, in Gainesville, Florida, to John T. and Elizabeth (Rook) Knowles. He resided in Gaston, North Carolina; Modesto, California; Union, Oregon; and La Grande, Oregon. He married Sandra Morris.

Thomas was a mechanic. He loved building cars, working on cars and fixing cars for other people, until his retirement. He liked NASCAR and collected and sold memorabilia for all sports.

Thomas is survived by his wife, Sandra; children, Bethany Troutman of Union, Oregon, and Thomas R. Knowles of Charlotte, North Carolina; six grandchildren, Adina Christine, Micah Troutman, Jesse Troutman, Rebekah Troutman, Joshua Troutman and Gabreil Troutman; three great-grandchildren, Ryleigh Troutman, Emmett Troutman and Jaxon Troutman. He was preceded in death by his parents, John Thomas Knowles and Elizabeth Knowles.

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



BIRTHS

GRANDE RONDE HOSPITAL, LA GRANDE BROUN: Lydia Lavelle Broun, born April 18, 2022, to Neki Sha Broun and James Douglas Bruce Broun, of La Grande. Grandparents are Shontel Krantz, Amber and Gary Krantz, Joyce Broun, and Kim and James Broun.

FRIESEN: Zane Hudson Friesen, born April 18, 2022, to Stephanie Friesen and Ryan Friesen, of La Grande.

HOUSTON: Mariana Houston, born April 18, 2022, to Trinity Rose Houston, of La Grande.

DEATH NOTICES

Normand E. Marks

Formerly of La Grande

Normand E. Marks, 84, of Meridian, Idaho, and formerly of La Grande, died April 26, 2022. Arrangements are by Bowman Funeral Parlor, Garden City, Idaho.

Sophia R. Shedal

La Grande

Sophia R. Shedal, 86, of La Grande, died April 28, 2022, at a local care facility. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Frank J. Tucori

La Grande

Frank J. Tucori, 68, of La Grande, died April 28, 2022, at his residence. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



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 13 — CHRISTEN HART: 3 p.m. potluck-style celebration of life, Riverside Park Pavilion, La Grande.

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

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Torry A. Hardenbrook

July 19, 1968 - April 25, 2022

Torry Alan Hardenbrook, 53, of La Grande, passed away on Monday, April 25, 2022, at his residence. A celebration of his life will be held at 66610 Hunter Road, Summerville, Oregon, on Friday, April 29, 2022, at 5 p.m.

Torry was born on July 19, 1968, in Beaumont, Texas, to Vernon and Patricia (Rumgay) Hardenbrook. He had a gypsy soul. He laid his head a lot of places, but his heart always resided in the Grande Ronde Valley. He graduated from La Grande High School. He married Cleona Hamner and they later divorced. He then married Sherri Miller and they later divorced.

Torry was a jack of all trades, Master of One. He was THE machinist at Woodgrain Particle Board. He was an exceptional metalworker and gunsmith. He enjoyed elk hunting, archery, hunting mushrooms, riding dirt bikes and four-wheelers and was an avid outdoorsman. He especially enjoyed watching his boys wrestle and his sweet pea show horses. He was a lifetime member of the NRA and the RMEF.

Torry is survived by his children, Andy Hardenbrook (Megan) of Thompson Falls, Montana, Tylar Hardenbrook of Eagletown, Oklahoma, and Amie Wade (Mitch) of Eagletown, Oklahoma; father, Vernon "Skip" Hardenbrook (Sheila); stepfather, Bill Carson; sister, Traci Hoadley (Allen) of La Grande, Oregon; stepbrother, Michael Smith of La Grande; seven grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother, Patricia (Rumgay) Carson; grandfather, Vernon Hardenbrook; grandmother, Dorothy Howard; and stepsister, Mellisa Smith.

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



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. Suggested donation is \$4 for age 60+, \$7 for all others.

Takeout meals: Pick up from noon to 1 p.m. at

kitchen's back door. Cost is \$7 for all.

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Monday: Reuben sandwich, potato salad, pickle, fresh fruit, cookie.

Tuesday: Mandarin chicken over rice, spring rolls, glazed carrots, oriental salad, fruit.

Wednesday: pork roast, grilled potatoes, brown gravy, steamed cauliflower, spinach salad, baked apples.

Thursday: chef salad, chicken noodle soup, bread, fruit, light dessert.

Friday: chicken Alfredo, steamed broccoli, garlic bread, ice cream.