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Cove Cherry Fair delights

ABOVE: A playground of foam bubbles, courtesy of Cove's fire department, is a hit with the crowd on Saturday, Aug. 20, 2022, at the Cove Cherry Fair. **LEFT:** A contestant in the cherry-spitting contest gives it his all at the Cove Cherry Fair on Saturday, Aug. 20, 2022. People competed to see who could spit a cherry pit or a full cherry the farthest.

DEATH NOTICE

Geraldine Daggett

La Grande

Geraldine Daggett, 77, of La Grande, died Aug. 26, 2022, at Grande Ronde Hospital. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



Sept. 1 — **PAT ECKLEY:** 1 p.m. graveside service, Prairie Creek Cemetery, Joseph.
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 services

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.
Sept. 30 — **JOHN FARRAR SR.:** 9:30 a.m. memorial service, Tahoma National Cemetery, 18600 SE 240th St., Kent, Washington.

— Calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande

Ribbon-cutting planned for Orlaske Gallery

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LA GRANDE — A ribbon-cutting ceremony for Art Center East's Orlaske Gallery will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 1, at the art center, 1006 Penn Ave., La Grande.

Last spring Art Center East renamed its former Co-op Gallery in honor of Sue Orlaske, who made countless contributions to Northeastern Oregon's world of art over a span of more than two decades. ACE announced on Friday, March 11, that Orlaske was chosen from among four local artists who were posthumously nominated to become the gallery's namesake. She received the most votes in an election by community members.



Orlaske



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"John Day River" (oil) by Sue Orlaske

Orlaske, who died Oct. 22, 2021, at age 72, won several regional art awards and was a featured artist on Oregon Public Broadcasting's Oregon Art Beat. A biologist who had no formal art training but had a lifelong interest in art, Orlaske became a full-time artist in the 1990s

when she moved to Union County. Her themes often included abstract and representational natural elements — Eastern Oregon landscapes, animals and plants — and her work has been carried by several galleries in Oregon and Southern Washington. After Orlaske's passing

her art collection was donated to Art Center East for the purposes of fundraising. A Sue Orlaske Retrospective currently on display includes a large collection of her pottery, oils, prints, pastels and Batik watercolors. In honor of Orlaske's legacy, proceeds from this exhibit will go toward ACE's Youth Scholarship Fund and Gallery Program.

The exhibit closes at the end of this week. To see Orlaske's art, visit ACE (open from noon to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday) or attend the closing reception on Aug. 2 from 6-8 p.m. The exhibit may also be viewed at www.art-centereast.org.

Art Center East's galleries — as well as the ribbon-cutting and the reception — are free and open to the public.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

BRIEF

Juniper Jam set for Sept. 3

ENTERPRISE — Music lovers from around Northeastern Oregon will gather for Juniper Jam 2022 on Saturday, Sept. 3, at the Wallowa County Fairgrounds in Enterprise. Dubbed "the sweetest little music festival in Eastern Oregon," Juniper Jam

showcases original songwriting of all genres from folk to rock to bluegrass.

The festival returns to the fairgrounds after a couple quiet COVID years. Among this year's performers are Bart Budwige, Rut Nut, Wanderlodge, Sweet 'n' Juicy, Ashleigh Flynn, Never Come Down, Siren Songs, Ezra Rose and Daisy Maker. Juniper Jam is a fundraiser for

the Wallowa Valley Music Alliance, which has provided Wallowa County with music performances and music education since 2004. For a full lineup, tickets, volunteer and sponsorship opportunities, and information on a songwriting workshop, visit www.juniperjam.com.

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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

FRIDAY, AUG. 26

8:04 a.m. — A caller reported cattle on the loose on Highway 237, Union. Law enforcement notified the cattle owners.
 12:39 p.m. — Union County Sheriff's Office received a complaint about littering on the 600 block of Detroit Street, Elgin. A deputy responded and took information.
 2:38 p.m. — A caller in La Grande reported a sex crime. A Union County sheriff's deputy made contact and took a report.
 8:46 p.m. — A caller reported the theft of a vehicle at Cinco de Mayo, 2102 Adams Ave., La Grande. Officers responded and took a report.

SATURDAY, AUG. 27

12:25 a.m. — La Grande police arrested Justin Jay Ransford, 26, who is in custody at the Union County Jail, La Grande, on a Union County warrant for vehicle theft, recklessly endangering another person, second-degree assault and unauthorized entry into a vehicle.
 8:06 a.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about a transient camp on the 2600 block of Union Street.
 8:19 p.m. — A caller reported gunshots on the 2500 block of Empire Drive, La Grande. Police responded and determined it was fireworks.
 10:45 p.m. — La Grande police during a traffic stop at Jackson and U avenues arrested Christopher Joe Hughes, 38, for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

SUNDAY, AUG. 28

2:33 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1800 block of 26th street on a noise complaint. An officer counseled the homeowner about the noise.
 10:55 a.m. — La Grande police responded to Antlers Espresso, 1701 Washington Ave., on a report of a burglary. An officer took a report.
 5:04 p.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about indecent exposure on the 1900 block of H Avenue. Officers responded and took a report.
 6:07 p.m. — A caller reported reckless burning at Wolf Creek Reservoir, North Powder.
 9:55 p.m. — A caller reported a suspicious male on Island Ave-

nue, La Grande. A Union County sheriff's deputy made contact. The person reported being OK and the deputy told the individual to stay out of the road.

Leland "Lee" Henry Fries

February 20, 1945 - July 25, 2022

Leland "Lee" Henry Fries passed away on Monday, July 25, 2022, at his home in Ellensburg, Washington. A graveside service will be held at the Summerville Cemetery in Summerville, Oregon, on Sept. 10 at 11 a.m. The family invites you to join them at the Summerville Tavern after the service. Casual dress is preferred by the family.



Lee was born on Feb. 20, 1945, in La Grande, Oregon, to Inez and Henry Fries. Lee eventually moved to Clackamas, Oregon, to pursue a career with the Department of Defense and the Oregon National Guard. After retiring, Lee moved to Newport, Oregon. Life on the Oregon coast was good for Lee and Candy. They were involved in many volunteer programs and enjoyed crabbing, fishing and clamming. Last summer Lee and Candy relocated to Ellensburg, Washington.

Lee will be deeply missed by his wife, Candy; children, Brian Fries, Amy Fries and Chelsea Fries; sister, Milodene Bolen; and granddaughter, Micheala Fries. His stepchildren, Todd (Rebecca) Garrison and Stacey (Scott) Weeks, and his grandson, Mason, will also miss him dearly.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (800-225-5355) or to Forest Access for All, c/o Wand Ballard, Treasurer, P.O. Box 48, Baker City, OR 97814.

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

Walter Rosslyn "Ross" Shumway

May 19, 1941 - August 5, 2022

Ross passed from this life into the arms of Jesus on August 5, 2022, at a care facility in La Grande, Oregon. He was born in Baker, Oregon, on May 19, 1941, the fifth son of Walter William and Iva Bernice (Walters) Shumway.



His parents owned a cattle ranch on Burnt River at the end of the road in the Bridgeport Valley. Ross grew up knowing how to work hard and loved ranch life. He graduated from Hereford High School and earned his associate's degree from Yakima Junior College. Shortly thereafter he was drafted into the Army. His posting proved to be a blessing from God in three ways. He was sent to Fort Myer in Arlington, Virginia, where he was trained as a Vet Animal Specialist to care for the Caisson horses, among other duties. The skills he learned during this period proved to be invaluable in caring for the livestock on the ranch.

Ross used his free time to take correspondence courses in forestry, thinking the then poor timberlands on the ranch could be turned into a renewable income-producing crop. Ross and his brother Bill both took great interest in this. Eventually a model was created that won a state award for best private forestry practices.

The third blessing was a chaplain who befriended Ross - later their lives would intertwine in a most interesting way. The chaplain's name was William "Bill" Jacobson.

Our dad believed he had been entrusted to steward "our" land to the best of his ability during his time on earth, and passed that belief on to his children. He had been praying, asking God how he could honor Him with this precious resource.

Sometime after Ross returned home, Bill Jacobson was directed by God to leave the military in order to join a mission that sent people to minister to remote tribal peoples. The training school "just happened" to be recently established in Baker City, Oregon. Bill moved his wife and family there to the New Tribe Mission school. The Jacobsons soon visited Ross and the rest of the family at the ranch, where their friendship continued. Eventually the Shumways joyfully allowed their ranch, including the haven of the forest, to be used for "Jungle Camp." It was there the mission's students learned important survival skills for beginning to work and remote places. Dad's prayer was answered!

Ross was a kind, gentle soul, who never put himself forward. He married Patricia Ann Myers May 17, 1969. They were active members of the Unity Community Church during their years in Bridgeport, and later attended Elgin Christian Church.

He spent his life working on the ranch with three of his brothers until it sold in the spring of 2014. He and Patty moved to Summerville, Oregon, for the next few years, then to La Grande last year.

Ross is survived by his wife, Patty of La Grande, Oregon; brothers, Bill (Sally) of Surprise, Arizona; Duane (Beulah) of Meridian, Idaho; and Steve, of Council, Idaho; sisters, Marjorie (David) Pidcock of La Grande, Oregon; Esther (George) Smith of La Grande, Oregon; and several nieces and nephews.

There will be no memorial service. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com.