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**Proteus (right, played by Carly Elder) stops Speed (Christian Quinlin Pullen) on his way to Milan in "Two Gentlemen of Verona." The play is one of four Shakespearean works being performed at the 2022 Opera House Shakespeare Festival in Elgin, which continues through Sunday, June 26, 2022.**

## Shakespeare festival is underway in Elgin

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ELGIN — The works of Shakespeare come alive in the 2022 Opera House Shakespeare Festival, June 17-26. The festival is the inaugural event by the Opera House Shakespeare Company, a branch of the Elgin Opera House helmed by Grant Turner.

The event features multiple performances of four separate Shakespearean plays — "Othello," an adaptation of "The Merchant of Venice," "A Midsummer Night's Dream"

and "Two Gentlemen of Verona" — from Friday, June 17, to Saturday, June 26. Each play is performed on a different stage: the Elgin Opera House's main stage and outdoor stage, and the Hale Turner Little Theatre and the Jewel Theatre on Alder Street.

The festival also includes a number of special events. The full schedule, tickets for individual plays and VIP passes are available at [www.elginoperahouse.com/shakespeare](http://www.elginoperahouse.com/shakespeare).

## 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 takeout meals.

### JUNE 20-24

**Monday:** center closed for observance of Juneteenth.

**Tuesday:** fried chicken, mashed potatoes, country gravy, green beans, fresh fruit, cake for Creston Shaw's 100th birthday.

**Wednesday:** cabbage rolls with beef and rice, cottage cheese, fruit, light dessert.

**Thursday:** Hawaiian BBQ chicken over rice, cabbage slaw, cookie.

**Friday:** macaroni and cheese, steamed cauliflower, salad greens, fresh fruit wedges, rolls, oatmeal-raisin cookie.

## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

7:47 a.m. — A resident on the 500 block of Fourth Street, North Powder, made a complaint about dogs running loose. An animal enforcement officer responded and cited the owner of the dogs.

10:12 a.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about telephonic harassment on the 2800 block of Third Street. An officer made contact and warned one person.

11:02 a.m. — A La Grande resident was suffering mental or emotional crisis. Police responded and gave the person a ride to the hospital.

11:04 a.m. — Union County Sheriff's Office received a complaint about possible animal abuse on Valley View Road, Elgin. A deputy made contact and will follow up.

3:38 p.m. — A caller on the 62200 block of Leffel Road, La Grande, reported a dog bit someone. A Union County sheriff's deputy made contact and took a report.

8:37 p.m. — La Grande police received a report from Bubbles Laundry, 2001 Adams Ave., of an attempted assault. An officer located the subject and trespassed the person from the business.

9:13 p.m. — La Grande police responded to Benchwarmer's Pub & Grill, 210 Depot St., on a call about a disturbance outside the business. Officers trespassed one subject.

10:04 p.m. — A caller reported a suspicious vehicle parked in front of Green Tree Apartments, 2310 Q Ave., La Grande. An officer responded and found someone was waiting for a friend.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 16

12:48 a.m. — La Grande fire and police responded to a report of a fire on the 1700 block of O Avenue. Police took a report.

10:55 a.m. — A caller reported a suspicious male on the 500 block of South Pioneer Court, Union. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded and determined the person was a door-to-door salesman.

1:30 p.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy responded to the 800 block of East Ash Street, Union, on a call about telephonic harassment. The deputy warned one person.

2:51 p.m. — A caller on Coughanour Lane, North Powder, reported a dog bit someone. An animal enforcement officer made contact and will follow up.

3:58 p.m. — Union County Sheriff's Office received a complaint about criminal mischief on the 200 block of East Beakman Street, Union. A deputy responded and took a report.

10:16 p.m. — A caller reported a disturbance involving a juvenile on the 2300 block of Spruce Street, La Grande. An officer responded but did not find a disturbance.

11:09 p.m. — A resident in the area of Jackson Avenue and Fir St., La Grande, made a complaint about barking dogs.

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

### MEETINGS

• **IMBLER** — The Imbler School District Board of Directors will meet for a regular session on Tuesday, June 21, immediately following a budget hearing, which begins at 7 p.m. The action item on the board's agenda is to approve the resolution to adopt the 2022-23 budget. The meeting is open to the public.

• **UNION** — The Union Rural Fire Protection District Board will have a budget committee meeting and a regular board meeting on Tuesday, June 21, beginning at 7 p.m. at the fire hall. For more information, call 541-910-3114 or email [union.rfpd@outlook.com](mailto:union.rfpd@outlook.com).

• **LA GRANDE** — The Mount Emily Recreation Area Advisory Committee will meet Tuesday, June 21, at 6 p.m. in the Misener Conference Room of the Daniel Chaplin

Building, 1001 Fourth St.

### BRIEFS

#### LHS track closed for maintenance

LA GRANDE — The La Grande High School track on H Avenue will be closed for maintenance from June 27 to July 10. The school district regrets any inconvenience this causes.

#### Learn Word software free of charge

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.

- Intro to Word (one-day class): June 20
- Intermediate Word (three-day class): June 22, 28, 30

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## DEATH & SERVICE NOTICES

### Eric E. Bates

Union

Eric E. Bates, 31, of Union, died Feb. 1, 2022. A celebration of his life will be held June 25 at 11 a.m. Take Forest Service Road 77 (Catherine Creek Summit Road) from Union and follow the teal-colored signs to the service. Casual dress is preferred by the family.

### Sharon L. Hargrove

Cove

Sharon L. Hargrove, 86, of Cove, died June 6, 2022. A celebration of her life will be held June 25 at 2 p.m. at the Imbler Christian Church. Light refreshments will be served after the service.

### Vera Victor

La Grande

Vera Victor, 92, of La Grande, died June 16, 2022, at a local care facility. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

### Myrna Woodell

La Grande

Myrna Woodell, 93, of La Grande, died June 11, 2022. A graveside service will be held June 22 at 2 p.m. at the Island City Cemetery. Arrangements are by Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center.

### Otto Alexander Karrels

July 8, 1946 – June 11, 2022

Otto Alexander Karrels, 75, of La Grande, Oregon, passed peacefully at home with his family around him on June 11, 2022. Funeral services were held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 11206 McAlister Road, Island City, Oregon, on Friday, June 17. Burial was at the North Powder Cemetery.

Otto Alexander was born six weeks early in Baker, Oregon, on July 8, 1946, to Otto Henry and Lorene (Gorham) Karrels. Alex was a twin, but his brother died shortly after birth. The family lived in the North Powder area with a year-long move to South Dakota. After returning to Eastern Oregon, they settled in the Grande Ronde Valley off Woodell Lane. Alex went to school in La Grande and participated in many sports. His favorites were basketball and track, and he lettered all four years in high school. He graduated with the class of 1964.

After high school Alex worked at the Boise Cascade plywood mill in Elgin, served in the Army National Guard and worked in advertising with The Observer. He sold real estate for Bill Thomas Realty and Andy Lily. All the while he was buying and building up his rental business.

Alex was married to Patricia Ann Vess of La Grande in 1966 and had a son, Scott. In 1983, he married Nancy Jean Campbell of La Grande and adopted her daughter, Nichole. Alex and Nancy had two children together, Bethany and Jason.

Alex was introduced to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and baptized in 1977. He was very involved in church basketball. He was a Scout leader for many years and went on some fun adventures. He enjoyed many callings in the church.

Alex enjoyed upland bird hunting and especially loved training his prized/papered bird dogs. He got his pilot's license. He spent a few years raising emus. He loved his jet boat: fishing and going tubing. He was a Trail Blazers fan and attended several games. He enjoyed the kids' and grandchildren's sporting events. As an owner of rental properties, he was very handy and could fix almost anything. Alex inherited the Huntington's disease chorea gene and suffered for years, but it was debilitating the last couple of years.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy; siblings, Wynette Williamson of Cove, Linda (Richard) Huck of Boise and Ted (Tami) Karrels of La Grande; children, Scott (Donna), Nichole, Bethany (Steve) and Jason; several wonderful brothers and sisters-in-law and countless nieces and nephews; grandchildren, Tarryn, Delaney, Kati (Jack), Nick (Addie), Bryson, Landen, Hallie and Jaycie; and one great-grandson, Declan. He was preceded in death by his parents and his twin brother.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com](http://www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com).

## UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



**June 18 — ARDIS KLAGES:** 11 a.m. graveside service, Enterprise Cemetery; gathering follows at Enterprise VFW Hall.

**June 18 — ROD 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 18 — SAMUEL ORR:** 1 p.m. celebration of life, Haines City Park.

**June 19 — GENE MARTIN:** 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. open house celebration of life, Hurricane Creek Grange, Joseph.

**June 20 — JOYCE JENNINGS-TAUTFEST:** 11 a.m. service, Enterprise Christian Church; graveside service follows at Joseph Cemetery.

**June 20 — BUZ CATES:** 3 p.m. celebration of life, home of Cody and Brooke, 78995 Upper Imnaha Road, Imnaha (behind the Imnaha Store and Tavern).

**June 21 — RHODA DAWSON:** 11 a.m. celebration of life, Joseph United Methodist Church; reception follows.

**June 22 — MYRNA WOODSELL:** 2 p.m. graveside service, Island City Cemetery.

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

**June 25 — MARY ELLEN HAWKINSON:** 10 a.m. graveside service, Wallowa Cemetery.

**June 25 — ERIC BATES:** 11 a.m. celebration of life, take Forest Service Road 77/Catherine Creek Summit Road from Union and follow teal-colored signs to the service (casual dress preferred).

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

**June 25 — SHARON HARGROVE:** 2 p.m. celebration of life, Imbler Christian Church.

**June 25 — DAVID HASSE:** 2 p.m. celebration of life, Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande.

**July 3 — JULIE BROWN:** 2:30 p.m. celebration of life, Faith Center, Island City (casual dress preferred); reception follows 4-7 p.m. at Riverside Park Pavilion, La Grande.

**July 9 — MYRNA CARPER-JOURNOT:** 1 p.m. funeral, Wallowa Assembly of God Church; interment follows at Promise Cemetery.

— Calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande

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### Guy R. Francy

1926 - 2022

Guy Robert Francy, 95, of La Grande, Oregon, passed away peacefully at his home on June 5, 2022, with his wife Megan by his side.

Guy was born in Toronto, Ohio to Elmer and Olive (Johnston) Francy. He was the fifth of six children in this large and loving family. His family had a camp house on Yellow Creek near New Somerset, OH and he and his siblings spent every summer vegetable gardening, swimming, roaming the woods, fishing in the creek and enjoying life. Guy attended Toronto public schools and graduated from high school in 1944.

He then enlisted in the U.S. Navy and proudly served our country during World War 2 until his honorable discharge in 1946. He entered Ohio University and graduated with a BS in 1950. While there, he met and married Nancy "Dee" Brennan. Their first child, Gail, was born in 1950. From 1950 to 1961, Guy worked as an engineer and manager for his father's business, the Toronto Foundry and Machine Co., which made machinery for the clay products industry. During this time Guy and Dee had a son, Benjamin in 1953, and another daughter, Gwen in 1956.

Guy loved the outdoors and decided to enroll in graduate school to pursue a degree in forestry. He and his family moved to Ann Arbor, where Guy attended the University of Michigan and received a Masters of Forestry degree in 1963. The family moved west where Guy worked for the Boise National Forest for one year before going to work for the Boise Cascade Corp. in Council, Idaho. He transferred to Boise Cascade in La Grande in 1967 and continued supervisory work in forestry, logging, and timber management until retiring in 1992.

Guy learned to hunt, fish, and love the outdoors from his father in the hills of eastern Ohio. These interests continued in northeastern Oregon, where Guy and Dee lived in Union for more than 40 years. He and Dee also enjoyed their grandchildren, skiing and international travel until her death in 2003. In 2004 Guy and Megan were married, making their residence in La Grande. Together they enjoyed cross-country skiing, biking, dancing, fishing (especially salmon fishing), and traveling.

Guy was a member of the Society of American Foresters and the Union County Historical Society. He served as the secretary-treasurer of the Israel Ditch in Union for 20 years.

Guy was an intelligent, kind, and thoughtful man, and was sincerely interested in the people he met. He was a true gentleman with a generous and sensitive soul, and was deeply loved and treasured by his family. He will be affectionately remembered and dearly missed by all who knew him.

Guy is survived by his beloved wife Megan, daughters Gail and Gwen, one stepdaughter, 5 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, Dee, son Ben in 1991, 3 sisters and 2 brothers.

Guy's mother had a saying: "Make much of my coming and little of my going." At Guy's request there will be no funeral or memorial service. No donations are requested, however Guy wishes all his friends and family to spend time with their loved ones instead. His family will gather to celebrate his life and honor his memory at a later date. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com](http://www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com).

