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Trust awards \$36,000 to local students

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NORTHEASTERN OREGON — In 1972 the Dewuhs-Keckritz Educational Trust was created by the wills of the late Joe Dewuhs and Anton Keckritz. The trust now provides grants to students in Union and Wallowa counties to enable them to pursue educational goals.

A total of \$36,000 was awarded in 2022 to the following students:

UNION COUNTY

- Maggie Frisch, Cove High School, \$2,000
- Rachel Baird, Cove High School, \$2,000

- Nathan Bingaman, Imbler High School, \$5,000
- Allison Stirewalt, Imbler High School, \$2,000
- Carter Perry, La Grande High School, \$2,000
- Audrey Hill, Union High School, \$5,000
- Kaylin Nowak, Union High School, \$2,000
- Audrey Wells, Union High School, \$2,000

WALLOWA COUNTY

- Maelen Movich-Fields, Enterprise High School, \$2,000
- Alona Yost, Enterprise High School, \$5,000
- Bayden Menton, Joseph High School, \$5,000

- Catherine Zeigler, Joseph High School, \$2,000

The DeWuhs and Keckritz families have left a legacy that is changing educational opportunities in Northeastern Oregon. According to <https://dewuhskeckritz.org>, a dedicated group of trustees who serve without remuneration have made the dream a reality.

In 2000, the foundation obtained tax exempt status and may receive gifts or bequests from other families or organizations. Contact any trustee or visit the foundation's website for more information.

Students awarded BEO scholarships

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HEPPNER — The Bank of Eastern Oregon has announced high school seniors selected to receive its 2022 academic scholarships. These scholarships are awarded to students planning to enroll in agriculture or business in college and judging is based on scholarship, leadership and citizenship.

Applications are accepted from graduating seniors in the areas where Bank of Eastern Oregon and Bank of Eastern Washington branches and loan offices are located.

A total of 20 students

from Eastern Oregon communities each received \$500 scholarships this year. Students from Union County who received the awards are Cove High School's Kailee Mansveld and Maggie Jo Frisch and Imbler High School's Kendra Counsell.

"We wish these seniors the best of luck as they move on to college and look forward to hearing of their con-

tinuing success in agriculture or business," said Jeff Bailey, Bank of Eastern Oregon president and CEO.

Based in Heppner, the Bank of Eastern Oregon operates in 11 Eastern Oregon communities, as well as having a presence in eastern Washington and western Idaho. For more information, stop by a local branch or visit www.beobank.com.

UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



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

May 7 — CHRISTINA SHROUT: 1 p.m. celebration of life, New Song Church, La Grande.

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.

May 28 — ANN PAYNE: 3 p.m. celebration of life, Enterprise Community Church.

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

— Calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Applicants interview next week for Brog Foundation scholarships

LA GRANDE — Interviews will be held Wednesday, May 11, for Edward W. and Marian C. Brog Foundation scholarships. The interviews will be conducted between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Union County high school students who applied for and were invited to an interview will be contacted by the Foundation with specific interview times and instructions on how the interviews will be conducted. Interviews will be in a phone or videoconference format.

Mother's Day brunch served May 8 at senior center

LA GRANDE — A Mother's Day brunch will be served Sunday, May 8, at the Union County Senior Center,

1504 N. Albany St., La Grande. The beginning time of the event was incorrectly reported previously. The brunch will be served from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets are \$18, or \$9 for ages 6-12; those younger than 6 eat for free. Proceeds will directly benefit the La Grande Lions' sight and hearing preservation efforts and the center's senior programs with a focus on Meals on Wheels. Reservations are encouraged by calling 541-605-5556.

Rummage sale proceeds benefit Tamkaliks Celebration

WALLOWA — The Tamkaliks Celebration will be hosting its annual rummage sale Friday and Saturday, May 13-14. In addition to rummage treasures, there will be fry bread, bison chili and baked goods for sale to-go. The sale will be held from

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Nez Perce Wallowa Homeland Farmhouse, 71054 Whiskey Creek Road, Wallowa (just past the Tamkaliks Celebration grounds on the left).

This rummage sale is a fundraiser for the Tamkaliks Celebration, an annual cultural event to celebrate and preserve Nez Perce culture and heritage. This year's celebration will be at the Nez Perce Wallowa Homeland dance arbor on July 24-26.

To donate items to the rummage sale, call 541-398-1112 to schedule a drop-off. Monetary donations to the Tamkaliks Celebration can be made by mail to P.O. Box 15, Wallowa 97885, online at www.wallowanezperce.org, or in-person at the rummage sale.

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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

MONDAY, MAY 2

6:47 a.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy responded to a residence in the area of 68000 Hunter Road, Summerville, on a report of an out-of-control juvenile. The deputy responded counseled the youth.

10:26 a.m. — A caller reported an injured deer on the 1700 block of Conklin Road, Cove. Law enforcement responded and dispatched the deer.

2 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a request for a welfare check of a person at Walmart, 11619 Island Ave., Island City. Deputies found the person was fine.

2:45 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a complaint about a suspicious person in the area of 59900 Upper Perry Lane, La Grande. Deputies responded and found the person was fine.

5:51 p.m. — A La Grande resident on the 900 block of Lane Avenue reported a burglary. An officer responded and took a report.

8:28 p.m. — A caller on the 900 block of Third Street, North Powder, made a complaint about a homeless man. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded. The subject will leave in the morning.

8:57 p.m. — La Grande police responded to a report of a person suffering a mental or emotional crisis. Police contacted mental health services.

TUESDAY, MAY 3

7:54 a.m. — A caller reported a donkey on the loose in the area of 70700 Highway 82, Elgin. Law enforcement contacted its owner, who took care of it.

9:16 a.m. — A caller on the 3200 block of Highway 30, La Grande, reported a dog bit someone. An animal enforcement officer took a report.

9:29 a.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a complaint about vandalism on the 1200 block of East Fulton Street, Union. A deputy responded and took information.

11:01 a.m. — Police received a complaint about fraud at The La Grande Inn, 2612 Island Ave., La Grande. An officer made contact and took a report.

12:15 p.m. — A caller on the 1600 block of 26th Street, La Grande, reported a large dog may have been injured. An animal enforcement officer contacted the dog's owner.

2:38 p.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy warned two people for trespassing on the 300 block of Depot Street, Elgin.

7:51 p.m. — A caller reported a vehicle was causing a hazard on the 1700 block of May Lane, La Grande. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded. The vehicle was out of gas but going to be moved.

10:01 p.m. — La Grande police arrested a 61-year-old La Grande man on a misdemeanor for reckless endangering and cited him for possession of methamphetamine.

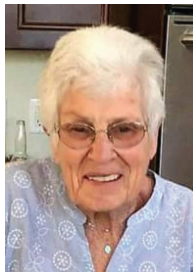
11:17 p.m. — A caller reported a domestic disturbance on the 1000 block of Galveston Street, Elgin. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded and took a report.

11:44 p.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy responded to a residence in Union on a report of person suffering a mental or emotional crisis. The person was OK, and the deputy gave information about resources.

Gloria "Ann" (Ratcliff) Payne

June 2, 1936 - April 11, 2022

Ann Payne died peacefully on April 11, 2022, at her daughter Jill's home in Redmond, Oregon, surrounded by her family. She was 85. A celebration of Ann's life will be held at 3 p.m. May 28 at the Enterprise Community Church.



Ann was born June 2, 1936, in Enterprise, Oregon, to Leland and Erna Ratcliff. Ann spent her childhood in Enterprise where she graduated from Enterprise High School. She was an only child whose father taught her to love the wilderness by taking her hiking and fishing, while her mother shared her love of shopping and travel. Ann went on to attend Oregon State University, where she was active in her sorority and graduated with her bachelor's degree. After graduating, Ann reconnected with her childhood friend Tom Payne and they were married on Jan. 7, 1959, in California.

In 1961 Tom, Ann and their young son, Brad, moved to La Grande, where their daughters, Jill and Karen, were born. Ann stayed home to raise their children for several years before returning to work as a librarian at Island City Elementary School until her retirement. Ann was always passionate about books and reading and was especially excited to share this joy with her students. With both Tom and Ann working on a school schedule, their family was able to spend their summers at Wallowa Lake playing on the water and enjoying time at their family cabin.

During their years of retirement, Tom and Ann (and dog Jiggs) traveled extensively with their Good Sam group before settling into a snowbird lifestyle between Gold Canyon, Arizona, and Wallowa Lake.

Ann was a driving force in continuing the tradition of family summers at Wallowa Lake with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She loved sharing the cabin with family and friends, frequently inviting grandchildren to stay for weeks at a time. She enjoyed spending her time playing on the lake, hunting for mushrooms and huckleberries, reading to her grandchildren, as well as having tiddly time with her many friends. Ann gathered and maintained friendships from childhood, college, Arizona and her travels with Tom. She could hardly walk through town without seeing a friend to chat with.

Ann had an unsurpassable love and kindness for her family and friends. She shaped the lives of many and will be dearly missed. Her enthusiasm and joy will be passed on through her sister-in-law, Lora Lee Evans; children, Brad (Janell) Payne, Jill (Brent) Goold and Karen Payne; grandchildren, Laurel (Michael), Kyle (Samantha), Ryan (Kayla), Steve (Collete), Jordon (Adrianna), Jillian, Megan and Nick; and great-grandchildren, Launa, Athena, Maya, Beckett and Amelia.

Jack M. Watne Sr.

August 7, 1946 – April 25, 2022

Jack M. Watne Sr. passed away on April 25, 2022. He was predeceased by his beloved parents, Maynard and Sylvia Watne; brothers, Wayne and Howard; and sister, Nancy. Jack leaves behind four sons, Jack Watne Jr., Brad, Chris and David. He is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Diane; ex-wife and friend, Carol Hunter; and an aunt, cousins and grandchildren.

Jack was a graduate of La Grande High School and Eastern Oregon College. He enjoyed photography, computers, history, genealogy and metal detecting. He delighted in taking pictures of the outdoors, compiled an extensive genealogy of his family, and could be found wandering the state with his metal detector.

At his request there will not be a funeral or memorial service. Donations in his name may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 2701 NW Vaughn St., Suite 203, Portland, OR 97210.

Christen Hart

February 1969 – December 2021

Christen Hart passed away unexpectedly in December 2021. Christen leaves behind three children whom she loved dearly, and many other family members who will miss her terribly. Christen's passions in life were cooking, crafting and making those she held close happy.



Christen is greeted on the other side by her mother, Lynn Gail Hart; grandmother, Bernadine Curry; and grandfather, Gene A. Curry.

There will be a potluck-style celebration of her life at the Riverside Park Pavilion on May 13 at 3 p.m. Christen would want all of her friends and family to get together, share good food and enjoy each other's company.

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Christina A. (Cates) Shrou
December 17, 1957 – March 14, 2022

Christina Ann (Cates) Shrou got her wings on March 14, 2022, with her son, Anthony, by her side. A celebration of her life will be held at New Song Church in La Grande, Oregon, on May 7, 2022 at 1 p.m.

Chris was born on Dec. 17, 1957, to Marilyn and Jack Cates in Huntsville, Alabama. The sixth of seven kids, she was raised in Portland, Oregon. Chris was an excellent student. She attended Gregory Heights and Madison High School. She enjoyed dancing, Christmas music and was a good softball player.

She had good friends throughout her life, including the Smyths (Erin), Carla Blanco and Athena.

In 1979 she married Michael Shrou, and they had Amanda and Anthony. She worked at Owens Illinois Glass. After divorcing, Chris moved to La Grande, Oregon, with her partner, Scott. She raised three of her 11 grandkids there. The two oldest, Ty and Jazmen, called her "Savage Granny," as she was feisty. Her grandkids were her pride and joy.

She liked to travel, and there were many yearly trips to Reno, Silverwood and Short Sands. Her favorite was Jamaica.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Terry Lee and Linda; and beloved nephew, Jim Bales. She is survived by her partner, Scott; daughter, Amanda, and grandkids, Ty, Jazmen, Drew, Isaiah, Isabella and Kalani; son, Anthony (Danna), and grandkids, Roston, Christopher, Noah, Autumn and Zander; and siblings, Patty Baggett of Pendleton, Richard of Sandy, and Sandra of Portland. Chris will be dearly missed by all who loved her.