

# Ag-Timber Parade draws a crowd to Island City



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The Ag-Timber Parade traverses down Island Avenue and McAlister Road on Friday, May 20, 2022. The parade drew families to the streets of Island City for the annual event.

## DEATH & SERVICE NOTICES

### Bruce W. Burke

La Grande

Bruce Wayne Burke, 64, of La Grande, died May 22, 2022, at Grande Ronde Hospital. Arrangements are by Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, La Grande.

### Noel R. Radway

Union

Noel Robert Radway Sr., 67, died of an extended illness May 21, 2022, at his home in Union. Arrangements are by Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, La Grande.

### Evelyn V. Randall

La Grande

Evelyn V. Randall, 101, of La Grande, died May 21, 2022, at a local care facility. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

### Rodney J. McKee

La Grande

Rodney J. McKee, 69, of La Grande, died May 13, 2022, at his residence. A celebration of his life will be held June 18 at 11 a.m. at the Blue Mountain 4-H Center, 66501 End Road, Summerville. Casual dress is preferred by the family. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

# May 27 is National Poppy Day

Donations honor the fallen, support today's veterans

The Observer

LA GRANDE — The La Grande American Legion Auxiliary Unit 43 encourages the community to honor our fallen warriors and contribute to the continuing needs of our veterans on National Poppy Day, Friday, May 27.

Members of the local auxiliary will be at BiMart from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. to distribute bright red poppies in exchange for a donation. The Flanders Fields poppy has become an internationally known and recognized symbol of the lives sacrificed in war and the hope that none died in vain.

The American Legion Family called upon Congress to proclaim the Friday before Memorial Day as National Poppy Day, which was officially designated as such in 2017, according to information provided by

the Unit 43 auxiliary.

“Wearing the poppy on National Poppy Day and throughout Memorial Day weekend is one small way to honor and remember our fallen warriors who willingly served our nation and made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom,” said ALA Unit 43’s poppy chairman, Margy Tucker. “We must never forget.”

The poppy also honors hospitalized and disabled veterans who handcraft many of the red crepe paper flowers. Making the poppies provides a financial and therapeutic benefit to the veterans, as well as a benefit to thousands of other veterans.

When the American Legion Family adopted the poppy as its memorial flower in the early 1920s, the blood-red icon became an enduring symbol of honor for the sacrifices of our veterans from the battlefields of France in World War I to today’s global war on terror.

The American Legion Auxiliary raises about \$4 million each year



The Associated Press

**Poppies are in full bloom in a field near Sommepy-Tahure, France, on Wednesday, Oct 14, 2014. The poppy as a symbol of war casualties started with a poem. In the spring of 1915, a Canadian artillery unit brigade surgeon named Lt. Col. John McCrae saw bright red poppies blooming on the war-torn fields where so many soldiers had lost their lives, and he was moved to write “In Flanders Fields.” National Poppy Day takes place in 2022 on Friday, May 27.**

distributing poppies throughout the nation, with 100% of the funds raised going directly to help veterans, military and their families. For more information on the local event, call Kathi Karnowski, president of the Unit 43 auxiliary, at 541-963-0787.

## UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



**May 25 — JOHN ATWOOD:** 10 a.m. celebration of life, La Grande American Legion (casual dress preferred).

**May 28 — DWIGHT & DONNA BROOKS:** 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. celebration of lives and lunch, Catherine Creek Community Center, Union.

**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 — MARGIE HARRIS:** 2 p.m. memorial service, Pine Valley Presbyterian Church, Halfway.

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

**May 29 — BRUCE COLWELL:** 1 p.m. celebration of life and potluck, Catherine Creek Park (across the bridge).

**May 30 & May 31 — JACK & JJ BOND:** May 30, 11 a.m. joint memorial service, 11206 McAlister Road, Island City (livestream available, email lparsons01@gmail.com for link); May 31, 9 a.m. interment, Mt. Hope Cemetery, Baker City.

**June 4 — JOSEPH BRESHEARS:** 1 p.m. graveside service, Wallowa Cemetery.

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

**June 8 — HELEN COCHRANE:** 11 a.m. celebration of life with lunch and music, Union County Senior Center, La Grande.

**June 11 — HOWARD BAILEY:** 11 a.m. memorial gathering and lunch, Riverside Park Pavilion, La Grande.

**June 11 — BOB POLLOCK:** 11 a.m. celebration of life, Pine Valley Fairgrounds, Halfway.

**June 18 — RODNEY MCKEE:** 11 a.m. celebration of life, Blue Mountain 4-H Center, 66501 End Road, Summerville (casual dress preferred).

**June 18 — GERRY KEFFER:** 11:30 a.m. celebration of life and lunch, Island City City Hall.

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

**June 25 — LARRY HANEY:** 1 p.m. graveside military service and celebration of life, Wallowa Cemetery.

— Calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande

## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

FRIDAY, MAY 20

6:36 a.m. — La Grande police responded to Blackhawk Trail Lane on a complaint about a weapon violation. Officers warned a person for disorderly conduct.

9:49 a.m. — A caller reported cattle were loose in the area of Love Road and Antles Lane, Cove. The owner agreed to reclaim the cattle.

2:15 p.m. — A caller reported a possible stalking order violation in the area of 68200 Mount Glen Road, La Grande. A Union County sheriff’s deputy made contact.

4:13 p.m. — Union County Sheriff’s Office arrested Jeffery Alan Black, 54, for vehicle theft.

5:36 p.m. — A caller reported a residential burglary on the 200 block of Second Street, North Powder. A Union County sheriff’s deputy responded and took a report.

8:21 p.m. — Oregon State Police responded to Mount Glen Road, La Grande, and arrested Johnny Lee Snyder, 39, on a Union County warrant charging first-degree burglary, first-degree theft and second-degree criminal mischief.

10:14 p.m. — La Grande police responded to a residence on the 400 block of 16th Street on a complaint about a loud party and counseled the individuals about the noise.

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

### MEETING

• The Board of Directors of the La Grande School District will gather for a special board meeting and work session on Wednesday, May 25, at 7 p.m. in the District Office Board Room at 1305 N. Willow. The meeting will be available in person, online, and by phone. See the agenda at [www.lagrandesd.org/page/board-meetings](http://www.lagrandesd.org/page/board-meetings) for meeting access information.

and lunch is at noon.

The menu for the farewell meal is hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad, baked beans and salad bar, with angel food cake and berries for dessert.

The price is \$5 per meal and reservations are requested to ensure there is food for everyone. If you haven’t been contacted or wish to participate, call Betsy Arnsen at 541-568-4902 or Virginia Fischer at 1-907-299-6072 by May 31.

### BRIEF

— The Observer

### Save your spot for last Cove senior meal of the season

COVE — The last Cove senior lunch of the season will be served Tuesday, June 7, at Founders Hall on the Ascension School grounds. Coffee and tea are available at 11:30 a.m.,



### Jack Hudson Bond

October 29, 1933 - May 3, 2022

### Jerrie Jean “JJ” (Hassell) Bond

September 20, 1936 - April 5, 2020

Jack Hudson Bond passed quickly and peacefully on May 3, 2022, in Star, Idaho. Jerrie Jean “JJ” (Hassell) Bond, wife of Jack Hudson Bond, passed away in her sleep on April 5, 2020, in Tigard, Oregon.

A combined memorial service for JJ and Jack is planned for May 30 at 11 a.m. at 11206 McAlister Road, Island City, Oregon. The service will be available virtually. Please email [lparsons01@gmail.com](mailto:lparsons01@gmail.com) for the link. They will be interred at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Baker City, Oregon, on May 31 at 9 a.m.

Jack was born Oct. 29, 1933, to Charles Wesley Bond Jr. and Rebekah Hudson Bond in La Grande, Oregon.

JJ was born Sept. 20, 1936, to Lloyd William Hassell and Jean McKennon Hassell in Yakima, Washington.

JJ and Jack were married Sept. 29, 1956, in JJ’s backyard in Portland, Oregon. They had four children - William (Sandra), Beckie Beck (Larry), David (Pam) and Lisa Parsons (Jeff) - and 13 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Jack is survived by three siblings and many cousins, nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death were his parents, a brother, a sister and a grandson.

JJ is survived by many cousins, nieces and nephews. Preceding her in death were her parents and a grandson.

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• Includes name, age, town of residency and information about any funeral services or life celebrations. • No add-ons available (photos, etc.).

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• CONTACT: Lisa Lester Kelly, [lkelly@lagrandeobserver.com](mailto:lkelly@lagrandeobserver.com) • 541-624-6019

*Celebration of Lives for*

## Dwight & Donna Brooks

**Saturday, May 28, 2022 • 11am-2pm**  
at Catherine Creek Community Center  
(Old Methodist Church) on Main St., Union.

Please join us for a light lunch.  
Bring your stories and memories.

For questions, call Tanya Collier at 541-398-1952.

\*Wasteland Kings will be performing following the Celebration at the Community Center.

\*Union High School Alumni Breakfast will be Sunday morning

**Linda L. Smith**  
June 10, 1953 - May 12, 2022

Linda L. Smith of Moses Lake, Washington, peacefully passed away May 12, 2022, in Ephrata, Washington, at Columbia Basin Hospital.

Linda was born in Baker City, Oregon, on June 10, 1953. She was raised in La Grande, Oregon. After her high school graduation in 1971, Linda moved to Spokane, Washington, where she attended Kinman School of Business. While in Spokane she met and married the father of her children, Darcie and Aaron. The family moved to Walla Walla, Washington, in 1973 and then to Moses Lake in 1975.

Linda worked as a lead supervisor at Sundstrand Data Control for over 10 years where many of the employees enjoyed working with her. After retirement, Linda moved back to her hometown of La Grande for several years but once again found her way back to Moses Lake.

As a young girl, Linda enjoyed spending time at their family cabin in the Blue Mountains, on her grandparents’ ranch in Baker City and at her aunt and uncle’s country home in Coeur d’Alene. At an early age, Linda discovered she had a passion for reading, which led to quite a book collection, and she struggled parting with any book. As a young teenager, Linda took pride in sewing her own clothes. In her earlier adult years, she loved bowling and going out dancing with friends.

Linda will be missed for her ability to bring a smile and a great attitude to almost any difficult situation. Her family will always cherish the love and support she gave them.

Linda is preceded in death by her parents, Everett and Dolores Gilmore. She is survived by her children, Darcie (Lance) Pope and Aaron Smith; her four grandchildren, Zackery Smith, Jolie Smith, Brentyn Smith and Kenneth Smith; great-grandson, Augustus Smith; and her brothers, Louie and Jim Lyman.

A memorial service will be held at 2:30 p.m. on May 24, 2022, at Kayser’s Chapel of Memories, 831 S. Pioneer Way, Moses Lake, Washington.