

# Soroptimists seek applications for benefit funds

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LA GRANDE — Applications for the La Grande Soroptimist Community Benefit funds will be accepted after Thursday, Sept. 1.

Local agencies, organizations and individuals are invited to apply.

“The net proceeds of our successful 35th annual Festival of Trees will be disbursed in our communities throughout this year,” said Di Lyn Larsen-Hill, chair of the Community Benefits Committee, in a press release.

There isn’t a set deadline, and applications can be submitted at any time.

“We will give extra consideration for projects that mirror our Soroptimist global mission of empowering women and girls, but we will also consider projects that serve a broader

population,” Larsen-Hill said.

Last year, 13 organizations and two individuals received funding totaling more than \$34,000 from Soroptimist International of La Grande.

To obtain an application or for more information, contact Larsen-Hill at dilarsenhill@gmail.com or 541-963-5341.

## La Grande club active since 1941

Soroptimist is a global women’s volunteer service organization working to improve the lives of women and girls through social and economic change, according to www.lagrandesoroptimist.org, and approximately 80,000 Soroptimists in 130 countries and territories support community-based and global projects to benefit women and girls.



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A Christmas tree at the La Grande Festival of Trees sits on display alongside several other items that were auctioned off later in the evening on Friday, Dec. 4, 2021. Local businesses sponsored the trees decorated for the auction to raise funds for Soroptimist International of La Grande’s Community Benefit program.

La Grande’s Soroptimist International club was chartered on Oct. 16, 1941, and is part of District 3 in the Northwest Region of Soroptimist International of the Americas.

“The name Soroptimist

means ‘best for women,’ and that’s what we strive to achieve,” states the La Grande club’s website.

More about Soroptimist International of La Grande is available at www.facebook.com/silagrande.

# Tickets on sale for upcoming EOCenes concert

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PENDLETON — The bluegrass band EOCenes will play again this year at Pendleton Center for the Arts during Round-Up festivities.

The concert is set for Thursday, Sept. 15, beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and are expected to sell out quickly. Purchase tickets at www.pendletonarts.org/live-music.

The EOCenes formed at Eastern Oregon College (now Eastern Oregon University) in La Grande. The musicians were members of the EOC Ambassadors from 1969-1971, and performed concerts around the Northwest as a



Duane Boyer/Contributed Photo

The EOCenes entertain at Geiser-Pollman Park in Baker City in this updated photo. Tickets are on sale now for the group’s performance in Pendleton on Thursday, Sept. 15, 2022.

recruiting program for the college, according to an article in GO! Magazine.

After graduation, the musicians went their separate ways and played with

various bands throughout the years. When they gathered again at a festival about 12 years ago, they all remembered their parts from songs they’d performed 40 years in the past and decided to become a regular bluegrass band.

The group typically plays six to seven times during the year. The members are Duane Boyer, Hal Spence, Hugh McClellan, Ron Emmons, Alan Feves and Doug Jenkins.

They play bluegrass “from old to new” — songs from the 1920s, ’30s and ’40s up to current music, often taking a newer song and giving it a “bluegrass treatment.”

## UNION COUNTY 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 at 541-605-5556.

The menu for Aug. 29-31 is:

**Monday:** pork fried rice, BBQ pork oriental salad, egg roll, fortune cookie.

**Tuesday:** pizza, Caesar salad, watermelon slices, brownie.

**Wednesday:** chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes and country gravy, steamed Italian blend vegetables, baked bread, fresh fruit.

The menu for September was not available at press time.

## BIRTHS

### GRANDE RONDE HOSPITAL, LA GRANDE

**BOLTON:** Sterling James Bolton, born Aug. 18, 2022, to Jessica Rayne Bolton and Austin Sterling Bolton, of La Grande.

**CRUZ:** Waylon Redmon Cruz, born Aug. 17, 2022, to Aleasha Ann McIntosh and David Allen Cruz, of La Grande.

**O’GRADY:** Laurel Christine O’Grady, born Aug. 19, 2022, to Brittany Nicole Meeks and Tanner Joseph O’Grady, of La Grande.



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## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

### WEDNESDAY, AUG. 24

7:29 a.m. — GRH Urgent Care, 10303 S. Walton Road, Island City, reported a patient with a dog bite. The Union County Sheriff’s Office responded and took a report.

11:51 a.m. — A caller on the 500 block of Fifth Street, Imbler, reported an injured dog. An animal enforcement officer responded and took the dog to the Animal Health Center, La Grande.

11:52 a.m. — A caller reported cattle on the loose in the area of 59800 Glass Hill Road, La Grande. An animal enforcement officer contacted the caller and attempted to find the owner of the cows.

12:50 p.m. — A caller on the 2900 block of Union Street, La Grande, reported a transient camp.

4:13 p.m. — Police and medics responded to the 2000 block of Gekeler Lane, La Grande, for a person experiencing a mental or emotional crisis.

7:50 p.m. — Union County Sheriff’s Office received a report of animal cruelty at Wolf Creek Reservoir, North Powder.

### THURSDAY, AUG. 25

8:36 a.m. — A caller on the 400 block of Adams Avenue, La Grande, reported a transient trespassing. An officer responded, and the person agreed to leave the area.

2:27 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff’s Office received a report of an abandoned motor home in the area of Clark Creek and Cemetery roads, Elgin. A deputy responded and took a report.

2:42 p.m. — A caller on the 2000 block of Gekeler Lane, La Grande, reported a neglected animal. An animal enforcement officer responded and took a dog to the shelter.

5:13 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of fraud on the 1800 block of Fourth Street. An officer made contact and explained options.

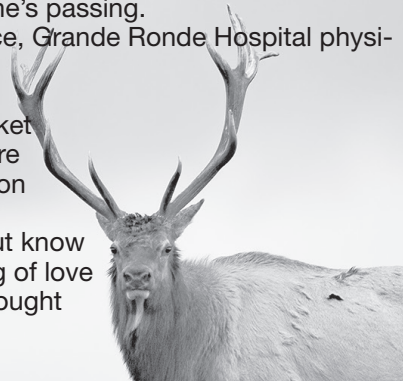
9:38 p.m. — Union County Sheriff’s Office received a request for assistance at Summerville Road and Dry Creek Lane, Summerville. A deputy responded and gave assistance.

The family of **Duane Zander** would like to thank first and foremost all our family and friends who helped us this last year and a half during Duane’s declining health.

We are very grateful for the cards, flowers, food, and people who called or stopped during these difficult weeks after Duane’s passing. Grande Ronde hospital, Heart & Home hospice, Grande Ronde Hospital physical therapy (Lisa), for all the visits we had, Loveland Funeral Chapel & Zee Koza for the beautiful funeral service, Island City Deli & Market for the food and the American Legion lodge here in La Grande for allowing us to rent the facility on short notice.

We would like to name everyone individually but know we would leave someone out as the outpouring of love and generosity has been more than we ever thought possible.

**Thank you all for all the love and support, Gay Zander & Valerie Smith**



## DEATH NOTICES

### Donald Greer

La Grande

Donald Greer, 79, of La Grande, died Aug. 25, 2022, at a local care facility. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

### Roberta J. Witherspoon

Elgin

Roberta J. Witherspoon, 71, of Elgin, died Aug. 25, 2022, at Grande Ronde Hospital. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

## UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



**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.

**Sept. 4 — MARJORIE JARVIS, KATHLEEN HATTON & JOAN JARVIS:** 3 p.m. joint memorial service, The Barn at Tamarack Springs, Summerville.

**Sept. 10 — LEE FRIES:** 11 a.m. graveside service, Summerville Cemetery (casual dress preferred); gathering follows at the Summerville Tavern.

**Sept. 10 — THORVAL BURROWS:** 1 p.m. celebration of life and dinner, Wallowa Senior Center.

### Out-of-area service

**Sept. 2 — DAN HAMRE:** 11 a.m. service with military honors, Idaho State Veterans Cemetery, 10100 N. Horseshoe Bend Road, Boise; noon to 3 p.m. memorial gathering, VFW Capitol City Post 63, 8931 W. Ardene St., Boise.

— Calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande

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Kathleen Jarvis Hatton  
In loving Memory  
&  
Joan Kendall Jarvis

Join us for a memorial on September 4th at 3 PM at “The Barn at Tamarack Springs”  
69695 Craig Loop Summerville, OR

### Thorval Ray Burrows

June 30, 1930 - July 23, 2022

Thorval Ray Burrows, 92, passed away at home in Wallowa, Oregon, surrounded by his family on Saturday, July 23, 2022.

Thorval was born on June 16, 1930, in Milton-Freewater, Oregon. He was the only child of (David) Lee and Myrtle Elizabeth (Sasser) Burrows. Thorval attended early elementary school in Milton-Freewater, Oregon. Later his family moved to Enterprise, Oregon, where he attended school through his freshman high school year. Upon his parents’ move to Wallowa, he graduated high school in 1949.

A lifelong resident of Oregon, his only time living outside of the state was during his service in the U.S. Air Force. He married Mary Ann McCrae in 1953 and together raised their family in Ontario, Oregon.

Dad tried a few different occupations in his early days. One was digging ditch after the Air Force, prompting him to attend barber school. After a few years of barbering in Portland and Baker, he found his career with the Oregon State Police in 1960, retiring in 1986 from the State Police in Ontario.

Dad was also in the Oregon Army National Guard and retired with 20 years of service in 1992. During his time in Ontario, he honed his driving and shooting skills, for sure one of the best in both disciplines.

Dad obtained his private pilot license in 1967, with flights to Mexico, the Alvord Desert and, not to be forgotten, the Lake Owyhee runway. His flying days ended on a hot day out on Powwotka, where he crashed a plane. In his words, “I knew I had completed the circle - fly, crash, survive.”

Dad was an avid elk hunter, and he could smell the elk. He had many great stories of elk camp.

After retirement, he moved back to Wallowa in 1992, staying active until the last months of his life. He did this his way and was still planning the next project or trip up to the end. His true calling was that of a grandparent. The grandkids and great-grandkids brought him endless joy. Dad was incredibly proud of his family.

Thorval is survived by his wife, Mary Ann; children, David Lee (Carolyn) Burrows, Patricia Rae (Rex) Maag, Bradley Thorval (Sandra) Burrows, and Penny Elizabeth (Ron) Lancaster; 12 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren; brother-in-law, Jimmy Sasser; numerous close cousins; and other relatives and many lifelong friends.

A family graveside service and interment will be held at the Wallowa Cemetery. A celebration of life and dinner for family and friends will follow on Saturday, Sept. 10, 2022, at 1 p.m. at the Wallowa Senior Center.

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