

# Next week at the library

The Observer

**LA GRANDE** — Summer Reading has begun at Cook Memorial Library, 2006 Fourth St., La Grande. This free program is open to all ages, from children to adults, and runs through Friday, July 29. Sign up anytime.

Revisit Hogwarts at the Teen Interactive Movie on June 29 at 3 p.m. This free program is for ages 12-18, according to a press release from the library. The first 24 participants will receive a gift bag packed with props to interact with the movie. Costumes and fandom attire are encouraged.

Also for teens, Teen Zen will be on June 30 at 3 p.m. Led by Kitia Chambers, this multi-session program gives teens creative ways



Cook Memorial Library/Contributed Graphic  
**Cook Memorial Library's logo incorporates the Grande Ronde River, wheat fields and ponderosa pines. The La Grande library announced the new logo and brand identity the first week of May 2021.**

to de-stress. Teens will make "Slime to Calm" this week. This free program will also be held on July 7 in the library's Community Room. Participation in all sessions isn't required.

Teen Zen is offered in partnership with Youth Alliance Union County and Union County Safe Communities Coalition.

The younger set are invited to come to the Story

Circle on Thursday, June 30, at 10:30 a.m. for songs, stories and a bookmark-coloring craft.

And on Saturdays this summer, Campfire Sing-Along for little ones includes singing, dancing and playing beginning at 10:30 a.m., also in the Story Circle.

Kid Craft Fridays are offered from 3-4 p.m. for children ages 7-10. On July 1, children will make painted wooden snakes. Supplies are provided.

For more information on upcoming events visit the library's web, Facebook, Instagram and Pinterest pages; call 541-962-1339; or stop by the library during open hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays.

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

### Take the new AARP Smart Driver Course

**LA GRANDE** — AARP Driver Safety classes are back, according to local instructor Fred Moore. There is now new material and new prices, \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for nonmembers. The first class in Union County is planned for Saturday, July 16, at Grande Ronde Hospital, La Grande. The course will run from 8:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., with a break for lunch, and hospital mask rules will be enforced.

Participants will refresh their driving skills, get up-to-date information on new rules of the road and learn research-based strategies to increase safety while behind the wheel. There is not a test, and those who complete the course may be eligible to receive an auto insurance discount.

To register and for more informa-

tion, call Moore at 541-910-9797.

### Josephy Center announces call for art for September festival

**JOSEPH** — The Josephy Center for Arts and Culture is accepting artwork for the September 2022 Wallowa Valley Festival of the Arts. The juried fine art exhibit is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year and organizers are looking for a reflection of the beauty, culture and art of the region in a variety of mediums. The deadline to apply is 10:30 p.m. July 31.

Accepted artists will be invited to participate in the festival's quick draw and plein air painting events and will be provided with one complimentary ticket to Friday night's opening reception. Additional tickets can be purchased through Josephy Center for Art and Culture in person and online.

For more information and instruc-

tions on how to apply, go to [www.josephy.org/festival-of-the-arts](http://www.josephy.org/festival-of-the-arts).

### Grant supports Enterprise Library summer reading

**ENTERPRISE** — The Enterprise Public Library received a grant from the Pilcrow Foundation and matching funds making it eligible were provided by Col. D.Z. Boyd. The grant paid for 127 hardback children's books for the Enterprise Public Library just in time for the Summer Reading Program, which continues through Friday, July 22. The summer program includes reading challenges for infants, children, teens and adults. Stop by the library — Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. — to check out the new books and learn more about summer activities.

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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 takeout meals.

### JUNE 27-JULY 1

**Monday:** meatloaf, boiled red potatoes, brown gravy, pea salad, fresh fruit, apple pie.

**Tuesday:** chicken strips, steak fries, coleslaw, fruit garnish, brownie.

**Wednesday:** lemon chicken over rice, steamed asparagus, dill-tomato-cucumber salad, fresh fruit.

**Thursday:** bacon cheeseburger, steak fries, vegetable sticks, fresh fruit.

**Friday:** chicken pesto, salad greens, Italian bread, fresh fruit, pudding cups.

## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

8:02 a.m. — La Grande police received a request for contact regarding a theft at 2802 Adams Ave. An officer took a report.

12:33 p.m. — A caller reported harassment at Walmart, 11619 Island Ave., Island City. A Union County sheriff's deputy made contact and explained options.

3:01 p.m. — Union County Sheriff's Office received a complaint about animal abuse from the area of 10400 South Valley Avenue, Island City.

3:30 p.m. — La Grande police responded to a call regarding harassment on the 2400 block of Century Loop. An officer explained options.

6:11 p.m. — La Grande police received a request for a welfare check on an elderly person at Birnie Park. An officer responded and returned the person home.

9:36 p.m. — A caller reported fireworks in the area of Cherry Street and Cove Avenue, La Grande. An officer searched the area but did not find anyone setting off fireworks.

10:35 p.m. — La Grande police during a traffic stop on the west end of Adams Avenue arrested two people with warrants. Vonell Lenn Edwards, 45, had two Union County warrants for failure to appear, and Jessica Dianne Stricker, 44, had five Umatilla County warrants for failure to appear. Police also cited Stricker on a Baker County warrant.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 23

7:42 a.m. — A caller reported the theft of a vehicle from the area of 65100 Hot Lake Lane, La Grande. A Union County sheriff's deputy made contact.

7:57 a.m. — La Grande police and fire responded to the 1800 block of Gekeler Lane on a report of suspicious circumstances involving a fire. Police took a report.

8:20 a.m. — A caller reported a transient refused to leave Denny's, 2604 Island Ave., La Grande. The subject left before police arrived.

3:14 p.m. — Thunder RV, 10401 S. Walton Road, Island City, reported a burglary. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded and took a report.

5:37 p.m. — Union County sheriff's deputies responded to Blue Springs Crossing, 10801 S. Walton Road, Island City, on a report of a domestic disturbance. The parties separated.

6:32 p.m. — A caller reported a transient camp on private property on the 1900 block of Jefferson Avenue, La Grande. Police responded and trespassed a person.

9:40 p.m. — La Grande police responded to a report of a person

in a mental or emotional crisis and resolved the situation.

10:43 p.m. — A caller reported a dog may have been in distress on the 2300 block of Q Avenue, La Grande. An officer responded and determined a dog was barking due to another dog that was barking.

### Myrna Ann (Bruins) Woodell

November 21, 1928 – June 11, 2022

Myrna Ann 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.

Myrna was born Nov. 21, 1928, at home in Crandon, South Dakota, to Wilma (Backer) Bruins and John Bruins. A total of 10 children were born to Wilma and John, and Myrna was their first daughter. They lived on the family farm. They worked hard and times were tough.

In 1948 Myrna headed out west to Oregon, where she met Clifford Woodell. They were married on Feb. 19, 1949. Myrna and Cliff had one son, Douglas Woodell, and he was her whole life.

Myrna was always up for a stock car race. Back in the day, she would race in the powder puff derby driving a pink Ford. She also could be seen in the Purple People Eater Car. There are many stories of her being one crazy lady behind the wheel.

Myrna and Cliff had many business adventures: C&M Auto on Jefferson, an ambulance service, a quick delivery service, The Rainbow Truck Stop and Coffee Pot Cafe, and The Fountain.

In the 1970s Myrna went to college and got a teaching degree. She taught Spanish at Union High School. This was a short-lived dream that ended due to health reasons. It was at this time she started her lawn care business. For the last several years you would see her around town mowing lawns, cleaning businesses, washing windows, shoveling snow and driving that truck and trailer on two wheels most of the time.

You could say Myrna was a La Grande icon, and she will always be remembered for that red updo hairstyle she fashioned. Myrna made sure her hair was done weekly. It was a bonus that her sister Sally was her hairdresser.

Surviving relatives include her siblings and their spouses, Sally and Thomas Roe of La Grande, James and Vicki Bruins of Hermiston, Oscar Bruins of Heber Springs, Arkansas, and Lila and Tim May of Las Vegas; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Clifford; son, Douglas; sisters, Marilyn Winterton, Caroline Odermott and Sharon Belcher; and brothers, Cecil and Johnny Bruins.



## DEATH & SERVICE NOTICES

### Janet C. Allread

La Grande

Janet C. Allread, 86, of La Grande, died, Feb. 12, 2022, at a local care facility. A celebration of her life will be held July 9 at 10 a.m. at the Riverside Park Pavilion, La Grande. Casual dress is preferred by the family. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

### Mildred L. McMurphy

La Grande

Mildred L. McMurphy, 105, of La Grande, died June 23, 2022, at Grande Ronde Hospital. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

### Clarence Wilson

La Grande

Clarence Wilson, 79, of La Grande, died June 22, 2022, at his home. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

## UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



**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; reception follows.

**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 3 — LILYAN HALE:** 4 p.m. memorial service, Summerville Baptist Church.

**July 9 — JANET ALLREAD:** 10 a.m. celebration of life, Riverside Park Pavilion La Grande (casual dress preferred).

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

— Calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande



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### Myrna (Carper) Journot

October 13 1939 - June 14, 2022

Myrna Carper Journot passed away in her sleep on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at her home in Wallowa, Oregon. She leaves behind her husband of 63 years, Robert Journot; four sons, Terry and fiancé Felisa, LeRoy and Lance, all of Wallowa, and Tracy and wife Mindy of Pueblo, Colorado; eight grandchildren, Nicole, Jordan, Zack, Katelynn, Lauryn, Connor, Marcus and Savannah; and step-granddaughters, Maci and Kailua.

Myrna was born Oct. 13, 1939, to Orval Carper and Myra Gorbett, in Promise, Oregon, joining older sister, Orvalla, who preceded her in death in 2017. She attended the Promise School until the age of 12 when her family moved to Portland, Oregon. The family eventually moved to Hermiston, Oregon, from Bend, Oregon, where Myrna graduated high school. She and Robert were married in Hermiston in 1959. Myrna followed her husband in the sheet metal industry until they formed their own company in 1970, naming it after a favorite bird of Myrna's: "Road-Runner Sheetmetal Inc."

Myrna loved to travel, and as a guest of the Carrier Company she visited Russia, Sweden, Hawaii and the Philippines. She took delight in bringing souvenirs home to her sons. She earned the title "Mama J" due to the fact that their home was always full of boys, being adopted by several of the boys, and vice versa.

As purple was a favorite color, Myrna enjoyed purple iris and lilacs, along with buttercups, Indian paintbrush and Easter lilies. Her hobbies included sewing, watching the sunset with the deer and elk coming to water, picking mushrooms, hunting and taking her grandchildren fishing at her pond. She delighted in taking young animals to nearby schools and retirement centers for students and residents to hold. Children who might not have had a Christmas without Myrna were on the receiving end of her generosity. Many friends and family received gifts of handmade blankets, canned fruit or a handwritten note that was cherished, as she was known for her beautiful handwriting.

Myrna liked country music and dancing at the grange in Promise. She and Bob would trade TV time: he would watch Westerns or the news, and she would watch "Jeopardy" and the "Wheel of Fortune." Playing cards with family and friends was something Myrna delighted in, beating Terry and Lance in Crazy Rummy recently.

As a devoted housewife and mom, she was kept busy transporting her four sons back and forth to baseball games, swim lessons, sledding and other activities. But she always provided a shoulder to lean on, and then her sons knew they were expected to listen to what she had to say, even if she could be a little bit stubborn and feisty.

After retiring from their business, Myrna and Bob built a home in Promise, where they lived until 2017 when they moved to Wallowa to be closer to doctors and friends. Myrna continued to be active in the Memorial Day Reunion every year in Promise and Wallowa.

A celebration of life for Myrna will be Saturday, July 9, at 1 p.m. at the Wallowa Assembly of God Church, Wallowa, Oregon.



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