

Elgin Lions gather for annual picnic

The Observer

ELGIN — Members of the Elgin Lions met at the home of the club's president, Barbara Hawes, and her husband, Daryl Hawes, for their annual picnic dinner. The hosts supplied the barbecued chicken, while others brought in an assortment of side dishes, salads and deserts, according to an announcement from the club.

After the meal, the group had a meeting during which they made some future plans. These plans include putting on a free pie and ice cream event for the community in October. The club also will be collecting school supplies for local elementary students.

RIGHT: Jim Way, left, and Kathy Oliver stop for a glass of punch at the Elgin Lions Club's 2022 annual summer picnic.



Elgin Lions Club/Contributed Photo

UNION COUNTY SENIOR CENTER 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 available from noon to 1 p.m. at the kitchen's back door; to-go meals are \$7.

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. 22-26 is:
Monday: chicken Alfredo, pasta, garlic bread, steamed winter blend vegetables, fresh fruit.
Tuesday: baked potato bar, chili, salad greens, steamed vegetables, fresh

fruit slices.
Wednesday: pork roast, mashed potatoes with brown gravy, steamed carrots, baked apples.
Thursday: Reuben sandwich, potato salad, sliced veggie sticks, fresh fruit, cookie.
Friday: chicken strips, steak fries, coleslaw, cowboy baked beans, fresh melon.

BIRTHS

GRANDE RONDE HOSPITAL, LA GRANDE
DELANO: Cedar Delano, born July 27, 2022, to Rebecca Delano and Sam Delano, of La Grande.
FITE: Stella Fite, born Aug. 6, 2022, to Larissa Lee Jensen and Wacey Lane Fite, of La Grande. Grandparents are Misty and Kenny Fite and Camee and Dane Jensen.
JACKSON: Kaydence Reece Jackson, born July 31, 2022, to Alistacia Jackson and Jason Jackson, of La Grande. Grandparents are Terry and Lisa Anderson and Cynthia Jackson.
KNIGHT: Jack Knight, born Aug. 2, 2022, to Brandi Marie Scott and Kael C. Knight.

Grandparents are Jasper Scott, Nancy Scott, Kevin Knight and Jessica Knight.
LANKFORD: Lawson Jack Lankford, born Aug. 9, 2022, to Jessica Jeanne Lankford and Colby Alan Lankford, of La Grande. Grandparents are Craig and Trina Lankford and Mike and Sandy Bennett.
MOULTON: Drew Matthew Moulton, born Aug. 5, 2022, to Breanna Moulton and Matt Moulton, of La Grande.
MURPHY: Jasper Qosalat Murphy, born Aug. 4, 2022, to Katie Marie Murphy and Jackson Donald Murphy, of La Grande. Grandparents are Stuart and Deborah Harris and Darrel and Lorna Murphy.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 17

9:45 a.m. — La Grande police responded to G & V Supply, 1507 Jefferson Ave., and arrested Michael Lance Bouska, 32, for first-degree arson, reckless burning and second-degree criminal mischief.
 10:12 a.m. — A caller reported finding a ferret on the 2700 block of Birch Street, La Grande.
 1:19 p.m. — A La Grande resident reported identity theft. Police made contact and took a report.
 5:51 p.m. — A caller reported a restraining order violation on the 3200 block of Alder Street, La Grande. An officer made contact and took a report.
 10:20 p.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy responded to the area of 10500 Tilos Court, La Grande, on a complaint about a loud party. The deputy counseled the people involved.

THURSDAY, AUG. 18

1:57 a.m. — La Grande police responded to Third Street and

G Avenue on a report of a loud disturbance. An officer counseled the party involved.
 3:07 a.m. — A caller reported a possible vehicle break-in on the 2300 block of Cove Avenue, La Grande. Officers responded and arrested Adam Joseph Holdsworth, 41, for criminal mischief, disorderly conduct, offensive littering and resisting arrest.
 7:39 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 2200 block of Adams Avenue on a call about a domestic disturbance. Police warned one person for harassment and disorderly conduct.
 2:10 p.m. — La Grande police responded to Moy's Dynasty, 1914 Adams Ave., on a call about a burglary. Police took a report.
 4:29 p.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy responded to a residence on the 2400 block of Riddle Road, La Grande, on a report of a person who died. The sheriff's office took a report.
 9:20 p.m. — A caller reported a fight on the 2100 block of Fir Street, La Grande. An officer responded and took information.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Enjoy live music before lunch at the Union County Senior Center

LA GRANDE — Live music before lunch has returned to the Union County Senior Center, 1504 N. Albany St., La Grande. Come to the center at 10:45 a.m. and enjoy the free music: The BlueMountaineers play every Tuesday, and Terry LaMont performs on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month — see LaMont play Aug. 24. Lunch is served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on weekdays.



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Terry LaMont, right, and Monica Paul perform in Union City Park during the Grassroots Festival on Aug. 13, 2022. LaMont plays twice a month at the Union County Senior Center in La Grande.

are encouraged to participate in the block party. Those interested in displaying their materials and explaining their function to the citizens of La Grande may call or text Haley Hines at 541-786-5285 or email haleyhines@eoni.com.

Cove Drive In hosts ring-toss tournament and live music Aug. 20

COVE — Alongside the Cove Cherry Fair on Saturday, Aug. 20, there will be a ring-toss tournament at the Cove Drive In beginning at 4:30 p.m. The entry fee is \$4 for each two-person team. The winning team will take home all the money. Sign up at the restaurant. At 6 p.m.

stage to cap off a festive day in Cove.

Cove Drive In is across the street from the Ascension School Camp and Conference Center, 1104 Church St., where the annual Cove Cherry Fair is held. The event is an all-day family-friendly festival featuring food, vendors, activities, games, contests, music and a parade. See the day's full schedule at www.covecherryfair.com/venues.

Wicked Mary will take the

Eulenna Cheryl Coe November 28, 1945 - August 12, 2022

Eulenna Cheryl Coe, 76, of Elgin, passed away on Friday, Aug. 12, 2022, at her residence. A celebration of life will be held on Sunday, Aug. 21, 2022, at 11 a.m. at the Elgin Stampede Hall. Cheryl was born in Pendleton, Oregon, on Nov. 28, 1945, to Walter Corley and Eulenna Seehafer. She graduated from Lone High School in 1963, she and her best friend, Betty Lou, graduated nursing school in 1965. Cheryl married Kenneth Dale Coe on May 2, 1970. They were the first ones to be married at the Elgin Christian Church. For many years, Cheryl worked at Boise Cascade, working graveyard pulling green chain. Ken worked days at the Husky Station and Cheryl worked nights so they could juggle kids. Ken and Cheryl purchased Consolo's Pizza Parlor and operated it for several years, until the fire at Odie's.



Cheryl then opened TLC Estates, an adult foster care home, where she cared for people who needed help but not to the level of a nursing home. She truly loved nursing and caring for people. She later returned to working at Valley View Nursing Home in La Grande, also graveyard shift until May 2013. She loved to do many things. Years ago, she played on the volleyball town team and was at one time the secretary for the Elgin Stampede. She was an active member of the Elgin Health District Board, a member of the Lions Club and she was even a star - Eastern Star that is. She loved to go the mountains, picking huckleberries, hunting, fishing and snowmobiling to mention some. Cheryl is survived by her two daughters, Melissa Coe, Carmen Pearson and son-in law Mike Pearson of Elgin; grandchildren, Christopher Allen Mata, Brittany Edgmand, Ashley Lynn Gentry, Jamie Norton, Jesse Gentry and many great-grandchildren. Not to mention so many close friends in the community. She is preceded in death by her husband of 43 years, Kenneth Dale Coe, her mother, Eulenna "Lennie" Vaughn, father, Walter Corley, and her stepfather, Charles Vaughn.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made in her honor to the Elgin Lions Club at P.O. Box 1175, Elgin, Oregon, 97827 or Elgin Fire Department's Operation Santa, P.O. Box 431, Elgin, Oregon, 97827.

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

DEATH & SERVICE NOTICES

Edith M. Gross

La Grande

Edith M. Gross, 100, of La Grande, died Aug. 16, 2022, at a local care facility. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Marilee Lake

La Grande

Marilee Lake, 78, of La Grande, died Aug. 17, 2022, at her residence. A viewing is planned for Aug. 24 from 6-7 p.m. at Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande. A graveside service will be held Aug. 26 at 10 a.m. at the Island City Cemetery. Casual dress is preferred by the family. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Douglas Z. Larsen

Cosmopolis, Washington

Douglas Z. Larsen, 28, of Cosmopolis, Washington, died Aug. 11, 2022, in La Grande. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Larry Waters

Joseph

Larry Waters, 79, of Joseph, died Aug. 17, 2022, at a local care center. A graveside service will be held Aug. 27 at 11 a.m. at Prairie Creek Cemetery, Joseph. Arrangements are by Bollman Funeral Home, Enterprise.

UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



Aug. 20 — GLORIA BAITER: 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. 24 & Aug. 26 — MARILEE LAKE: Aug. 24, 6-7 p.m. viewing, Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande; Aug. 26, 10 a.m. graveside service, Island City Cemetery (casual dress preferred).
Aug. 26 — KENNETH WEBB: 10 a.m. graveside service, Union Cemetery.
Aug. 27 — LARRY WATERS: 11 a.m. graveside service, Prairie Creek Cemetery, Joseph.
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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Virginia Faye Brown Larsen April 13, 1934 - August 15, 2022

Virginia Faye Brown Larsen passed away peacefully at her home in Beaverton, Oregon, on Monday, Aug. 15, 2022. She rejoined her husband on their 70th wedding anniversary.



She was born on April 13, 1934, in La Grande, Oregon, to Kenneth Loraine Brown and Velma Pearl McCall Brown. She joined her big sisters Margaret Brown Taylor and Patricia Brown Hansen. She grew up in La Grande and graduated from La Grande High School.

The summer after graduation, on Aug. 15, 1952, she married her high school sweetheart, Evan L. Larsen. They are the parents of four daughters.

In 1965, they moved to Pendleton, Oregon, where Evan went into business with his brother, Darvell, owning Penland Bros. Moving Co., which was later renamed Larsen Transfer Co. Then they owned and operated Pendleton Bowling Lanes.

She loved her children and grandchildren (including her great- and great-great-grandchildren). She loved roses, lighthouses, hummingbirds and gardening. She crocheted, loved music and painted. She had a quick smile and wit.

She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She served all her life in many different church positions. After moving to the Portland area, she and Evan were service missionaries at Deseret Industries and then in the Portland, Oregon, LDS Temple.

She is survived by her daughters, Debra (Darwin) Rasmussen of Middleton, Idaho, Christine Baxter Wood of Pendleton, Oregon, Carol (Tom) Preston of Pendleton, Oregon, Teresa (Jim) Dunlop of Aloha, Oregon; 21 grandchildren; 47 great-grandchildren; 3 great-great-grandchildren; her sister, Margaret Taylor, sisters-in-law, Dawn Larsen and Marie Larsen Baker, and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father, Kenneth, in 1967, mother, Velma (when Virginia was 13 years old), husband, Evan, (sister, Patricia Hansen, and granddaughter, Lori Baxter.

There will be a graveside service on Friday, Aug. 19, at Grandview Cemetery in La Grande, Oregon. A family memorial service will be broadcast on Sunday, Aug. 21, at 3 p.m. Pacific time.

Darla Sue Thomas August 7, 1945 - August 12, 2022

Darla Sue Thomas, 77, of La Grande, passed away on Friday, Aug. 12, 2022, at her residence. At her request, there will be no service.

Darla was born on Aug. 7, 1945, in Vancouver, Washington, to Donald and Shirley (Adams) Priest. She attended Mount Vernon High School in Oregon, where she played volleyball and softball and received awards in both sports. She married Billy J. Helton who later passed. She then married Tony C. Thomas who passed in 2016.

Darla had many jobs through her life. She worked at a nursing home, bakery stores and was a sales associate at Walmart. She enjoyed all kinds of crafts like crocheting, embroidering, and knitting, but her favorite pastime was playing with her grandchildren, going fishing and baking goodies with them.

Darla is survived by her daughters, Kristina Vincen and Toni Dubose; siblings, Jody Allen Priest (Margaret) of Washington and Becci Freeman of Alaska; seven grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Donald and Shirley (Johnston) Priest; first husband, Billy J. Helton; second husband, Tony Thomas; sister, La Von Johnson; son, Billy J. Helton Jr.; and grandson, Billy Helton.