

Sunrise Iron opens its doors Aug. 6



McLaughlin is not done “collecting iron” in his huge barn outside of Enterprise at 65708 Sunrise Road. This rare “Banner Boy” steam engine can be admired along with hundreds of tractors, plows, cultivators and other antique machinery at the annual Sunrise Iron Museum’s open house, all day on Saturday, Aug. 6, 2022. McLaughlin will be on hand to tell stories of iron hunting and restoration and share historical details with visitors. For more information about the Aug. 6 open house or to schedule a tour at another time, call 541-263-0755.

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DEATH & SERVICE NOTICES

Gloria Bainter

Enterprise

Gloria Bainter, 87, of Enterprise, died July 27, 2022. A service is planned for Aug. 20, with details to be announced later. Arrangements are by Bollman Funeral Home, Enterprise.

Edward A. Botz

Elgin

Edward “Ed” Allen Botz, 87, of Elgin, died June 3, 2022. A celebration of his life will be held Aug. 13 at 1 p.m. at the Rockwall Grange on Middle Road in Elgin. A potluck and time for sharing memories follow the service. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Thorval Burrows

Wallowa

Thorval Burrows, 92, of Wallowa, died July 23, 2022, at his home. A celebration of his life will be held Sept. 10 at 2 p.m. at the Wallowa Senior Center. Arrangements are by Bollman Funeral Home, Enterprise.

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. A graveside service will be held Aug. 10 at 11 a.m. at the Summerville Cemetery. Casual dress is preferred by the family. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Sherry A. Murphy

Union

Sherry A. Murphy, 72, of Union, died Aug. 1, 2022, at her residence. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

BRIEFS

Visit the library this week

LA GRANDE — Thursday story-time at Cook Memorial Library, 2006 Fourth St., La Grande, is weekly at 10:30 a.m., open to kids of all ages and including songs, stories and a craft in the library’s Story Circle. This family-friendly event continues year-round.

The final Kid Craft Friday of the summer is on Aug. 5 from 3-4 p.m., for children ages 7-10. Children will make sock puppets this week. Supplies are provided.

On Saturday, Aug. 6, kids can sing, dance and play at this summer’s last Campfire Sing-Along, which begins at

10:30 a.m. in the Story Circle.

Next week, the Mystery Book Club, for adults, will meet on Monday, Aug. 8, at 1 p.m. Participants will discuss Sue Grafton’s “T is for Trespass.” New members are always welcome.

Check the library’s calendar of events at www.cookmemorial-library.org for activity details, visit the library’s Facebook page or call 541-962-1339.

Cowboy Action Fun Shoot happens Aug. 7

ENTERPRISE — Bring your revolvers, lever guns and shotguns to the Cowboy Action Fun Shoot slated for Sunday, Aug. 7, at the Eagle Cap Shooters’ gun range, 69105 Ant Flat

Road, Enterprise. Set up begins at 10 a.m., and the event gets underway at noon. There will be a potluck dinner afterward. For more information, call 541-263-2077.

Buffalo Peak hosts golf camp

UNION — Buffalo Peak Golf Course in Union is hosting a Junior Golf Camp Aug. 8-11, from 9-11 a.m. each day. The four-day camp is open to ages 7-17. Each session will cover different aspects of golf swing fundamentals. Classes may be divided into different age groups. Cost is \$75 and includes snacks. For more information and to register, call the Golf Shop at 541-562-5527.

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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

MONDAY AUG. 3

5:39 a.m. — A caller reported a female was screaming on the 800 block of North 15th Avenue, Elgin.

8:44 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1800 block of G Avenue on a report of a restraining order violation. An officer took information.

10:31 a.m. — A caller on the 2600 block of May Lane, La Grande, told police someone stole their vehicle. An officer responded, found the subject, who returned the vehicle.

5:18 p.m. — A caller reported finding a gun on Summit Road, La Grande.

7 p.m. — La Grande police responded to Riverside Park on a report of a disturbance. The people involved separated.

11:09 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 2200 block of Jakob Avenue for a loud party. The party dispersed.

TUESDAY, AUG. 2

8:43 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 2400 block of R Avenue on a report of vandalism. An officer took a report.

2:50 p.m. — La Grande police responded to a report of a burglary in progress on the 1000 block of Jackson Avenue. Police cited a juvenile for trespass.

3:46 p.m. — A resident on the 700 block of Hibbler Street, Cove, reported a burglary. A Union County sheriff’s deputy responded and took a report.

6:47 p.m. — A caller on the 800 block of North 15th Avenue, Elgin, reported a woman was screaming in the middle of the street. A Union County sheriff’s deputy responded and the subject agreed to keep it down.

9:07 p.m. — A caller reported someone was crying on the 90 block of Penn Avenue, La Grande. An officer responded and determined the crying was from a dog.

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Theresa “Terri” Maria (John) Winer

September 24, 1957 - July 29, 2022

Theresa “Terri” Maria Winer, 64, of La Grande, passed away on Friday, July 29, 2022, at a local care facility. At Terri’s request, there will not be a service.

Theresa was born on Sept. 24, 1957, in Los Angeles, California, to Paul and Betty (Sutton) John. She was raised in Southern California and moved to Lakeview, Oregon, when she was 15. She graduated from Lakeview High School in 1975. In 1975, she married Earl Dewayne Winer. Theresa was employed by the La Grande Observer when Bob Moody was publisher. It was her absolute favorite job and she enjoyed every moment.

Theresa’s relationship with the Lord was the most important thing in her life.

Theresa is survived by her children, Mike Winer of La Grande, Oregon, and Tim Laurence (Carrie) of La Grande, Oregon; mother, Betty John of Lakeview, Oregon; siblings, Angela (Gary) Warburton of Lakeview, Oregon, Michael John of Klamath Falls, Oregon, Winifred John of Oklahoma, and Andrew John of Newark, California; and one grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dewayne Winer; father, Paul John; and brother, John John.

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



Gwendolyn “Gwen” Eileen (McCrae) Springer

July 26, 2022

Gwendolyn “Gwen” Eileen (McCrae) Springer, 71, of La Grande, passed away surrounded by loved ones on Tuesday, July 26, 2022, in Portland, Oregon. A graveside service was held on Monday, Aug. 1, 2022, at Union Victorian Cemetery. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Gwen’s family meant the most to her. Even though her family is separated by distance, she spoke to her daughters and grandchildren almost daily. Her passion for reading never stopped, and she had a huge appetite for history. She loved crocheting, quilting and knitting. Throughout the years she made some beautiful blankets and other garments. Writing poetry was her specialty, and so many of the people who were near to Gwen’s heart were blessed to have a personal poem written just for them.

Gwen was married to her lifelong love, Charles Springer. She was a loving mama to her girls, Heather Clover, Jeannie (Randy) Bednarz, Randi Davis, bonus daughter Crystal Springer, and of course her pups Jack and Bentley. She was an adopted mom to Michael and Mark. She was Grandma to Brandon, Christian, McKenna, Madison, Brooklyn and Gigi and to Adalyn, Benjamin, Wyatt, Noah, Presley, Phoenix and Ariyah.

She is survived by her sister, Janet (Roger) McCumber; brother, Jason (Amanda) McCrae; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins; and some of the best friends you could ask for.

Gwen was a loving and caring wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend, and her loss has been hard for everyone who was fortunate to have known her. She is now rejoicing in Heaven with her mom and dad (Jay and Opal McCrae), her beloved pups Nicky and Bella, and so many loved ones who passed before her.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Stroke Foundation at www.americanstroke.org or to the Blue Mountain Humane Association at 3212 Highway 30, La Grande, OR 97850.



Richard “Dick” J. Wood

February 27, 1934 - July 22, 2022

Richard J. Wood died Friday, July 22, 2022, at his home near Elgin at the age of 88. A service will be scheduled for May 20, 2023, with the time, place and final details to be announced later. Arrangements are entrusted to Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center of La Grande.

Dick was born on Feb. 27, 1934, in Denver, Colorado, the son of Howard James Wood and Elva Fischer. He was partially raised by a stepfather who meant a great deal to him, Edward Desire DeGabin.

Dick left home and began supporting himself at the age of 12, mostly working on ranches and farms in Nebraska and Colorado before working for the railroad. He joined the United States Marine Corps and served nine years, the last being at San Diego where he managed the kitchen before his honorable discharge in 1956. He lived in Portland, owned and operated a mobile home moving business in Seattle and owned an orchard in Hood River.

On Nov. 20, 1976, Dick married Karen Streich while living in Fort Collins, Colorado. They lived in Laramie and Broomfield before settling in Karen’s home of Elgin, where they remained.

Dick belonged to the Veterans of Foreign Wars and enjoyed mechanics, woodworking, camping, four-wheeling in their Jeep and his miniature donkeys and miniature Schnauzers.

Surviving relatives include his wife of 45 years, Karen of Elgin; son, Randy and his wife, Karen, of Boardman; grandchildren, Beth Anderson of Arizona and Bob Wood of The Dalles; six great-grandchildren; and sister, Mary Lou Fleming of Garland, Texas.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Howard Wood; sisters, Ruth Kilbey and Shirley Rathbun; and stepfather, Edward Desire DeGabin.

Contributions in memory of Richard J. Wood may be made to the American Diabetes Association or Doctors Without Borders.

