

Nothing but smiles at 2022 Chief Joseph Days Grand Parade



Bill Bradshaw/Wallowa County Chieftain

Kids scramble for candy thrown from floats in the 76th Chief Joseph Days Grand Parade on Saturday, July 30, 2022.

Right: Destiny Weeks, a Chief Joseph Days queen from 2020-21, is now Miss Teen Rodeo Oregon and participated in the 2022 Chief Joseph Days Grand Parade on Saturday, July 30, 2022.

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Diane Sweek, a member of the 1949 Chief Joseph Days Court, rides in a 1923 Ford Model T Roadster during the 2022 Chief Joseph Days Grand Parade on Saturday, July 30, 2022.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

MEETINGS

• **PENDLETON** — The Inter-Mountain Education Service District Board of Directors meets for a regular session at noon on Wednesday, Aug. 10, at the IMESD building, 2001 SW Nye Ave., Pendleton. The agenda and Zoom access information is available on the InterMountain ESD website, www.imesd.k12.or.us.
• **LA GRANDE** — A regular session of the La Grande School District Board of Directors begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10, 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.

BRIEFS

Parks and Recreation's last camp of the summer features favorite activities for youth

LA GRANDE — The city of La Grande Parks and Recreation Department's final summer day camp is called "Summer's Greatest Hits," held Aug. 15-19 at the Rotary Pavilion in Pioneer Park. Throughout the summer campers voted on favorite activities, and these will be featured throughout the week.
The camp is open to children who have finished kindergarten and older. Full-day camp is 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.,

\$60 for the week. Half-day camp is 8 a.m. to noon, \$100 for the week.
Both half-day and full-day campers will be provided lunch at the Riveria Activity Center. Campers will walk or commute from Pioneer Park to Riveria at 11:15 a.m., have lunch, then return to Pioneer Park by 12:15 p.m.
Check on availability and register at <https://secure.recl.com/OR/la-grande-or/catalog> or call 541-962-1352.

Catch an outdoor concert Aug. 11 at Riverside Park

LA GRANDE — A free concert by Russ Kofoed will be held from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11, at Riverside Park, corner of North Spruce Street and Fruitdale Lane, La Grande. If the weather is bad, the music will happen inside the pavilion. The Riverside Concert Series offers concerts on Thursdays during the summer. The last concert of the season will be Aug. 18, featuring Brian Mandella.

EOU climbing wall open by appointment

LA GRANDE — The climbing wall at Eastern Oregon University, La Grande, is open to the public by appointment. Summer hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 5-8 p.m. The wall is on the second-floor east balcony of the gym in Quinn Coliseum. Schedule an appointment at

www.eououtdoor.youcanbook.me.
The facility is open to the general public, including reservations for birthday parties, church groups, nonprofit organizations and school groups. All climbers must sign a document stating they will adhere to all EOU and OAP infectious disease guidelines and protocols.

Visit the Union County Museum this summer

UNION — The Union County Museum, 331 S. Main St., Union, is open Thursdays through Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Located in the center of Union's historic district, the museum has expanded some exhibits and continues to feature longtime collections. This year, the museum is celebrating 25 years of being home to the "Cowboys Then & Now" exhibit. Also, visitors may access photos and archived books for research on family history.
General admission is \$5, seniors are \$4, students are \$3, and children younger than 6 are free. Membership and season passes start at \$10.
For more information, go to www.ucmuseumoregon.com or call 541-562-6003. Anyone interested in volunteering at the museum can email Raye Clark, volunteer coordinator, at history@ucmuseumoregon.com.

— The Observer

UNION COUNTY SENIOR 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.

For information on the senior center's meal programs, including having lunches delivered by Meals on Wheels, call the kitchen 541-605-5556.

The menu for Aug. 8-12:

Monday: BLT sandwich, pasta salad, apple Waldorf salad, chocolate chip cookie.
Tuesday: cabbage rolls over rice,

tomato-cucumber salad, cottage cheese, fresh fruit.
Wednesday: fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, steamed vegetables, garden salad, fresh fruit, cake.
Thursday: curry chicken stuffed tomatoes, asparagus, fresh fruit, berry pie.
Friday: bacon cheeseburger, seasoned steak fries, fresh fruit, double fudge ice cream.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 3

8:15 a.m. — A caller reported vandalism on the 6300 block of Hunter Road, La Grande. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded and took information.
1:49 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of a person in the road on the 1300 block of Willow Street. Police responded and arrested a 39-year-old man for disorderly conduct.
4:03 p.m. — Union County Sheriff's Office received a complaint about a possible drug law violation at Union City Park, Union. A deputy responded and counseled the parties involved.
8:25 p.m. — A caller reported a burglary on the 2400 block of Riddle Road, La Grande. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded and will provide an extra patrol.
11:17 p.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about parking on the 2800 block of Athens Court. An officer responded and gave the subjects a warning.

THURSDAY, AUG. 4

7:45 a.m. — A caller on the 1900 block of Adams Avenue, La Grande, reported criminal mischief. An officer responded and will follow up.
9:39 a.m. — A La Grande police officer responded to the 600 block of South 18th Street on a report of a disturbance. The officer explained options to the parties involved.
11:03 a.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a report of a missing person from the 600 block of Second Street, North Powder. A deputy took a report.
2:30 p.m. — La Grande police at Spruce Street and Russell Avenue arrested a 23-year-old woman for reckless driving.
5:02 p.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy on the 2600 block of Island Avenue, La Grande, noticed a male going through a dumpster. The male left before the deputy returned.
8:31 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1700 block of Gekeler Lane on a report of a disturbance. Officers trespassed one male.



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Audrie L. (Breshears) Chandler

January 10, 1938 - July 22, 2022

Audrie L. Chandler, of Elgin, died Friday, July 22, at the age of 84 at her home. Private interment will be at the Elgin Cemetery near her husband, Derril. Arrangements are entrusted to Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center of La Grande.
Audrie was born on Jan. 10, 1938, at the old Grande Ronde Hospital in La Grande, the daughter of James "Bus" and Edith (Prout) Breshears. She spent her lifetime living in Elgin and worked as a clerk and stocker mostly at Elgin Food Town, but briefly at a firearm store.
Audrie enjoyed embroidery, hunting, fishing and camping. A very accomplished trapshooter, she was an extreme competitor and received many trophies.
Audrie was married to Derril Chandler on February 16, 1954 in Baker City. He preceded her in death on November 18, 2009.
Surviving members of her family include her daughters, Deborah Dyer of Elgin and Linda Dryden of Tri-Cities; six grandchildren and several great-grandchildren; a sister, Mary Martin of Milton-Freewater; and other relatives. Besides her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her brothers, John and Jimmy Breshears; a daughter, Gail Chaffee on October 30, 2009; and two grandsons.
Contributions in memory of Audrie Chandler may be made to the La Grande Trap Club.

HONORS

Eastern Oregon students win scholarships from Women for Agriculture

The Observer

EASTERN OREGON — The Eastern Oregon Chapter of Oregon Women for Agriculture awarded its 2022 scholarships to three outstanding students pursuing a degree in agriculture. Each scholarship applicant wrote a 500- to 1,000-word essay about one of the biggest challenges facing agriculture today and how she plans to be a part of the solution.

"Reading through the essays gives hope to the future of agriculture," stated a press release from the chapter's president, Bethany Woodall. "The EOWA is proud to support this next generation of Women in Agriculture through these scholarships."
Ellie



Hanson



Yates



Morgan

business administration and agricultural sciences at Eastern Oregon University/Oregon State University.
Alyson Yates, of La Grande, the second place winner, was awarded a scholarship of \$750. She plans to major in agricultural sciences at Eastern Oregon University/Oregon State University.
Madison Morgan, of Halfway, was the third place winner and awarded a scholarship of \$500. She plans to study molecular biology at Eastern Oregon University.
The Eastern Oregon Chapter of Oregon Women for Agriculture (www.owaonline.org/chapters/eastern-oregon-chapter/) is a nonprofit organization made up of individuals from all walks of life who realize the importance of agriculture and work together to communicate the story of today's agriculture. This is the fourth year the group has been able to award scholarships. These scholarships are possible through the group's fundraising Echo Sage Trail 5K/10K Run. The run is the only fall Eastern Oregon trail race. For more information visit www.echosage-trailrun.com.

DEATH NOTICE

John 'Mike' McDowell

Elgin

John Michael "Mike" McDowell, 79, of Elgin, died July 23, 2022, at his residence. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



Aug. 10 — **LELAND FRIES**: 11 a.m. graveside service, Summerville Cemetery (casual dress preferred).
Aug. 12 — **SCOTT CHARON**: 1 p.m. graveside service, Island City Cemetery.
Aug. 13 — **BILLY NORMAN**: 10 a.m. military graveside service, Enterprise Cemetery.
Aug. 13 — **ED BOTZ**: 1 p.m. celebration of life and potluck, Rockwall Grange, Elgin.
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 Highway 237, Union.
Sept. 10 — **THORVAL BURROWS**: 2 p.m. celebration of life, Wallowa Senior Center.

— Calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande

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Vanessa Louise Durfee

February 2, 1996 - July 24, 2022

Born to this world as a surprise on Feb. 2, 1996, just as unexpected as her birth, Vanessa Louise Durfee passed away on July 24, 2022, from a cardiac arrest. Our angel gave the gift of organ donation and was able to save and help more than 100 others.
Vanessa surprised her parents with her presence the day she came into this world. She remained very close to her parents throughout her life. She was the girl who talked to her mom every day. She was a bright light to all who met her, especially her two little girls, whom she cared for as a stay-at-home mom. She had an infectious laugh and a beautiful smile.
Vanessa met Troy nine years ago and they dated for six years. Vanessa and Troy had their lives planned out together. They supported each other and were growing in life together as a family. Troy took in Elaina as his own, and then Vanessa and Troy had Addison together. Vanessa was a very loving and accepting soul. She will be missed immensely by many many people.
Vanessa, 26, of La Grande, is survived by her two beautiful daughters, Elaina and Addison; parents, Ed Durfee and Sharee Henderson; longtime boyfriend, Troy Jones; Grandma Dodo; and many other aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.
She was preceded in death by her Pop James Henderson, Gom Marie Plueard, Grandpa Dale and Grandma Shirley Durfee, and many aunts and uncles.
There is no memorial service planned at this time but family and friends will be notified when a date is set.

