

Marshalls named grand marshals

Shelley and Tim Marshall to be grand marshals of 2022 Chief Joseph Days

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JOSEPH — Longtime Chief Joseph Days volunteers Tim and Shelley Marshall have been named this year's grand marshals for the 76th Annual Chief Joseph Days.

Tim was raised as a city boy and Shelley was a country girl when they made their home in Joseph 40 years ago. They raised two daughters, Abby Sutfin of Homedale, Idaho, and Heather Marshall of Valdez, Alaska. Both daughters graduated from Joseph High School and served on the Chief Joseph Days court.

Shelley started volunteering for Chief Joseph Days in 1990, helping with the queen coronation dinner.

"Tim has been a volunteer for 30 years, but he has never actually 'volunteered.'" Shelley joked.

In 1998 Shelley turned



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over the reins from the coronation dinner to help in the hospitality room. Shelley and Tim spent the next 23 years dedicating their time, energy and service there. In that time, the hospitality room grew from a simple tent that served cold cuts and soft drinks to a large building. The Chief Joseph Days hospitality room is known by cowboys and cowgirls as one of the best in the Northwest, serving hungry contestants breakfast, lunch and dinner. On average, more than 400

contestants and sponsors are served dinner nightly.

Shelley and Tim were there from sunup to sundown. Shelley kept everyone on their toes, and her energy and dedication meant volunteers better be ready to get to work.

Tim was the master of the grill. He had his own dedicated barbecue area right out back. Whether he liked it or not, he continually had a steady stream of visitors stopping in to compliment his cooking, have an ice-cold

beer, and steal a small bite of amazing food straight off the grill.

Everyone learned Tim's rule: "You do not rush the meat! The meat is ready when it's ready!"

This was a lesson many learned the hard way. But they also learned that although Tim could not be persuaded to rush the meat, his bark was bigger than his bite.

Tim and Shelley were both awarded the coveted Justin Boot Committeeman of the Year Award. This award is part of the John Justin Standard of the West program. Each year, only 125 individuals across the country are presented with this award.

After serving on the Chief Joseph Days Rodeo Committee in an official capacity for 19 years, Shelley decided it was time to move on. The Marshalls officially hung up their hats in 2020.

"We are excited to honor Tim and Shelley as our grand marshals," Chief Joseph Days Rodeo President Terry Jones said. "It is a very well-deserved honor, and we appreciate the many years and countless hours they devoted to Chief Joseph Days."

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

FRIDAY, JULY 8

12 a.m. — A caller reported a disturbance at Pioneer Park, La Grande. Police responded, found people having a party and told them to turn down the music 7:57 a.m. — Union County sheriff's deputies responded to the 70200 area of Summerville Road, Summerville, on a call about a burglary. The sheriff's office took a report.

11:28 a.m. — La Grande police received a report of a possible sex crime. A detective made contact and took a report.

12:27 p.m. — A resident on the 600 block of G Avenue, La Grande, reported a dog bit a person. An officer responded and took a report.

7:25 p.m. — A caller reported animal cruelty at Adams and Island avenues, La Grande.

10:36 p.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about noise on the 300 block of Benton Avenue. An officer responded and counseled the subject.

SATURDAY, JULY 9

2:21 a.m. — Union County Sheriff's Office during a traffic stop on Palmer Junction Road, Elgin, arrested Christopher Norman Hanson, 21, for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

9:55 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1000 block of Jackson Avenue on a call about a disturbance and arrested Shawntell Marie Seulean, 39, of La Grande, for fourth-degree assault and second-degree criminal trespass.

1:58 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 400 block of First Street on a report of suspicious circumstances and counseled one person.

2:04 p.m. — A caller reported a disturbance on the 1000 block of Jackson Avenue, La Grande. Officers responded; the parties separated before police arrived.

5:30 p.m. — A resident in the area of 63600 Buchanan Lane, La Grande, reported the fraudulent use of a debit card. A Union County sheriff's deputy made contact and took information.

11:54 p.m. — La Grande police arrested Evita Lopez, 42, of La Grande, for DUII.

SUNDAY, JULY 10

1:34 a.m. — A caller reported a fight on the 50 block of North Eighth Avenue, Elgin. Union County sheriff's deputies responded and separated the parties.

7:38 a.m. — A caller reported finding a mailbox on the 2300 block of Pine Street, La Grande. An officer returned the mailbox to its owner.

12:04 p.m. — La Grande police arrested Leonel Orlando Martinez, 33, for failure to report as a sex offender.

4:57 p.m. — A caller reporting finding drug paraphernalia on the 300 block of Fourth Street, La Grande. An officer responded to dispose of the items.

8:56 p.m. — Union County sheriff's office responded to North Bellwood and East Delta streets, Union, on a report of disorderly conduct. A deputy cited a 16-year-old female for disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and minor in possession.

10:52 p.m. — A caller on the 2700 block of Third Street, La Grande, reported finding children's eyeglasses. Police placed the item in its lost and found.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

MEETINGS

• **COVE** — A special meeting of the Cove City Council begins at 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 12, at Cove City Hall, 504 Alder St. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the hiring of a part-time Public Works employee. The public may attend and make comments. Attendance also will be available virtually via meet.goto.com/CityofCove. Or listen in by dialing 1-877-309-2073 and using access code 566-891-733.

• **LA GRANDE** — The Union Soil and Water Conservation District's monthly board meeting will be held Wednesday, July 13, at 7 p.m. in the OSU Extension Office's conference room, 10507 N. McAlister Road. The meeting may also be accessed online or by phone. Links and access instructions are provided at www.unionswcd.org/about-us.html. Principal subjects to be discussed are monthly financial statements, staff reports and partner agency reports. Contact the Union SWCD staff at 541-963-1313 for more information.

• **UNION** — The Union School Board will meet on Wednesday, July 13, beginning at 6 p.m. at the high school athletic complex. Seismic upgrade and bond-funded projects will be among the subjects discussed at the meeting.

• **LA GRANDE** — The Board of Directors of the La Grande School District will convene at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 13, for a regular board meeting in the District Office Board Room at 1305 N. Willow. The meeting will be available in person, online, and via phone. See the agenda at www.lagrandesd.org for meeting access information.

— The Observer

DEATH NOTICES

Carl A. Compitello

La Grande

Carl A. Compitello, 86, of La Grande, died July 10, 2022, at Grande Ronde Hospital. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Linda M. Pratt

La Grande

Linda M. Pratt, 77, of La Grande, died July 10, 2022, at a local care facility. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Duane L. Zander

La Grande

Duane Lowell Zander, 80, of La Grande, died July 7, 2022, at his residence. A graveside service will be held July 16 at 10 a.m. at Cove Cemetery. The family prefers casual dress. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.



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Nancy Ellen Thompson

June 11, 1945 – June 29, 2022

Nancy Ellen Thompson, 77, of Summerville, passed away on Wednesday, June 29, 2022, at her residence. At her request, there will not be a service.

Nancy was born on June 11, 1945, in Los Angeles, California, to Wallace and Doris (Oswald) Thompson. She resided in Los Angeles, California, and in La Grande and Summerville, Oregon. Nancy graduated from Imbler High School. She married Jack Johnson and they later divorced.

Nancy was employed with the La Grande Observer and the Union County Courthouse.

Nancy is survived by her brother, Wally (Janet) of Sequim, Washington, and her niece and nephews, Kimberly of Camas, Washington, Steve of Sequim, Washington, and Jeff of Albany, Oregon.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Blue Mountain Humane Association, 3212 Hwy 30, La Grande, OR 97850.

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

UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



July 12 — **SANDY MATHSON**: 6:30 p.m. celebration of life, Denny's Lounge.

July 14 & July 15 — **TOM KOHR**: Thursday, 6-7 p.m. viewing, Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande; Friday, 2 p.m. funeral, La Grande Nazarene Church (casual dress preferred).

July 16 — **DUANE ZANDER**: 10 a.m. graveside service, Cove Cemetery (casual dress preferred).

July 23 — **RICHARD CARLSON**: 10 a.m. celebration of life, Wallowa Lake State Park picnic area.

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

Sept. 3 — **NYLE ROLLINS**: 1 p.m. celebration of life, Fred Beeman Park, Island City.

Sept. 4 — **JEFF BOND**: 1 p.m. celebration of life, Lone Hawk Ranch, 57899 Hwy 237, Union.

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Thomas "Tom" Evans Kohr

November 28, 1935 - July 4, 2022

Thomas "Tom" Evans Kohr, 86, of La Grande, passed away peacefully on Monday, July 4, 2022, at a local care home after years of battling Alzheimer's. A viewing will be held at Loveland Funeral Chapel on Thursday, July 14, 2022, from 6-7 p.m. A funeral service will be held at the La Grande Church of the Nazarene on Friday, July 15, 2022, at 2 p.m. Burial will be at Grandview Cemetery, La Grande.

Tom was born Nov. 28, 1935, in Grace City, North Dakota, to Harry and Anna (Urich) Kohr. He resided in Boulder, Colorado; The Dalles, Oregon; and La Grande, Oregon, since 1967. He attended school in Grace City, North Dakota, through the ninth grade, where he played on the basketball team. Shortly after his mother's death, he went to work as a farm hand until he could join the Army. He was in the United States Army from 1954-1956 and was stationed in Japan.

After leaving the Army, Tom moved around doing farm work and learned the autobody and painting trade, before settling in Boulder, Colorado. While in Boulder, he met Janice Bowman before moving to The Dalles to begin working for Sunset Motor Co. He went back to Boulder, and on Feb. 19, 1965, he married Janice. They were happily married for 57 years. They made their home in The Dalles and while there, their daughter, Rhonda, was born in 1966. In 1967, they moved to La Grande to work for MJ Goss Co. Their son, Kevin, was born in La Grande in 1969.

In 1969, Tom and Jan opened Kohr's Body Shop, Inc., which they operated for 37 years. During that time, he bought one of the first wreckers in the area to tow 18 wheelers. They sold Aljo Travel Trailers for a while and had Kohr's Fire Service-wildfire suppression. He and Jan with partners bought Blue Mt. Motors, which later closed. In 1981, he purchased Lynch Motor Co., until selling it to MJ Goss Co. in 2004. After closing the body shop in 2006, they eventually built R&K Mini Storage in the same location in 2011.

Tom enjoyed farming and he eventually bought some farm ground in 1993, where he raised alfalfa and he later added ground that was leased to other farmers. He enjoyed getting out on the tractors until his Alzheimer's would not allow him to operate the farm equipment safely. He also loved to drive around the valley. He was a hard worker and didn't have a lot of time for hobbies. He liked to go gold mining in the Elkhorn Mountains, and was a member of a bowling league. Tom did go on a few trips, to the Caribbean and Puerto Vallarta and Disneyland with family and friends. He especially loved going fishing in Cabo with his friends. He and Jan enjoyed a trip to Rio de Janeiro and other NADA. Conventions, but he was always ready to head back home.

Tom always attended his children's and grandchildren's sporting events. He watched Kevin play ball as well as watching him coach softball. He watched his grandchildren play sports at home or away, including a trip to England to watch his grandson play soccer. He was even able to attend a few of his great-grandchildren's games.

Tom is survived by his wife, Janice; daughter, Rhonda Nay (Greg Williams) of Union, Oregon; son, Kevin Kohr of La Grande, Oregon; three grandchildren, Chris (Jamie) Nay of La Grande, Oregon, Delanie Kohr of Pendleton, Oregon, and Brianna Kohr of Union, Oregon; three great-grandchildren, Alexa, Braylin and Ben Nay of La Grande, Oregon; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Anna; sister and brother-in-law, Ginny and Halley Kemmer; sister, Marie Bot; granddaughter, Mackenzie Kohr; and nephew, Kent Kemmer.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Bobcat Foundation Scholarship Program, P.O. Box 91, Union, OR 97883.

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