

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

### MEETINGS

• **LA GRANDE** — The Board of Directors of the La Grande School District will meet Wednesday, May 11, at 7 p.m. in the District Office Board Room at 1305 N. Willow. The agenda includes a regular session with discussion of summer programs, a time for public comment and an executive session. The meeting will be available in person, online and via phone. For access instructions, visit the agenda at [www.lagrandesd.org](http://www.lagrandesd.org).

• **LA GRANDE** — The Union County Board of Commissioners will meet Wednesday, May 11, at 9 a.m. in the commissioners conference room on the east end of the Joseph Building, 1106 K Ave., La Grande. Items to be discussed at the meeting include the Buffalo Peak Golf Course. The session will be open to public attendance and also can be viewed via Zoom at [www.us02web.zoom.us/j/81420006863](http://www.us02web.zoom.us/j/81420006863). Written comments for the meeting may be submitted via email to [amoore@union-county.org](mailto:amoore@union-county.org) by 5 p.m. Tuesday.

• **BAKER CITY** — The regional DAR Lone Pine Tree Chapter will gather Friday, May 13, at the Baker Truck Corral in Baker City, for a no-host lunch and meeting. Enter the restaurant on the freeway side of the building. The meeting room is to the left and across from the cash register. To socialize, meet chapter members and order your lunch (if desired), arrive by 11 a.m. The meeting begins at noon.

• **UNION** — The Union Rural Fire Protection District Board will meet Tuesday, May 17, at the fire hall. The Budget Committee will meet at 7 p.m., followed by the regular monthly board meeting. For more information, call 541-910-3114 or email [union.rfpd@outlook.com](mailto:union.rfpd@outlook.com).

### BRIEFS

#### Auditions held for kids' version of "Macbeth"

BAKER CITY — Children age 7-18 are invited to audition for a July

production of "Macbeth: A Kids' Cautionary Tale Concerning Greed, Power, Mayhem and Other Current Events," on Tuesday, May 10, and Wednesday, May 11, at 6 p.m. at the Eastern Oregon Regional Theatre, 2101 Main St., Baker City.

For details, go to [www.eastern-oregonregionalthatre.com](http://www.eastern-oregonregionalthatre.com) or call 541-523-9652.

#### Paint mugs at this week's iCraft

LA GRANDE — The May Teen iCraft at Cook Memorial Library, 2006 Fourth St., La Grande, begins at 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 11. This month, teens will paint mugs. This free activity is open to anyone in middle or high school. Supplies are provided, and registration is not needed. The activity will be held in the library's Community Room.

The library offers a variety of free activities for teens. For information on upcoming events, call 541-962-1339, go to [www.cookmemoriallibrary.org](http://www.cookmemoriallibrary.org) or visit the library's Facebook, Instagram and Pinterest pages.

#### Ladd Marsh Bird Festival is May 13-15

LA GRANDE — The 2022 Ladd Marsh Bird Festival is set for May 13-15. The weekend begins Friday, May 13, with a gathering at the Union County Senior Center, 1504 N. Albany St., La Grande. From 6-8 p.m., visitors can register and receive a passport for the festival's birding stations, as well as register for field trips and enjoy music and snacks.

Saturday and Sunday feature stations at the Ladd Marsh Wildlife Area, as well as scheduled field trips. Space is limited for the trips — register in advance at [www.friends-ofladdmarsh.org](http://www.friends-ofladdmarsh.org). A schedule and map of the stations can also be found on the website.

#### Enjoy evening of jazz featuring Rob Scheps and Matt Cooper

LA GRANDE — The Grande

Ronde Symphony's Chamber and Small Ensemble Series (CASES) is returning to live, in-person concerts with the first in the series, featuring Rob Scheps and Matt Cooper in a show titled "Life Is a Lot Like Jazz!" The concert will begin at 7 p.m. Friday, May 13, in the Groth Recital Hall in Eastern Oregon University's Loso Hall, La Grande.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$1 for students. Special family/group pricing is available. Season passes to CASES are \$50. Purchase tickets at [www.granderondesymphony.org](http://www.granderondesymphony.org) or at the door.

#### View local youth's artwork at festival in Joseph

JOSEPH — Artwork created by local youth will be unveiled Saturday, May 14, for the Wallowa Valley Youth Arts Festival at the Joseph Center for Arts and Culture, 403 N. Main St., Joseph. For this show, children in kindergarten through sixth grade were invited to submit one piece of artwork. Those in grades seven to 12 could show two pieces of work.

The show opens May 14 with an opening day event from noon to 4 p.m. Free take-home art bags will be available to those who attend opening day. This annual event features a variety of artwork, award ribbons, hands-on activities and musical performances by area youth.

According to the Joseph Center, the Wallowa Valley Youth Arts Festival show was started in 1989 by local photographer Doris Woempner. Subsequent organizers were Joan Gilbert, Leah Johnson, Will Roundy and Maria Weer.

The art will be on display through May 21. The Joseph Center is open Monday through Saturday, from noon to 4 p.m. For more information, visit [www.josephy.org](http://www.josephy.org).

## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

### FRIDAY, MAY 6

9:41 a.m. — A caller reported a burglary on the 400 block of North Bellwood Street, Union. A Union County sheriff's deputy made contact and explained options.

9:45 a.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a call about the theft of vehicle from Booth Lane and Lower Cove Road, Cove. A deputy responded and took a report.

10:17 a.m. — A caller made a complaint about a barking dog on the 2200 block of Gekeler Lane, La Grande. An animal enforcement officer made contact and took information.

10:57 a.m. — A caller in the area of 57900 Foothill Road, La Grande, called about a cat with kittens. An animal enforcement officer made contact and explained options.

12:51 p.m. — A caller on the 2000 block of South 12th Street, La Grande, reported feral cats. An animal enforcement officer made contact and explained options.

4:36 p.m. — A La Grande police officer responded to the 1400 block of X Avenue on a report of a juvenile disturbance and resolved the situation.

5:40 p.m. — A caller reported the theft of a bicycle on the 600 block of G Avenue, La Grande. An officer made contact and took a report.

6:55 p.m. — La Grande police cited a 17-year-old male for third-degree theft and fraudulent use of a credit card.

### SATURDAY, MAY 7

7:53 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1300 block of Cherry Street for a disturbance. Police arrested a 37-year-old man for violating a no contact release agreement.

8:47 a.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about telephonic harassment on the 100 block of O Avenue. An officer made contact and provided options.

12:03 p.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about telephonic harassment on the 2100 block of O Avenue. An officer made contact and explained options.

2:11 p.m. — Local law enforcement responded to a residence on the 1800 block of G Avenue on a report of a domestic disturbance. The situation was an argument and did not rise to the level of a mandatory arrest.

4:13 p.m. — A caller reported a possible transient camp at Pioneer Park, La Grande. An officer responded, found no one was there, no camp, but did find a shopping cart.

10:57 p.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy responded to Walmart, 11619 Island Ave., Island City, on a report of an assault. The parties separated and the victim did not want to pursue charges.

11:50 p.m. — Union County sheriff's deputies responded to Mountain Life Church, 10700 S. Walton Road, Island City, on a report of an assault and took a report.

### SUNDAY, MAY 8

8:52 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1600 block of

21st Street on a report of suspicious circumstances. An officer took information and warned one person.

10:01 a.m. — La Grande police received a report of an aggressive dog on the loose on the 2000 block of Fir Street. An animal enforcement officer was not available. A La Grande officer responded due to the dog's aggressiveness but did not find the dog.

12:18 p.m. — A caller reported a transient camp at Pioneer Drive and Palmer Avenue, La Grande. An officer responded, and the subjects moved along.

12:50 p.m. — A caller reported a dog was creating a hazard in the area of milepost 267 on Interstate 84.

1:22 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of a transient camp on the 2100 block of Adams Avenue. An officer responded and told the person to move along.

10:33 p.m. — A caller on the 400 block of Main Avenue, La Grande, made a complaint about harassment. An officer made contact and logged information.

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### Deborah K. Davison 1954 – 2021

In loving remembrance of Deborah "Debi" Kay Davison, a devoted wife, mother, daughter, sister and grandmother. With her husband and children by her side, Debi peacefully passed away on June 29, 2021. She was born in Soap Lake, Washington, in 1954, to Kenneth Neu and Darlene Harrington. Debi met the love of her life, Ben Davison, in Spokane, Washington. Their wedding was held in a little chapel in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, on June 19, 1971. They had recently celebrated their 50th anniversary.



Debi is forever loved and missed by her husband, Ben; sons, Ben Jr. and Chris (Julie) of La Grande; daughter, Stephanie of Nampa, Idaho; mother, Maryanne Neu; brothers, Mike (Pam) Neu and James Swiney, all of Spokane, Washington; sisters, Karen Curran of Clarkston, Washington, Lauren Mullins of Sulphur, Oklahoma, Christi (Jon) Lovcik of Deer Park, Washington, Caroline (Peter) Daldry of Mountain View, California, and Rosa Reeder of Spokane, Washington; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and friends. Burial was in Hillcrest East Cemetery.

## DEATH & SERVICE NOTICES

### Carol Bouchard

North Powder

Carol Bouchard, 80, of North Powder, died April 22, 2022, at Grande Ronde Hospital, La Grande. Arrangements are by Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Halfway.

### Earl 'Hank' Henry

Elgin

Earl "Hank" Henry, 83, of Elgin, died April 28, 2022, at Post Acute Rehab, La Grande. Arrangements are by Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Halfway.

### Katherine L. Southwick

Elgin

Katherine L. Southwick, 72, of Elgin, died May 6, 2022, at a care facility in Hermiston. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

### Doris J. Tsiatsos

Starkey

Doris Jean Tsiatsos, 90, of Starkey, died Jan. 1, 2022, at a local care facility. A memorial service will be held May 28 at 11 a.m. at the family cemetery at Starkey. A potluck will follow at the home of Bill and Donna Tsiatsos, 53540 Baseline Road, Starkey.

### Robert I. Watson Jr.

La Grande

Robert Isaac Watson Jr., 88, of La Grande, died April 27, 2022, at his home. A service will be held at a later date at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Baker City. Arrangements are by Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, Baker City.

## UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



**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 — DORIS TSIATSOS:** 11 a.m. memorial service, family cemetery, Starkey; potluck follows at home of Bill and Donna Tsiatsos, 53540 Baseline Road, Starkey.

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

**June 4 — DENNY LEWIS:** 2 p.m. celebration of life, Mount Emily Building, Union County Fairgrounds, La Grande.

**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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### Dennis 'Denny' W. Lewis September 24, 1948 - December 17, 2021

Dennis "Denny" Wayne Lewis, 73, passed away, surrounded by family, on Dec. 17, 2021, after a 2-1/2-year battle with the devastating disease amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). Denny faced this time with dignity, grace, positive attitude, laughter and was always smiling.



Denny was born Sept. 24, 1948, in Winthrop, Washington, to Otis and Delores "Dee" Lewis. He graduated from Winthrop High School, class of 1966. Following graduation, he became a smokejumper at the North Cascades Smokejumper base in Winthrop. In the off-season he attended Western Washington State College, majoring in business. He later became the smokejumper training foreman in La Grande, Oregon, for all nine years that the base was operational. His commitment to improvement propelled the base to excellence. He is held in high regard by all who worked with him.

When the La Grande smokejumper base closed, Denny declined relocating from La Grande as he had started putting down roots. It was at this time that he started his 30-year career with UPS. He worked as a delivery driver for numerous years and finished his career as a feeder driver.

Denny, always the athlete, remained very active throughout his adult life. He was a volunteer ski patroller at Anthony Lakes Mountain Resort for 30 years, which included both first aid training and ski instruction. Other outdoor interests included mountain biking, road cycling, boating, water skiing and salmon fishing. Travel was also a highly enjoyed adventure. He traveled extensively with Hawaii being a favorite place to spend time.

Denny is survived by his spouse, Dawn; his children, Nathan Lewis and Natalie Lewis, from his previous marriage, and Taryn Lewis; mother, Dee Olson; brother, Kenny Lewis; sisters, Patti Warren and Jodie Gatto; several grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

A celebration of his life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 4, 2022, at the Union County Fairgrounds in the Mount Emily Building. Friends and family are invited to reminisce, with food and drink provided immediately following.

## Family and friends of Ron Jenkins

are invited to a Celebration of Life at the Senior Center  
**1504 Albany, La Grande, OR**  
**May 21st 2022 • 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.**  
*Come help us celebrate and remember.*  
*Refreshments will be available and lots of*  
*visiting is encouraged.*

**Paula Jenkins, Lisa and Lynn**

