

The many faces of the fair



Hailey, 10, stands behind her 13-pound rabbit, Honey Bunny, on Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2022, at the Union County Fair in La Grande. Hailey has been showing her rabbit in events for four years. This year, she took part in the fair's small animal competition as a member of the Gordon Creek Critters 4-H club out of Elgin.



Kennedy and Jordan Seaman chat with a customer at the Rocket's Kettle Corn truck at the Union County Fair on Friday, Aug. 5, 2022.



Michael McWilliams, left, Lisa Bird, center, and Charlee King, 6, dance together as the sun sets on the Union County Fairground on Friday, Aug. 5, 2022.

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Joren Cant, 4, enjoys an icy treat to keep cool in the heat on Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2022, at the Union County Fair, La Grande.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

MEETINGS

• **IMBLER** — The Imbler School Board of Directors will meet for a regular session on Tuesday, Aug. 16, at 7 p.m. in room 1 of the high school. The agenda includes updates on enrollment as well as updates from the locker room project and four-day week committees. The public is welcome to attend all open sessions of the Imbler School Board.

BRIEFS

Josephy Center's Brown Bag features artist Dona Miller

JOSEPH — The Josephy Center's next Brown Bag gathering is set for Tuesday, Aug. 16, at noon, featuring artist Dona Miller, who currently teaches classes in traditional metal smithing and jewelry techniques as well as metal clay. The free talk will take attendees on a brief stroll through the ages, from amulets and talismans for expressing status and beauty to the creation of one-of-a-kind jewelry pieces.

Attend in person at the Josephy Center, 403 N. Main St., Joseph, or online via YouTube. For full details and virtual access information, go to www.josephy.org.

Advance directive fair planned for veterans Aug. 17

WALLA WALLA — The Jonathan M. Wainwright Memorial VA Medical Center, 77 Wainwright Drive, Walla Walla, is hosting an in-person Veterans Advance Directive Fair on Wednesday, Aug. 17, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The free event is open to veterans enrolled in the Walla Walla VA, which covers Northeastern Oregon. No appointment is necessary.

Staff will be on hand to work one-on-one with veterans and their families to provide general information and assistance in completing advance directive documentation to guide the individual's family in making medical/health care decisions in emergency situations. More information can be found at www.va.gov/walla-walla-health-care/events.

High schoolers invited to mini golf and ice cream gathering

LA GRANDE — Current incoming high school students are invited to play mini golf and enjoy some ice cream on Thursday, Aug. 18, from 7-9 p.m. at Riverside Greens, 62105 Fruitdale Lane, La Grande.

Bring your student ID. The activity is sponsored by the Union County Safe Communities Coalition

Riverside Concert Series concludes Aug. 18

LA GRANDE — This summer's Riverside Concert Series concludes Thursday, Aug. 18, with a free concert by Brian Mandella from 6-8 p.m. at Riverside Park, La Grande. If the weather is bad, the music will happen inside the pavilion.

Workshop helps kids cope with divorce, separation

LA GRANDE — Learn how divorce or separation impacts your children and what you can do to help them at a free online workshop offered from 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25. The workshop is facilitated by Mary Lu Pierce and sponsored by the Family Law Advisory Committee. The workshop is free but pre-registration is required. To sign up and for Zoom access information, email your name, mailing address, phone number and the date of the class to teala.sunderman@ojd.state.or.us. For more information call 541-962-9500 ext. 42.

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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. 15-19 is:

Monday: taco bar, mexi rice, salad greens, flan.

Tuesday: almond chicken over rice pilaf, steamed green beans, garden

salad, fresh fruit.

Wednesday: honey-glazed ham, scalloped potatoes, green bean casserole, broccoli salad, fruit tarts.

Thursday: ravioli, Caesar salad, steamed cauliflower, garlic bread, fresh fruit.

Friday: meatloaf, mashed red potatoes with brown gravy, steamed vegetable blend, salad greens, cookie.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 10

9:50 a.m. — A caller on Jefferson Avenue, La Grande, asked to speak to an officer regarding animal cruelty. An officer made contact and took information.

4:19 p.m. — Union County Sheriff's Office received a report of a sex crime in Union.

6:14 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of animal neglect on the 1800 block of G Avenue.

6:56 p.m. — A caller on the 69300 block of Antles Lane, Cove, reported a dog bit someone. A Union County sheriff's deputy made contact and took information.

9:50 p.m. — A resident on the 900 block of East Ash Street, Union, reported an attempted burglary.

Thursday, Aug. 11

1:52 a.m. — La Grande police received a report of vandalism to a vehicle on the 700 block of 13th Street. An officer responded and took a report.

9:13 a.m. — A caller reported a transient camp on May Lane, La Grande. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded and told the subject to move along.

1:57 p.m. — A caller reported an aggressive dog at large in the area of Penn Avenue and Second Street, La Grande. An animal enforcement officer responded, returned the dog home and counseled the owners.

2:28 p.m. — A caller reported a dog was in a vehicle at Bud Jackson's Eatery & Taps, 2209 Adams Ave., La Grande.

5:09 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of child neglect. An officer responded and took a report.

9:30 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1500 block of A Avenue on a report of a domestic disturbance. Officers counseled the parties involved.

Kenneth Dale Webb

December 3, 1931 – August 8, 2022

Kenneth Dale Webb, 90, of Union, died Aug. 8, 2022, at the Grande Ronde Hospital.

A graveside service will be held at the Union Cemetery on Friday, Aug. 26, 2022, at 10 a.m.

Those who wish may make contributions in his memory to the Union VFW. Arrangements are entrusted to Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center.

Kenneth was born on Dec. 3, 1931, the son of Delmer and Elsie (Johnson) Webb in Greenfield, Oklahoma. In the 1940s he lived in Colorado for a time before moving to Union County. He served with the United States Army during the Korean War. After his honorable discharge he returned to Union County. On July 30, 1969, he married Marjorie Pembroke. She preceded him in death on Feb. 3, 2003.

Kenneth worked for Fleetwood Manufacturing until his retirement in 2008. He was a member of the Union VFW. He enjoyed woodworking, especially making toys and fishing.

Survivors include his children, Les Webb of Perry, Darin Webb of Garabaldi, Stacie Campbell of Ely, Nevada, and Randy Webb of Union; sister, Carlene Raff of Bonney Lake, Washington, and other relatives and friends.



Margaret Kingman

April 9, 1946 – August 3, 2022

Margaret Kingman, 76, of La Grande, Oregon, died on August 3, 2022. A private family graveside service will be held at Grandview Cemetery in La Grande.

Margaret was born on April 9, 1946, to Robert and Helen (Michael) Kingman in Batesville, Indiana. The family later moved to Baker City, Oregon, where she graduated from Baker High School in 1964.

Margaret's favorite color was lavender. She loved the colors of Spring and enjoyed playing guitar. She was a Majorette for the Baker City Drum and Bugle Corps. Margaret would like to be most remembered for her sense of humor.

She was preceded in death by her parents. Margaret is survived by her brothers, Louis (Pat) Kingman and John Kingman; and her sisters, Mary (Mark) Karl and Nancy (Dusty) Simonis.

The family would like to thank Bullock's Country Care for her excellent care these last 7 years.

For those who would like to make a memorial donation in memory of Margaret, she suggested La Grande CHD Senior & Disabled Services (Mental Health) through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, Oregon 97834. Online condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.



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Donald Dickson Jr.

April 29, 1967 - July 23, 2022

Donald Lewis Dickson Jr. was born April 29, 1967, in Willows, California. Donald was raised in North Powder, Oregon, and graduated from North Powder High School.

In high school, Donald loved sports, especially basketball. He was a "wild man" on the basketball court. Donald enjoyed his years in high school and managed to get into a lot of mischief with his friends Shane Patterson, Gordy Gorham, and many others.

After high school, Donald worked in manufacturing, sales, and for local landowners. He had a strong work ethic and was known as a hard worker. Donald also had a deep love for his dogs, "Bandit" and "Little Bit."

Most of all, Donald was known for infectious smile, his outgoing personality, and his love of life.

Donald passed away on July 23, 2022, after a brave battle with cholangiocarcinoma.

Donald is survived by his mother, Carol Crowson; his father, Donald Dickson Sr.; his sister, Shelley Wisenor; and two daughters, Mariah and Sophia.

He was preceded in death by his older brother Joel Dickson.

Anyone who wishes to donate to a cause in his honor, please consider something to help fight cholangiocarcinoma in hopes that they may find a cure for this disease.