

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

MEETINGS

• **UNION** — The Union Rural Fire Protection District Board will have its monthly board meeting on Tuesday, July 19, beginning at 7 p.m. at the fire hall. For more information, call 541-910-3114 or email union.rfpd@outlook.com.

• **IMBLER** — A regular meeting of the Imbler School District Board of Directors will begin at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 19, in room 1 of the high school. The public is welcome to attend all open sessions of the Imbler School Board.

BRIEFS

Catch a movie in Union on July 15

UNION — The Union Carnegie Public Library will be showing “The Jungle Book” in the city park at 7 p.m. Friday, July 15. Admission is free, and refreshments will be available to purchase.

Volunteers sought for work day at powwow grounds to prepare for Tamkaliks Celebration

WALLOWA — In preparation for the upcoming Tamkaliks Celebration, a volunteer work day is planned for Saturday, July 16, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Nez Perce Wallowa Homeland, 70956 Whiskey Creek Road, Wallowa. Those willing to donate their time are asked to gather at the dance arbor and bring work gloves, a water bottle and tools. Sandwiches and cookies for lunch will be provided. For more information about the work party or other ways to volunteer, go to www.wallowanezperce.org or contact the visitor center at 541-886-3101 or info@wallowanezperce.org

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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

MONDAY, JULY 11

9:59 a.m. — La Grande parking enforcement placed 48-hour notices on three vehicles at Third Street and X Avenue.

12:58 p.m. — Emergency services responded to 703 S. 12th St., La Grande, on a call about a fire.

8:48 p.m. — A caller reported the theft of a vehicle on the 1800 block of 26th Street, La Grande. An officer responded and took a report.

10:50 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 2200 block of Adams Avenue and arrested a 19-year-old man for menacing and harassment.

TUESDAY, JULY 12

11:17 a.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy on the 300 block of North 10th Avenue, Elgin, observed an aggressive dog at large. The deputy returned the dog and counseled the owner.

1:56 p.m. — La Grande police responded to Powell Water Manufacturing, 1621 Spruce St., on a burglary call and took a report.

7:10 p.m. — La Grande police responded to Max Square on a report of a disturbance. Officers resolved the situation.

8:13 p.m. — Union County Sheriff's Office went to the 500 block of Fifth Street, North Powder, to follow up on a case and arrested Brazin Charles Wellington, 27, of North Powder, on a warrant for first- and second-degree theft and three counts of identity theft. The sheriff's office also arrested Wellington on a Union County parole warrant.

9:16 p.m. — A caller on the 61000 block of Waitz Cove, Cove, reported strange lights in the sky behind Cove.

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Return of Woodlands and Watersheds a success

Children enjoy the fishing pool Friday, June 24, 2022, at the Woodlands and Watersheds Festival at the Wallowa County Fairgrounds, Enterprise. The event returned with in-person activities and demonstrations after being canceled the previous two years due to COVID-19. Contributed photo

DEATH NOTICES

John E. Cederholm

La Grande

John E. Cederholm, 64, of La Grande, died July 9, 2022, at his residence. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Bruce R. Coates

La Grande

Bruce R. Coates, 75, of La Grande, died July 13, 2022, at a local care facility. 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. A graveside service will be held July 15 at 10 a.m. at Island City Cemetery. Casual dress is preferred by the family. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Jacqueline 'Jackie' Preston

Union

Jacqueline “Jackie” Preston, 71, of Union, died July 11, 2022, at her home. A memorial service will be held July 16 at 2 p.m. at the Union Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Arrangements are by Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, La Grande.

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Duane Lowell Zander

June 26, 1942 - July 7, 2022

Duane Lowell Zander, 80, of La Grande, passed away on Thursday, July 7, 2022 at his residence. A graveside service will be held at Cove Cemetery on Saturday, July 16, 2022, at 10:00am. A luncheon will follow at the American Legion in La Grande. Casual dress is preferred by the family.



Duane, also known as “Big Z”, was born on June 26, 1942 in La Grande, Oregon, to Henry and Cornelia (Overberg) Zander. He was raised in La Grande and attended Riveria Elementary and La Grande Middle School. On June 30, 1962, he married Alma Gay Puckett. They had two children: Dennis Lowell Zander and Valerie Gay Zander.

Duane was employed with Boise Cascade for 44 years. He and wife, Gay, enjoyed traveling to different states on their motorcycle and later in life, spending time at their mountain property. Duane was an avid hunter and loved the outdoors. His goal was to make his 80th birthday and 60th wedding anniversary. They celebrated these milestones with children and grandchildren. The great-grandkids were the light of his life. He also was a member of the Blue Mt. Two-Wheelers, The Rusty Wheelers and Good Sam’s.

Duane is survived by his wife, Alma; daughter, Valerie Smith (Mike) and Yolanda Zander-Conrad (Russ) both of La Grande, OR; sisters, Connie German and Janice (Larry) Bayliss; brothers-in-law, Ray Puckett and Jim Puckett; 9 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Cornelia; son, Dennis Zander and brothers, LuVern, Marvin, and Jack Zander.

UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



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 15 — **LINDA PRATT:** 10 a.m. graveside service, Island City Cemetery (casual dress preferred).

July 16 — **DUANE ZANDER:** 10 a.m. graveside service, Cove Cemetery (casual dress preferred); luncheon follows at the La Grande American Legion Hall.

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

July 30 — **MILDRED McMURPHY:** 10 a.m. memorial service, La Grande Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Stake Center.

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.

—Calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande



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Mildred Luella McMurphy

December 18, 1916 - June 23, 2022

Mildred Luella McMurphy passed away on June 23, 2022 in the Grande Ronde Hospital at the age of 105, after a brief illness. Otherwise, healthy and quick witted until the end, she had a smile that could light up a room and had a persistent good nature that was an inspiration. “Isn’t that wonderful” was a phrase you could count on during most any visit with her. A memorial service will be held at the La Grande Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Stake Center on Saturday, July 30, 2022 at 10:00am.



Born December 28, 1916 to George Frederick and Martha Ella (Hopkins) Hagey in Starkey, Oregon, she was the sixth of nine children. She shares that birthday with two great-great-grandchildren and reveled in that. She was a precocious child. During one visit to town, she was fascinated watching a barber working while sitting in the car waiting for her father. She took the 50¢ she was given to buy a treat and instead got herself a haircut. She was a hard worker, starting at a young age doing many different jobs but after attending beauty school she spent most of her career as a beautician, working for several shops as well as running her own business at various times.

Mildred married Sheldon Hyde in 1941 and worked at her in-law’s store in Island City. Linda Rae (Raylene) and Janet Irene were born of this union. Sheldon had a problem with the bottle which led to divorce. Five years later, Mildred married Harold Hamblet, a widower with three children: Wayne, Judith and Linda. After that marriage ended, Mildred found the love of her life and married Sidney McMurphy on June 19, 1967. They had many adventures traveling around the country and were quite a pair, with matching sunny outlooks.

Mildred treated her step-children Wayne, Judy and Linda as well as Ron and Robert McMurphy and all the grandkids, great-grands and great-great-grands as her own. Many fond memories were created by this extended family around her table in Union at the apartment under her beauty shop in the old church as well as their house on Dearborn Street. A persistent and prolific letter writer, she always seemed to keep one letter ahead of us all, and those letters inevitably left the reader with a smile and an uplifted outlook.

Mildred was baptized into the LDS church in 2004 and she spoke warmly of the members of her congregation and the love they showed her. The family is very grateful for that care and concern.

Mildred is predeceased by her husband Sid; parents, Fred and Martha; siblings, Edna, Fred, Dale, Evelyn, Willard, George, Gertrude and Theodore, as well as daughter, Raylene; step-son, Wayne, and grandson, Quinn Bristow. She is survived by daughter, Janet; step-daughters, Judy and Linda; step-sons, Ronald and Robert; 19 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; 35 great-great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers please direct any memorial gifts to the charity of your preference in her name. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com.

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