

**PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT**

**MONDAY, JULY 25**  
 10:27 a.m. — A caller reported someone littering on the 500 block of Alder Street, Cove.  
 3:05 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the Integrated Services Building, 1607 Gekeler Lane, on a report of possible harassment. An officer warned a person for disorderly conduct.  
 3:59 p.m. — A caller reported animal cruelty on the 100 block of North Seventh Avenue, Elgin.  
 4:49 p.m. — A La Grande resident reported vandalism to a vehicle on the 1500 block of 21st Street. An officer responded and took a report.

8:38 p.m. — La Grande police responded to Denny's Restaurant, 2604 Island Ave., La Grande, on a call about trespassing and arrested a 26-year-old man for first-degree trespass and resisting arrest.  
 9:26 p.m. — La Grande police warned a homeowner on the 300 block of Fourth Street for disorderly conduct and an illegal burn.

**TUESDAY, JULY 26**  
 5:35 a.m. — A caller reported the theft of a vehicle from the 1800 block of Adams Avenue, La Grande. Police took a report.  
 10:16 a.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about a disturbance and request for a welfare check at a residence on the

600 block of 18th Street. An officer responded and found the individual was fine.  
 3:29 p.m. — A resident on the 1900 block of Cove Avenue, La Grande, reported harassment. An officer responded and warned two people for harassment.  
 6:50 p.m. — Law enforcement responded to the 700 block of North Bellwood Street, Union, on a report of a domestic disturbance and separated the parties.  
 8:59 p.m. — A caller at GrandeScapes Nursery and Landscaping, 11001 Island Ave., Island City, reported someone walking in traffic. Law enforcement responded and arrested one person.



The Observer, File  
**Filmmakers J.J. Hill and Liberty O'Dell discuss their film, "Out of Character," at the 2019 Eastern Oregon Film Festival in La Grande.**

**'Cool' Eastern Oregon Film Festival seeks volunteers, sponsors**

The Observer

LA GRANDE — The Eastern Oregon Film Festival, held in La Grande, recently was named one of MovieMaker's 25 Coolest Film Festivals of 2022. The annual list recognizes festivals that go out of their way to be innovative, welcoming and simply cool, according to a press release from the organizers of EOFF.  
 "We strive to create a unique and memorable experience for our visiting filmmakers," said Christopher Jennings, EOFF director, in the release.  
 "The artist experience is key to building a network of talented alumni who not only want to submit to and participate in the festival but who can also see the beauty, history, character and depth the Grande Ronde Valley has to offer in the way of storytelling. Seeing past EOFF attendees return to make movies and engage in project development in our community is a highlight of our efforts."  
 Eastern Oregon Film Festival will celebrate its 13th annual event Oct.

20-22. Screening venues include Eastern Oregon University's McKenzie and Schwartz theatres, HQ (festival headquarters and creative venue in downtown), The Lodge at Hot Lake Springs and the soon to be open renovated historic Liberty Theatre.  
 The festival will serve up a virtual program as well so audiences from all over can participate in viewing the Official #EOFF2022 Selections. Program announcements begin in August and festival passes are available to purchase now on the festival website.  
 The festival's success relies on volunteers year after year. Opportunities include helping spread the word, rallying sponsors, planning events and welcoming guests to the community. Learn more about the festival at [www.eofilmfest.com](http://www.eofilmfest.com).  
 MovieMaker editor-in-chief, Tim Molloy, said the film festivals on his list are "cool in the sense of 'Whoa, that's cool!,' but also cool in terms of people being relaxed and nice to each other."

**UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES**



**July 30 — TINA HOWELL:** 10 a.m. memorial service, Elgin Community Center (casual dress preferred); a potluck follows the service.  
**July 30 — MILDRED McMURPHY:** 10 a.m. memorial service, La Grande Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Stake Center.  
**July 30 — MIKE RUTH:** 11 a.m. celebration of life, Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, La Grande; food and fellowship follows at Island City City Hall.  
**July 30 — DOUG TRICE:** 1 p.m. celebration of life, Pioneer Park Pavilion; ceremony will include a ribbon cutting ceremony for the field named in his honor.  
**July 30 — TIFFANY GIRRARD:** 1:30 p.m. Rosary, 2 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial, Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, La Grande.  
**July 30 — CLARENCE WILSON:** 2 p.m. celebration of life, Lighthouse Pentecostal Church, Island City (casual dress preferred).  
**Aug. 5 — JOHN CEDERHOLM:** 2 p.m. funeral, La Grande Church of the Nazarene (casual dress preferred); graveside service immediately follows at Hillcrest East Cemetery, La Grande, then a celebration of life at the McIntosh Barn, 62576 Leffel Road.  
**Aug. 20 — DORIAN 'DORN' COX:** 2 p.m. graveside service, Union Cemetery (casual dress preferred); a barbecue follows at Georgia Cox's home.  
**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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**DEATH & SERVICE NOTICES**

**Charles W. Campbell Sr.**  
 Cove

Charles Wentworth Campbell Sr., 87, of Cove, died July 25, 2022, at his residence. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

**Audrie Chandler**  
 Elgin

Audrie Chandler, 84, of Elgin, died July 22, 2022, at her home. Arrangements are by Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, La Grande.

**Dorian 'Dorn' D. Cox**  
 Union

Dorian "Dorn" Denny Cox, 82, of Union, died May 16, 2022, at Grande Ronde Hospital. A graveside service will be held Aug. 20 at 2 p.m. at the Union Cemetery. A barbecue will follow the service at Georgia Cox's home. Casual dress is preferred by the family. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

**Bernice J. Craft**  
 La Grande

Bernice J. Craft, 88, of La Grande, died July 16, 2022, at a local care facility. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

**Richard R. Deckert**  
 Union

Richard R. Deckert, 80, of Union, died July 26, 2022, at his residence. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

**Leland H. Fries**  
 Formerly of La Grande

Leland H. Fries, 77, formerly of La Grande, died July 25, 2022, at his residence in Ellensburg, Washington. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

**Gwendolyn Springer**  
 La Grande

Gwendolyn Springer, 71, of La Grande, died July 26, 2022, at Legacy Meridian Park Hospital in Portland. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

**Donna Lu Bingham Williamson**  
 December 8, 1928 - July 8, 2022

Donna was born to Von and Lucille McClellan Bingham in Lehi, Utah. When she was 3 years of age, during the Depression, her McClellan grandparents paid a member of the LDS church \$5 to bring Lucille, Donna and year-old Anna to Union from Salt Lake City where they went for the LDS conference. Von soon joined the family here and was able to gain employment as a shepherd. He became a true Oregonian - farming, logging and owning the farm in the Hot Lake area. Lavon was born in 1935 and the family grew to five.  
 Donna and her sisters were raised as farm girls doing the chores, milking cows, driving the team of horses on the hay wagons and the horse on the derick when stacking hay. Donna always liked to tell the story that she and Anna Lee earmarked two animals so that Dad would know what animals he owed them.  
 Donna preferred doing inside work and did her share of babysitting, cleaning houses, caregiving, waitressing, etc. She attended Union High School and diligently pursued and excelled in home ec, business-related courses and music classes. She spent the summer before her senior year with her aunt in Portland and gained some work experience in the "big city." During her senior year she was given charge of the music department as the instructor had left. She did a commendable job, and music in her church work also was rewarding to her. She finished her senior year and graduated as valedictorian of her class.  
 Donna married Robert K. Williamson in July after graduation. She worked for Jack Crook in the McCaslin Lumber Company, which later became Bronson Lumber Company. This began her career in the business world, moving on to working for many businesses and as a self-employed bookkeeper/accountant and tax preparer. She was able to help support her family through all the years with never having enrolled in college. She instilled in her children that you learned to apply yourself and do the best you could whether or not you went to college. However, she encouraged them to attend college or learn by doing and taking advantage of opportunities to gain marketable skills.

Donna and Bob lived in Union, La Grande and other places and had five children: one girl and four boys. With Bob working construction she was often the primary parent in the home. In 1961-62 Bob worked in Idaho, building a Titan missile base. Upon completion, the company relocated to Arkansas and Bob transferred with the company. Donna and the family soon joined him in Arkansas and the family spent many years there.  
 Later, when three of their boys had relocated to Texas and started their own business, Donna and Bob also moved to Texas, where they lived for the rest of their lives. During those years they were very busy with their family and church activities. They welcomed three nephews from Oregon to come to Texas and work with the family business, and Donna served the aunt/mother role that was appreciated by her sisters in Oregon.  
 Donna's family was always very important to her, and losing her two youngest sons far too early was heartbreaking. However, she continued to be there for all her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her beautiful handiwork is treasured by all of her family and she lives on in all of our memories.  
 Donna leaves behind one daughter, Lee Ann Buell (David); two sons, Robert (Linda) and Ronald (Debbie); two daughters-in-law, Becky Waddle and Diane Williamson; 26 grandchildren and 96 great-grandchildren; sister, Lavon Bingham Hall; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.  
 She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Bob Williamson; two sons, Mike Williamson and Von B Williamson; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; sister, Anna Lee Bingham Blackler; and one niece and two great-nephews.  
 The original obituary can be read at [www.lucasfuneralhomes.com](http://www.lucasfuneralhomes.com) (scroll down to the tributes).

*If anyone lived an exemplary life, it truly is my "big/little" sister, Donna Lu Bingham Williamson. In loving memory, Lavon Bingham Hall*



**Micheal Ray Ruth**  
 September 19, 1942 - July 19, 2022

Micheal R. Ruth, 79, of La Grande, died Tuesday, July 19, 2022, at his home. A celebration of his life will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 30, at Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center on Seventh Street in La Grande. Friends and family are invited to gather at the Island City Hall for food and fellowship following the service. Private interment will be held later at the Summerville Cemetery.  
 Mike was born Sept. 19, 1942, in Perry, the son of James Ruth and Gusta (Fowler) Hall. He grew up attending schools in Perry and La Grande and spending summers in Crescent City, California. In 1959 he entered the U.S. Air Force and was stationed at Larson Air Force Base in Moses Lake, Washington. He served as an MP and part of his duties included training police dogs. After his honorable discharge he married Patricia Willis in La Grande on Nov. 11, 1964.  
 Mike was very skilled and capable of doing nearly anything that needed done. He worked for Prudential Insurance, Trotter's Men's Wear and Western Business University. He managed the House of Magic Department Store and later Rosedale Fiberglass Manufacturing Company, the Donut Factory and Oak Street Mobile Station. He worked at Daniels Funeral Chapel and was part owner and property manager for the former Montgomery Ward building. He worked for the Oregon Department of Transportation on the striping crew before starting his business, PM Lighting, a commercial lighting consultant and contractor, which he operated until his retirement.  
 Mike was a member of the Elks Lodge and the La Grande Country Club as well as a devoted member of many coffee groups at various restaurants throughout the years, primarily DeBorde's Cafe, the Farmhouse and the Smokehouse. He was an avid Green Bay Packer fan. Mike was very involved and supportive with his children and grandchildren in Scouting

and Little League and all their activities. Surviving relatives include his wife of 57 years, Patricia "Pat" of La Grande; children, Cindy Shultz of McMinnville, Debbie and Tom Barlitt of Davies, Florida, and Craig and Joan Ruth of Evans, Washington; grandchildren, Nicole and Weston, Micheal and Cassie, Ryan, CJ, Ashley, Brandon, Dustin and Collin; five great-grandchildren; siblings, Bunny, Steve and Amber, all of Perry, and Kenneth and Belinda of La Grande; and his beloved dog, Benji.  
 He was preceded in death by his father, James Ruth; mother, Gusta Hall; stepfather, Kenneth Hall; brother, Jim Ruth; and sister-in-law, Linda Ruth.  
 Contributions in memory of Mike Ruth may be made to the Blue Mountain Humane Association, 3212 Highway 30, La Grande, OR 97850.

