

Wallowa Lake Camp centennial celebration begins Aug. 19 with free dulcimer concert

The Observer

WALLOWA LAKE — United Methodist Wallowa Lake Camp will celebrate its century mark Aug. 19-20 with “100 Years Around the Campfire,” an event for everyone to visit and experience the camp, 84522 Church Lane.

The celebration kicks off Friday, Aug. 19, at 7 p.m. with a benefit dulcimer concert featuring Heidi Muller and Bob Webb on the patio of the camp’s Bailey Lodge. Donations will go toward a new program center.

Muller and Webb “cross the musical boundaries between original songs and



Contributed Photo
Bob Webb, left, and Heidi Muller will give a benefit dulcimer concert on Friday, Aug. 19, during the 100-year anniversary celebration of Wallowa Lake Camp. Donations will go toward a new program center.

traditional tunes, blending each other’s influences from the Pacific Northwest to the Appalachian Mountains,”

according to a press release. Muller is an award-winning songwriter and Webb played for years in the house band for NPR’s Mountain Stage live radio show.

On Saturday, Aug. 20, beginning at 1 p.m. there will be tours of the camp, history, crafts, singing, a camp store, refreshments, silent and live auctions, a dinner and a campfire. Come for the day, spend the night or stay for the weekend.

For more information, contact directors David and Peggy Lovegren at 541-432-1271 or wallowalakecamp@gmail.com or visit www.wallowalake.gocamping.org.

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BRIEFS

Come celebrate the wonder of pie at farmers market

LA GRANDE — The annual Pie Day at the La Grande Farmers Market is this Saturday, Aug. 20, at Max Square. Those donating pies are asked to deliver them from 8:30-9 a.m.

Homemade pies will be on sale for \$20 each throughout the market, which runs from 9 a.m. to noon at Max Square, corner of Adams Avenue and Fourth Street. Proceeds support the cost of maintaining the organization. Learn more at www.lagrandefarmersmarket.org or check out the market’s Facebook page.

VA offers virtual Palliative Care Forum

WALLA WALLA — The Jonathan M. Wainwright Memorial VA Medical Center, 77 Wainwright Drive, Walla Walla, is sponsoring a virtual Palliative Care Forum on Wednesday, Aug. 24, from 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. The theme of the 10th annual event is “Living Well: Embracing Life-Limiting Health Challenges with Dignity.” Participants will learn more about palliative care in the VA system through pre-

sentations and discussions. CEUs (continuing education units) are available for MDs, PAs, NPs, chaplains, nurses and social workers.

Pre-registration is recommended. VA employees can register through TMS (Talent Management System) by searching for #4625360. Non-VA providers can contact Sandra Lenz, Walla Walla VA’s Palliative Care Coordinator, at sandra.lenz@va.gov or 509-525-5200, ext. 26715.

More information is available at www.va.gov/walla-walla-health-care/ events.

Chamber has list of Wallowa storm relief resources available

ENTERPRISE — The Wallowa County Chamber of Commerce has posted a list of resources for victims of the Aug. 11 hail storm in Wallowa and is asking the list be shared.

The list includes:

- The Lostine Presbyterian Church has created a relief fund where online donations may be made.
- A form to apply for \$500 in recovery aid is available at Wallowa City Hall/Fire Department or at the Wallowa Senior Center
- Those who qualify for SNAP/TANFF benefits may visit Wallowa

City Hall/Fire Department for replacement food resources.

- The Wallowa Food Bank at 211 E. First St. is open seven days a week right now and anyone in need of food may stop in, regardless of eligibility.

- The Wallowa Resale Store is offering free replacement items to Wallowa residents. The store is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Plywood and tarps are available at Wallowa City Hall/Fire Department.

Anyone aware of a resource that has not been included in this list is asked to email it to info@wallowacounty.org or call the chamber at 541-426-4622.

Art Center East plans full slate of fall classes

LA GRANDE — Art Center East’s class schedule for fall is now available, listing a wide variety of learning opportunities in September, October and November. The schedule is available on ACE’s website, www.artcentereast.org. Or pick up a print copy at Art Center East, Cook Memorial Library or Peak Lifestyle Studio, La Grande; Catherine Creek Community Center, Union; or Nella Mae’s Farmstand, Cove.

—EO Media Group

SERVICE NOTICE

Eulenna ‘Cheryl’ Coe

Elgin

Eulenna “Cheryl” Coe, 76, of Elgin, died Aug. 12, 2022, at her residence. A celebration of her life will be held Aug. 21 at 11 a.m. at the Elgin Stampede Grounds. Casual dress is preferred by the family.

UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



Aug. 17 — DEANNA BADGLEY: 10 a.m. celebration of life and potluck, Riverside Park Pavilion, La Grande.

Aug. 20 — GLORIA BAINTER: 10 a.m. rosary and 10:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial, St. Katherine Catholic Church, Enterprise; luncheon follows.

Aug. 20 — DORIAN ‘DORN’ COX: 2 p.m. graveside service, Union Cemetery (casual dress preferred); a barbecue follows at Georgia Cox’s home.

Aug. 21 — CHERYL COE: 11 a.m. celebration of life, Elgin Stampede Grounds (casual dress preferred).

Aug. 26 — KENNETH WEBB: 10 a.m. graveside service, Union Cemetery.

Aug. 27 — VIRGINIA McLAUGHLIN: 1 p.m. celebration of life, Union County Senior Center, La Grande (casual dress preferred).

Aug. 27 — DICK DECKERT: 2 p.m. memorial service, Cove United Methodist Church.

Aug. 28 — GERRY McLAIN: 4-7 p.m. celebration of life, M. Crow, Lostine.

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.

—Calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande



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John Michael “Mike” McDowell

May 31, 1943 - July 23, 2022

John Michael “Mike” McDowell, 79, of Elgin, passed away on Saturday, July 23, 2022, at his residence. Per his request, there will not be a service.

Mike was born on May 31, 1943, in Santa Monica, California, to John and Lettie (Lawley) McDowell. He resided in Colorado and Oregon.

Mike enjoyed fishing, the outdoors, and building and crafting with wood. He will be forever catching the big ones in all his favorite lakes and “going on a drive.”

Mike is survived by his former wife, Laurie Elich-McDowell of Elgin, Oregon; daughter, Michelle (Greg) Mitchell of Enterprise, Oregon; son, Marc McDowell of Fair Oaks, California; brother, Murray (Leslie) McDowell of Vida, Oregon; sister, MaryAnn Sierra of Oroville, California; nephews, Anthony (Lisa) Sierra, Daniel Sierra and David Blair of Oroville, California; niece, Elizabeth Sanchez of Eugene, Oregon; great-nephews and nieces, Nino and Angelina Sierra of Oroville, California, and Juan, Gabriel and Rebeca Sanchez of Eugene, Oregon; grandchildren, Marc and Tyler Nielson of Lake Tahoe, California; good friends, Kevin Smith and the crew at Tatmandu in Walla Walla, Washington; and many more who loved and cared for Mike. He was preceded in death by his parents, John Waldo McDowell and Lettie Millicent (Lawley) McDowell.

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



Daniel Wayne Hamre

August 5, 1960 - August 6, 2022

Daniel Wayne Hamre was born Aug. 5, 1960, in Fargo, North Dakota. He attended high school in Lynnwood, Washington, where he was an athlete first in football and then as the top varsity player in tennis. Dan started college at Washington State University then switched to Texas Tech University, where he finished both undergraduate and medical school and became a physician.

During medical school Dan joined the U.S. Army Reserves. He became an accomplished general and vascular surgeon and for a time worked at a clinic in La Grande, Oregon. During Operation Iraqi Freedom in the early 2000s, Dan was called up and served two tours in the Middle East, operating on the wounded in a forward surgical hospital. He saved many lives and was awarded several medals during these tours including a Purple Heart, Bronze Star and the Valorous Unit Award for the 915th Medical Detachment.

Dan was injured and returned from the tour disabled. He attained the rank of full colonel and received an honorable discharge from the Army in 2007 and lived much of his remaining life in Boise, Idaho. Daniel passed away at his home in Boise on Saturday, Aug. 6, 2022.

A brief service with military honors will be held Sept. 2 at 11 a.m. at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery, 10100 N. Horseshoe Bend Road, Boise. The family would ask that any donations be made in Dan’s name to www.pawstivityservicedogs.com/donation.



Daniel Aschenbrenner

September 19, 1948 - August 7, 2022

Daniel William Aschenbrenner died while enjoying a beautiful day outdoors on Aug. 7, 2022 on Cold Springs Ridge, Oregon. He was 73 years old.

He was born to William (Bill) and Rita Aschenbrenner on Sept. 19, 1948, in Enterprise, Oregon. He attended school in Enterprise and graduated from Enterprise High School in 1967.

He then attended Blue Mountain Community College until he was drafted by the Army in April of 1968. He attended Infantry Noncommissioned Officer School and graduated in December 1968. He married his high school sweetheart Donna Varney in March of 1969 before being deployed to Vietnam.

Sgt. Aschenbrenner served active duty with the Bravo Company of the First Calvary Division (Airmobile) until he was wounded in battle on Nov. 17, 1969. He received multiple awards including two Purple Hearts, the Air Medal, a Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Gallantry Cross with Silver Star, and the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm.

He was discharged from active duty in April 1970, but remained in the Army Reserve until 1974.

He and Donna lived in Spokane upon his return to the states until the fall of 1970 when they moved back to Enterprise. He ran Dan’s Phillip’s 66 Station for a short time upon his return until he started at

Boise Cascade in December 1971. He worked at Boise Cascade as a machinist/millwright until his retirement in 2004.

Dan’s favorite place was the woods. He loved hunting, fishing and camping. After his retirement he would spend weeks at a time camping, only coming to town to drop firewood and get supplies.

His next favorite thing was supporting his kids and grandkids. He spent countless hours on bleachers and sidelines watching track, football, baseball, softball, lacrosse, volleyball, basketball, tennis, horse shows and any other activity the kids were involved in. He was a talented woodworker and Grampa Dan’s wooden toys will be cherished by everyone lucky enough to have one.

He is survived by his mother, Rita; wife, Donna; his children, Julie and Brent Hereford and Chad and Cindi Aschenbrenner; his granddaughters, Jessica Kooch, Sarah McLaughlin and Regan Hereford; grandsons, Coy Aschenbrenner and Peyton Hereford; great-grandson Macrae McLaughlin; brothers Larry (Judy) and Steve, as well as multiple nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father Bill and brother Stan.

There will be no services. In lieu of flowers or food, please make a donation to the Enterprise Education Foundation, 4-H, or the youth organization of your choice.



PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

MONDAY, AUG. 15

9:09 a.m. — La Grande police responded to Birnie Park on a complaint about a transient causing a disturbance. Officers trespassed the person.

10:46 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1900 block of Fir Street on a report of a fight. The parties separated.

10:50 a.m. — A caller reported someone abandoned chickens in the area of 61300 Booth Lane, La Grande. An animal enforcement officer made contact and explained options.

3:22 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1300 block of L Avenue on a call about a transient camp. An officer made contact with the subject, who agreed to move by the end of the day.

TUESDAY, AUG. 16

5:22 a.m. — La Grande police responded to a report of a person camped near the railroad tracks on the 1900 block of Jefferson Avenue. An officer found the person had permission to be there.

8:26 a.m. — The Union County Sheriff’s Office received a call from an Elgin resident about harassment. A deputy made contact and issued a warning for telephonic harassment.

10:55 a.m. — Union County sheriff’s deputies responded to the 64800 area of Sammyville Lane, Elgin, on a report of a previous domestic disturbance. Deputies arrested one person at the scene.

