

A remarkable transformation



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New signage honors the building's history at the Observer Apartments on Fifth Street and N Avenue in La Grande on Friday, May 20, 2022. The 20-unit apartment building, which is currently adding covered parking areas, was the home base of The Observer office for 35 years.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

BRIEFS

Memorial Day service held at Union's park

UNION — The Veterans of Foreign Wars High Valley Post of Union will provide a Memorial Day service in the Union City Park on Monday, May 30. The ceremony begins at 9 a.m. All are welcome.

June's free computer classes begin next week

LA GRANDE — Training & Employment Consortium, 1901 Adams Ave., La Grande, offers free hands-on computer classes to the public each month. All classes are held in person from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Pre-registration is required by calling Coral at 541-633-2084.

- Excel (5-day class): June 2, 7, 8, 9, 13
- Intro to Word (one-day class): June 20
- Intermediate Word (three-day class): June 22, 28, 30

TEC is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available to persons with disabilities upon request (TTY 541-962-0693).

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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.

MAY 30-31

Monday: closed for Memorial Day.

Tuesday: chicken strips, seasoned potato wedges, salad greens, fresh fruit.

Wednesday-Friday: June's menu not available at press time.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

10:30 a.m. — A caller reported two males were causing a disturbance in the road at N Avenue and Cherry Street, La Grande. Officers responded and resolved the situation.

2:17 p.m. — A caller on the 500 block of Division Street, Elgin, reported the theft of a swing set and told the Union County Sheriff's Office the possible location of the suspect. Deputies responded and cited a 25-year-old woman for third-degree theft and criminal mischief and arrested a 33-year-old man for the same charges.

3:33 p.m. — La Grande police at R Avenue and Greenwood Street stopped a vehicle and arrested Sandi Jean McKaig, 44, for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

4:10 p.m. — A caller reported a vehicle on Highway 82 and Pierce Road, La Grande, pulled in front a school bus. A Union County sheriff's deputy contacted the caller.

6:25 p.m. — La Grande police responded the 2600 block of Bearco Loop for a domestic disturbance. An officer took a report.

6:34 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 400 block of First Street on a complaint about a barking dog. An officer made contact with the dog owners, who were returning home.

11:03 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a vehicle theft on the 900 block of Second Street, North Powder. Deputies arrested Monique Marie Furman, 40, for possession of a stolen vehicle.

THURSDAY, MAY 26

8:55 a.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a report about possible animal neglect in the area of 64700 Bean Coffin Lane, Summerville.

12:51 p.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about a transient camp at Gekeler Lane and 16th Street. An officer responded and found the subjects had permission to be there.

2:03 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a report of an assault on the 66500 block of Gekeler Lane, La Grande. A deputy responded and took information.

4:28 p.m. — La Grande police responded to K Avenue on a complaint about a dog bite. An officer took a report.

7:11 p.m. — A caller on the 1200 block of Eighth Street, La Grande, reported an assault. An officer made contact and took information.

10:16 p.m. — A caller reported a disturbance at a residence on the 300 block of South 11th Avenue, Elgin. Law enforcement responded and cited a juvenile for harassment.

11:01 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1500 block of Adams Avenue on a report of a female yelling. An officer trespassed one person.

DEATH & SERVICE NOTICES

David Ables

La Grande

David Ables, 85, of La Grande, died May 25, 2022. Arrangements are by Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Halfway.

Deanna L. Badgley

La Grande

Deanna Lee Badgley, 53, of La Grande, died May 23, 2022, at her residence. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Kendal Neustel

La Grande

Kendal Neustel, 95, of La Grande, died May 26, 2022, at his home. Arrangements are by Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, La Grande.

Jeremy S. Richards

La Grande

Jeremy Scott Richards, 48, of La Grande, died May 24, 2022, in College Place, Washington. A celebration of his life will be held May 28 at 3 p.m. at the La Grande Nazarene Church. Casual dress is preferred by the family. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Doris J. Robertson

Formerly of La Grande

Doris Jean Robertson, 92, formerly of La Grande, died May 26, 2022, in Sweet Home. Arrangements are by Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, La Grande.

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Virginia L. (Remington) McLaughlin

February 1, 1920 – May 25, 2022

Virginia Louise McLaughlin, 102, of Island City, passed away on Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at her residence. A celebration of her life will be held at a later date.

Virginia was born on Feb. 1, 1920, in The Dalles, Oregon, to William and Maude (Holmes) Remington. She resided in Fairbanks, The Dalles, Hood River, Portland, La Grande and Island City, Oregon. The ranch house she was born in had one corner that was built over part of the Oregon Trail. She attended Lower Fifteen Mile Grade School and Columbia District Grade School, graduated from The Dalles High School in 1938, then attended Portland Beauty School. On Oct. 27, 1946, she married Harold Horace McLaughlin, and from this union were born two sons and two daughters. They later divorced in 1966.

Virginia was a beautician in The Dalles and a homemaker. She also worked at Valle Vista Nursing Home in The Dalles, a trailer factory and Motherhood Maternity in Portland, Oregon. She loved nature, the mountains, birdwatching and all wildlife. She maintained a beautiful flower garden and vegetable garden. She canned fruits, jellies and jams well into her 90s. She baked and contributed goods to the Union County Senior Center for cookie walks and pie auctions.

Virginia spent many hours at the senior center socializing and dancing, which she dearly loved to do. She and her dear friend Max Lane would host many of the dances held at the center as well as dance as partners. Her favorite songs were "Waltz Across Texas" and "Crystal Chandeliers." She loved listening and dancing to the Blue Mountain Fiddlers. She also enjoyed traveling and playing pinochle.

Virginia is survived by her son, Duane McLaughlin (Nancy) of Hood River, Oregon; daughters, Colleen McLaughlin of Island City, Oregon, and Gwen Baker (Curtis) of Soap Lake, Washington; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren, one great-great-granddaughter and one great-great-grandson due in September; and many cousins, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Maude; son, Chris; and sister, Mildred Wagenblast.

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



Kip Moore to headline 2022 Round-Up concert

East Oregonian

PENDLETON — Chart-topping country star Kip Moore will bring his troubadour lifestyle and timeless sound to Eastern Oregon for the Pendleton Round-Up and Happy Canyon Kick-Off Concert.

Presented by Integrity Corps, the event begins at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10, at the Happy Canyon Arena. Tickets, which are now on sale, range from \$51-\$90. In addition, VIP packages are available for \$156, including dinner prior to the event and water, soda and malt beverages during the concert.

In 2021, Moore released his fourth studio album, "Wild World," a revelatory collection written as he traveled the globe in an effort to make sense of a world battling nothing short of an identity crisis, according to a press release. "Music is the one thing where I really try to unveil where I'm at mentally, where my soul is," Moore said in the release.

President Karl Farber said it will be great to have the country star kick off



Casey White-Zollman/Contributed Photo
Kip Moore will headline the Pendleton Round-Up and Happy Canyon Kick-Off Concert on Saturday, Sept. 10, 2022, at the Happy Canyon Arena.

Round-Up week.

"We're excited to kick off the week with Kip Moore's energy, heart and soul," Kenzie Hansell, Happy Canyon president, added. "He'll bring entertainment for all generations to enjoy in the Happy Canyon Arena."

An opening act will be announced at a later date.

For more information or to reserve tickets, visit www.pendletonroundup.com.

Larry Vernon Haney

April 1, 1947 - May 10, 2022

Larry Haney, 75, of Halfway, OR, died Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, ID. A graveside military service and celebration of Larry's life will be held on June 25, 2022, at 1 p.m. at the Wallowa Cemetery in Wallowa, Oregon.

Larry Vernon Haney was born on April 1, 1947, in Enterprise, OR. He was raised and educated in Wallowa, OR. He graduated from Wallowa High School in 1965.

Fresh out of high school, Larry entered the Navy on June 8, 1965. He served 4 years active duty as a radio operator on the USS Franklin D Roosevelt (CVA42). He was released from active duty June 6, 1969, and transferred to the Reserves where he served 2 more years. He was honorably discharged April 25, 1971. Larry was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

In 1968, Larry married Mary D. Gornto in Jacksonville, FL. Together they had 3 children. They later divorced in 1989. Larry found love once again when he married Judith Miller in 1995 after a 2-year courtship.

Larry worked various jobs throughout his life including being a mechanic at a trailer factory, logging, and working as a farm machinery manager and as a licensed gun dealer. He had his own business selling farm equipment and he sold real estate.

Larry was a member of the NRA, trapshooting clubs, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and the VFW.

Hobbies he enjoyed were trapshooting, reloading ammo and working on the property. His favorite season was fall, because, you guessed it, "hunting season!" Larry loved the song "Blue Eyes Crying in the Rain," and he especially enjoyed spending time with his dogs, Amber and Pippen.

Memorable dates in Larry's life included serving in the Navy, getting married, and having children and grandchildren. He was also proud to have made it into the Boone and Crockett for antlers. He was a proud Navy veteran, a hard worker, and was very handy at all things; there wasn't much he couldn't do. Larry lived by the philosophy that you should work hard, nothing should be handed to you. He loved his family, hunting and fishing. He loved to say, "Gone Fishing!" He will be greatly missed by his family and close friends.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents. Stanley and Gladys Haney; and his brother, Vernon Haney.

He is survived by his wife, Judith Miller of Halfway, OR; children Amanda Haney of La Grande, OR, April Haney of Salem, OR and William Haney of Welches, OR; brother Charlie Haney; sister Patricia Hamann; stepsons Kelly Brennan and Brian Miller; grandchildren Tiffani Heitz and Kalysta Majerak; 2 great-grandchildren, Eleanor and Stetson Heitz and another on the way.

For those who would like to make a memorial contribution in memory of Larry the family suggests Hunt of a Lifetime through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services, P.O. BOX 543, Halfway, Oregon 97834. Online condolences can be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

