

'Cheers!'



Isabella Crowley/The Observer

Festival-goers greet one another with the customary "cheers" at the eighth annual Eastern Oregon Beer Festival held at the Union County Fairgrounds on Saturday, June 25, 2022. John Day's 1188 Brewing was the crowd favorite, coming in first in the Taster's Choice contest. La Grande's local brewpub, Side A Brewing, garnered second and Sockeye Brewing from Boise placed third.

BIRTHS

GRANDE RONDE HOSPITAL, LA GRANDE

CAROLLO: Luther Hilding Carollo, born June 8, 2022, to Brianna Kay Carollo and Paul Joseph Carollo, of La Grande.

CARROLL: Floki Bjorn Jones Carroll, born June 11, 2022, to Kama Venus Jessena Jones and Braydon Carroll, of La Grande. Grandparents are Kylee and Chris Orton.

JOHNSON: Nathaniel Hallack Johnson, born June 11, 2022, to Shelby Dawn Johnson and David Allen Johnson Jr., of Union. Grandparents are Dan and Donna Johnson and Mike and Kelly Martin.

KIRSCHNER: Avacyn Hope Kirschner, born June 10, 2022, to Cheyenne Elise Van Dine and Kade William Kirschner, of La Grande. Grandparents are Mart Van Dine, Tammy Frost, Hans Kirschner and Jennie Tetrick.

KURTZ: George Douglas Kurtz, born June 8, 2022, to Dana Giffen Kurtz and Todd Donald Kurtz, of La Grande.

LEGGETT: Seanna Joy Leggett, born June 5, 2022, to Kimberly I. Leggett and Nathan B. Leggett, of La Grande.

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. Dine-in meals are served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; suggested donation is \$4 for age 60+, \$7 for all others. Takeout meals are picked up from noon to 1 p.m. at the kitchen's back door; cost is \$7 for all.

Tuesday: beef bourguignon over noodles, salad greens, fresh fruit, cookie

Wednesday: honey-glazed ham, scalloped potatoes, steamed Italian blend vegetables, tomato-cucumber salad, fresh fruit.

Thursday: cashew-chicken casserole, rice, broiled tomatoes, apple Waldorf salad, dessert.

Friday: fish and chips, broccoli-raisin salad, fresh melon, huckleberry ice cream.

JULY 4-8
Monday: closed for Fourth of July

Imogene "Imie" (Bates) Bristow
October 2, 1930 - June 17, 2022



On June 17, 2022, Imogene Bristow, 91, also known to family and friends as Imie or Grandma Imie, passed away peacefully at her residence of 69 years in Cove, Oregon, surrounded by family. At her request, there will not be a service but later this summer there will be a picnic at Rock Springs Lookout.

Imie was born Oct. 2, 1930, to Cecil and Maude (Alexander) Bates on the family's farm up High Valley outside of Union, Oregon. She joined an older brother, Floyd.

Imie attended elementary school in High Valley and high school in Cove, graduating in 1948. Her senior year, she received a four-year scholarship to attend Eastern Oregon to study sports education but turned it down to pursue her passion in nursing. She was accepted and earned her R.N. degree at Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland.

After graduating in 1951, she returned to Union County to begin her nursing career in the old Grand Ronde Hospital building, working nights and living on the fourth floor of the hospital. She was also involved in planning the new hospital, helping to design the nursing stations and operating room. She held several different positions at GRH from the operating room to director of nursing, house supervisor, infection control and employee health and housekeeping.

On Jan. 5, 1952, Imie married Wayne Bristow. They welcomed their first daughter, Cheryl, on Oct. 7, 1952, and their second daughter, Becky, on March 17, 1956. She was the Cove 4-H leader for 14 years, then she and her husband started the Cove Wrangler Rodeo Club, competing in rodeos in Union, La Grande and Elgin. If they were short riders for a rodeo, she would fill in. She also trained and showed Welsh ponies professionally. Imie also had a passion for bowling. She was on several different bowling leagues for 20 years, traveling to other states to compete.

In 2014, she was chosen as the Cove Cherry Festival Grand Marshal with her best friend and first cousin, Cecil Puckett, and in 2017, they were chosen as the EOLS Grand Marshals.

She is survived by her daughters and their spouses, Cheryl Locken (Dan) of Cove and Becky Turner (David) of Cove; six grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; multiple nieces and nephews; and numerous others who referred to her as "Grandma Imie" or those that she was a second mother to.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne, in 1997 after 45 years of marriage; father, Cecil; mother, Maude; brother, Floyd; sister-in-law, Wilmerth; and her best friend/first cousin and partner in crime, Cecil Puckett.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Cove Senior Meals, 69682 Wapiti Lane, Cove, OR 97824; Cove Fire Department, P.O. Box 206, Cove, OR 97824; or your favorite charity. Imie donated to several charities. She always wanted to give to others what she could.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

7:22 a.m. — A resident on the 900 block of South Main Street, Union, asked to talk to a Union County sheriff's deputy about a theft.

8:08 a.m. — A resident on the 3200 block of Alder Street, La Grande, asked to speak to police about fraud. An officer made contact.

9:45 a.m. — A caller asked the Union County Sheriff's Office to conduct a welfare check on a Summerville resident. Deputies responded and took a report.

12:42 p.m. — Grande Ronde Hospital, 900 Sunset Drive, La Grande, reported a patient with a dog bite. An animal enforcement officer responded and took a report.

3:11 p.m. — La Grande police arrested Richard Alan Stone, 60, of La Grande, for menacing and pointing a firearm at another.

6:03 p.m. — La Grande police responded to Pioneer Park on a report of a possible transient camp. An officer warned and told a person to leave.

7:29 p.m. — A caller reported possible animal neglect on the 3200 block of Spruce Street, La Grande.

8:39 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1800 block of 26th Street on a report of a juvenile who was out of control. The subject sought assistance with the Center for Human Development.

THURSDAY, JUNE 30

1:50 a.m. — A caller made a complaint about noise at La Grande High School, 708 K. Ave, La Grande. Officers responded and told youths to keep it down.

9:27 a.m. — A resident on the 300 block of Jefferson Avenue, La Grande, reported fraud. An officer responded and took a report.

10:48 a.m. — A caller reported animal neglect on the 120 block of X Avenue, La Grande. An animal enforcement officer made contact and took information.

1:54 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of a burglary on the 600 block of Y Avenue. An officer responded.

4:57 p.m. — A caller reported animal cruelty at Pumpkin Ridge and Hallgarth roads, Elgin. A Union County sheriff's deputy made contact and logged information.

8:01 p.m. — La Grande police during a traffic stop at 18th Street and Adams Avenue arrested Marvin Andrew, 26, for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

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Scott Bohnenkamp
June 16, 1952 - June 18, 2022



Scott George Bohnenkamp was the oldest of two sons born to George and Betty (Rogers) Bohnenkamp on June 16, 1952, in La Grande.

Scott spent his life in the woods and took great pride in being an accomplished logger, machine operator, mechanic, and auto body man. He was also an avid hunter and fisherman who spent many years logging with his son Mike. The two stayed in regular contact throughout the years and Mike went to every effort to protect and help his father until the very end.

Scott's biggest love was perhaps his many dogs through the years which were close to his thoughts and heart in the confusion of the last few months of his life.

Scott leaves behind his mother, son Mike, six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and his beloved dog, Dummy.

Scott did not want a funeral, so instead his son will return him to the woods in a private memorial and those who wish to honor his life can raise a glass in his name.

The family would like to express our gratitude to Brandon Tanzey for his selfless efforts throughout this ordeal.

Clarence Preston Wilson
October 31, 1942 - June 22, 2022



Clarence Preston Wilson, 79, of La Grande, passed away on Wednesday, June 22, 2022, at his residence. A celebration of his life will be held at the Island City Lighthouse Pentecostal Church on Saturday, July 30, 2022, at 2 p.m. Casual dress is preferred by the family.

Clarence was born on Oct. 31, 1942, in Clarksdale, Mississippi, to Herbert Sr. and Bonnie (Osborn) Wilson. In Oregon, he resided in Scotts Mill, Silverton, Elgin and La Grande. He attended Scotts Mills Elementary School and graduated from Silverton High School. Clarence served our country while in the United States Army. He married Sally O'Brien on Sept. 28, 1959, and they divorced in 1966. He then married Kathlene Michele Conley on Oct. 16, 1970.

Clarence worked for the VA Medical Center in Portland, Oregon, in the Transportation Department. He enjoyed spending time with the family, hunting elk and deer, camping, fishing, picking mushrooms and cutting firewood.

Clarence is survived by his wife, Kathlene; children, Tracy Mitchell of Newport, Oregon, Diane Clark (Mike) of Salem, Oregon, Loretta Whitaker (Jimmy) of Priest River, Idaho, Rex Randall (Dawnita) of Hope, Idaho, Burt Randall (Lisa) of Canby, Oregon, Angela Garza of La Grande, Oregon, Danica Fergus (Ben) of Salem, Oregon, Charles Wilson of La Grande, Oregon, Gabriel Wilson of La Grande, Oregon, and Christopher Wilson (Jessica) of Elgin, Oregon; brother, Herbert Clarence Wilson Jr. (Mitzie) of Silverton, Oregon; 24 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren; and four nieces and one nephew. He was preceded in death by his parents, Herbert Sr. and Bonnie; brother, Victor "Frank" Wilson; son, Travis Randall; granddaughter, Sadie Lane Randall; and grandsons, Travis Holden Randall, Cody Ellis and Dakota Ellis.

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

DEATH NOTICES

Jeffrey T. Bond

La Grande

Jeffrey T. Bond, 70, of La Grande, died June 30, 2022, at a local care facility. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

David A. Dodson

Wallowa

David Allen Dodson, 74, of Wallowa, died June 18, 2022, after a motor vehicle accident. Cards and flowers may be sent to 711 Heather Drive, Missoula, MT 59804.

UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



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 8 — DONNA JO FITZGERALD: 1 p.m. graveside service, Hillcrest East Cemetery, La Grande.

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.

July 9 — ART CANNON: 4 p.m. memorial, Grange Hall, Flora; potluck follows.

July 30 — CLARENCE WILSON: 2 p.m. celebration of life, Lighthouse Pentecostal Church, Island City (casual dress preferred).

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Donna Josephine (Walenta) Fitzgerald
January 5, 1931 - June 27, 2022



Donna Jo Fitzgerald, 91, of Nampa, Idaho, and formerly of La Grande, Oregon, passed away on June 27, 2022, in Nampa. She was born Jan. 5, 1931, in Colfax, Washington, the second child of Thomas Rex and Carol (Olsen) Walenta. Donna Jo spent her childhood, elementary and junior high school years in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Denver, Colorado, while her father completed his doctorate and practiced law. Her family ultimately moved to Moscow, Idaho, where her father taught at the University of Idaho School of Law, and she completed high school in 1948 at Moscow High, where her mother taught.

Donna Jo attended the University of Idaho, receiving her BS degree in business education in 1952, followed by her master's degree in education in 1955. After graduation, she taught in the Business Department at La Grande High School in La Grande, Oregon. It was there she met the love of her life, Roesch A. Fitzgerald, whom she married on Oct. 15, 1955. They made their home in La Grande where they raised their four children and were active in a number of civic and social organizations, while also managing family businesses including the Sacajawea Hotel and Annex and various commercial properties. Ultimately, her home and family were her greatest joy and priority, supporting any number of school activities and as an avid cheerleader for her children and their accomplishments over the years.

As an active member of Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church in La Grande, Oregon, and St. Paul's Catholic Church in Nampa, Idaho, her faith was her bedrock, and Donna Jo shared her talent and time belonging to the Altar Society, St. Monica's Circle and the Catholic Women's League. She also taught religious education for many years and assisted the Finance Council and the Scholarship Committee as needed.

Donna Jo was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority; PEO Chapter N, Nampa, and was a past president of Chapter CO, La Grande, and Chapter AB, Mosco; and the La Grande Country Club. She took a special interest in civic affairs, supporting Roesch through his terms as city councilor and mayor. Donna Jo's smile and laugh would light up the room, especially when she was playing bridge. She belonged to several bridge and birthday groups over the years with special friends. Her whimsical quips and lighthearted witticisms were infectious, and she laughed as much as she loved. After Roesch's passing in 1990, Donna Jo moved to Nampa to be closer to family.

Preceding Donna Jo in death are her husband, Roesch; son, Thomas; sister and brother-in-law, Nancy (Walenta) and Wayne C. MacGregor; Roesch's sister and brother-in-law, Nancy (Fitzgerald) and Thomas Stack; niece, Nancy Claire Stack Chapman; and nephew-in-law, Dean Diffin.

Surviving Donna Jo are her daughter, Ann (Brian) Jones, and son, Bill Fitzgerald, of Nampa; son, Paul (Kayann) Fitzgerald, and granddaughters, Joelle and Claire of Bellevue, Washington; and nieces and nephews, Shawna MacGregor (Jimmie Brown), Molly (Roger) Cole, Bridget Baker, Kirk (Beth) MacGregor, Cathleen (Jon) Irby, Leslie Diffin, Jill (Tom) Wimberly, Dan Stack, Monica (John) Suryan, Art Chapman and John Stack and their families.

A viewing will be held July 6, 2022, from 5-6 p.m. followed by a recitation of the Rosary at Nampa Funeral Home, Yraguen Chapel, 415 12th Ave. S., Nampa. A funeral Mass will begin at 11 a.m. on July 7, 2022, at St. Paul's Catholic Church, 510 W. Roosevelt Ave., Nampa. A Christian burial will be held in La Grande, Oregon, at Hillcrest East Cemetery, 600 S. 12th St., at 1 p.m. on July 8, 2022. An online guest book is available at www.nampafuneralhome.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Paul's School, PEO Chapter N or Chapter CO scholarships, or a charity of your choice.