

# Celebration will commemorate purchase of East Moraine by Wallowa County

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For the Wallowa County Chieftain



Wallowa County Chieftain, File

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JOSEPH — Those who live in Wallowa County know what a special place it is and keeping it rural is more than a slogan — it's what brings people together. To commemorate Wallowa County's acquisition of more than 1,800 acres of the Wallowa Lake East Moraine, the community is invited to the East Moraine Community Forest Celebration on Saturday, Sept. 10.

The former Ronald C. Yanke Family Trust property was acquired in January 2020 after years of fundraising by the Wallowa Lake Moraines Partnership — Wallowa County, Wallowa Resources, Wallowa Land Trust and Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a celebration was postponed for two years.

Since the acquisition, members of the partnership gathered information through personal and focus group interviews, an online survey and a 30-day comment period on the East Moraine Community Forest's Draft Management Plan. The plan was designed by resource and recreation professionals to meet the multiple uses of the property — forest and range management, wildlife and habitat conservation, cultural resources and recreation.

To welcome and inform users of the East Moraine Community Forest, a grant from Oregon State Parks is funding the development of trailheads to both the east and west entrances to improve access for administrative and recreational use. At a forum addressing the fragility of the moraines in 2008, the overwhelming community sentiment was that they should not be developed into homesites.

In 2011, the partnership formed and with the combined effort of the organizations, more than \$6.5 million was raised to purchase the property and convey it into county ownership.

With the upcoming approval of the Community Forest's management plan, the partnership's executive committee will continue to oversee the activities and allowable uses with input and support from a larger group of local natural resource agencies and organizations.

"Securing the East Moraine is an incredible achievement for our community, and we are eager to finally celebrate with everyone on Sept. 10," Wallowa Land Trust's Executive Director Kathleen Ackley said.

### COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

The public is invited to a guided tour from the west side of the moraine. Participants are asked to RSVP and shuttle from the south end of Wallowa Lake (meet in front of the Wallowa Lake Lodge by 2:45 p.m.). A catered dinner and live music are from 5-7 p.m. on the Wallowa Lake Lodge's back lawn. To attend, please RSVP to [www.wallowaresources.org/east-moraine-celebration-rsvp](http://www.wallowaresources.org/east-moraine-celebration-rsvp). For more information on the East Moraine Community Forest, visit [co.wallowa.or.us](http://co.wallowa.or.us).

## DEATH NOTICES

**Linda M. Roe**

Formerly of Union

Linda M. Roe, 62, of Nampa, Idaho, and formerly of Union, died Aug. 30, 2022, at a care facility. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

**Norman K. Titus**

Formerly of Union

Norman Keith Titus, 88, formerly of Union, died Aug. 11, 2022, from underlying complications of COVID-19, at Wilcox Medical Center in Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii. Arrangements are by Garden Island Mortuary, Lawai, Hawaii.

**Richard F. Titus**

Formerly of Union

Richard F. Titus, 78, of Salem and formerly of Union, died Sept. 6, 2018. Burial was at Willamette National Cemetery, Portland, with arrangements by Virgil T. Golden Funeral Services, Salem.

**Retha M. Walker**

Wallowa Lake

Retha Mae Walker, 91, of Wallowa Lake, died Aug. 30, 2022, at Grande Ronde Hospital. A private family burial will be at the Enterprise Cemetery, and a celebration of life will be held at a later date. Arrangements are by Bollman Funeral Home, Enterprise.

## 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.
- Sept. 17 — ROBERTA WITHERSPOON:** 2 p.m. celebration of life and potluck, Elgin Community Center (casual dress preferred; bring a side dish or dessert if you wish).

### Out-of-area services

- Sept. 1 — MARY ROSE:** 1 p.m. memorial service, Touchmark on South Hill, Spokane, Washington.
- 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

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

### Humane society supported by barn sale Sept. 2-4

JOSEPH — A fundraising barn sale with proceeds going to the Wallowa County Humane Society is planned for Labor Day weekend. The sale will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Sept. 2-4 — to get there, follow the signs on Wilson Lane near Joseph to the old River-view Dairy barn. Learn more about the sale and the organization at [www.wallowacountyhumanesociety.org](http://www.wallowacountyhumanesociety.org) and the WCHS Facebook page, call 541-263-0336 or stop by 119 E. Main St., Enterprise.

### Singer-songwriter to perform Sept. 3 on the lodge deck

WALLOWA LAKE VILLAGE — Songwriter Mark Holt, who has become a "genre unto himself," according to a press release, will perform at the Wallowa Lake Lodge Saturday, Sept. 3, from 5-7 p.m., as part of the Music on the Deck concert series.

Holt has been recognized by Subaru of America for his branding song and lyrics for the "Trusty Old Subaru." And His music short "Ronnie & Me," about Alzheimer's Disease awareness, was honored by the Idaho Film Industry, with a red-carpet showcase event in 2020. For a preview of Holt's music, visit [www.soundclick.com/markholt](http://www.soundclick.com/markholt).

### Community picnic held at Wallowa Lake Sept. 5

WALLOWA LAKE — The annual community Labor Day picnic at Wallowa Lake is set for Monday, Sept. 5. The event runs from noon to 3 p.m. at Wallowa Lake State Park's Ice Creek Shelter.

### Mid-month dances at senior center canceled

LA GRANDE — The community dance at the Union County Senior Center planned for Saturday, Sept. 10, will not be held. The mid-month dances are canceled until further notice.

### Sign up for the improved AARP Smart Driver class

LA GRANDE — The next AARP Driver Safety class in Union County is planned for Saturday, Sept. 10, in the Mount Emily Room at Grande Ronde Hospital, La Grande. The course will run from 8:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., with a break for lunch (the hospital cafeteria will be open), and hospital mask rules will be enforced.

Participants will refresh their driving skills, get up-to-date information on new rules of the road and learn research-based strategies to increase safety while behind the wheel. There is not a test, and those who complete the course may be eligible to receive an auto insurance discount.

The cost is \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for nonmembers. To register and for more information, call Moore at 541-910-9797.

— The Observer

## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

### MONDAY, AUG. 29

7:28 a.m. — A caller reported dogs at large on the 600 block of Lane Avenue, La Grande. An officer responded and took two of the three dogs to a shelter.

2:47 p.m. — A caller reported animal neglect on the 3200 block of Spruce Lane, La Grande.

8:28 p.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy responded to the 500 block of North 10th Avenue, Elgin, on a report of a disturbance and made one arrest.

### TUESDAY, AUG. 30

1:22 p.m. — A caller at Grocery Outlet, 11301 Island Ave., Island City, reported a dog in a vehicle. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded and found the dog's owner in the store. The owner took care of the situation.

2:24 p.m. — A caller reported a dog bit someone at Fourth and Depot streets, La Grande. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded and took a report.

3:25 p.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about animal cruelty at Fourth Street and Division Avenue, La Grande. Local law enforcement responded and counseled a juvenile.

7:10 p.m. — A caller reported two teens were playing "chicken" on the railroad tracks crossing Willow Street, La Grande. An officer responded and counseled two females.

7:43 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of a suspicious person selling gold jewelry on the 1800 block of 26th Street. An officer looked but did not find the subject.

11:24 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 300 block of K Avenue on a report of a disturbance. The parties separated, and police gave an individual a ride to a motel.



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**Marjorie Woodell Jarvis**

**Kathleen Jarvis Hatton**

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**& 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




**John Harlan Farrar Sr.**  
July 4, 2022

John Harlan Farrar Sr, age 81, passed on July 4, 2022. He was deeply loved by his family and will be greatly missed. John was born in Yelm, Washington, and was the third of five children. He grew up in the Tacoma area, attending Stadium High School. In 1958 John enlisted in the Army and served in Germany. In 1972, John met Chris and they were married in July of that year.

John had a winning smile, sparkling clear blue eyes, and a strong and distinct voice. He loved all Seattle sports teams, as well as radio, computers and technology. One of his favorite positions was as part-owner of KEXI, a radio station located in Milton-Freewater, Oregon. He worked for IBM as well as AT&T. He loved traveling and worked on a long-term project in India.

John is survived by his wife, Chris; children, Jody, Cathy, John, Nikki, Mark and Kyra; his sister, Dottie; 15 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial will be held on Friday, Sept. 30, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. at the Tahoma National Cemetery, 18600 SE 240th St., Kent, Washington. Those who wish to attend the memorial are welcome to wear something from a Seattle sports team in honor of John.





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**Mary Ann (Troeger) Rose**  
August 15, 1933 - August 24, 2022




Mary Ann Rose, 89, formerly of Hood River, Oregon, passed away peacefully on Aug. 24, 2022. She was born to the late Carl and Meroah Troeger on Aug. 15, 1933, in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Mary graduated from South High School in Denver, Colorado, in 1951 and then received a bachelor of science degree in dietetics from Colorado State University in 1955. She completed her dietetic internship at Oklahoma State University.

Mary met Don Rose while attending college and they were married in Denver, Colorado, in 1956. Mary worked in Denver, San Antonio and Portland, Oregon, to help Don get through medical school. They then moved to La Grande, Oregon, in 1966, where they resided for around 30 years and raised their family. Rose worked as a large quantity cook at Eastern Oregon University for many years. After her retirement, they moved to Hood River, Oregon, to enjoy all that the area had to offer. They lived there for 27 years. She loved Hood River and the energetic culture it offered!

Mary is survived by her husband of 65 years, Don, and their four children: Leisa Baker of Spokane, Washington; Coleen Janzen of Spokane, Washington; Shelly Stucky of Fruita, Colorado; and Mark Rose of Fruita, Colorado. She is also survived by 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren with one more on the way. A sister, Ann Dempsey, of Del Mar, California, and her son and daughter also remain.

Mary was an extremely hard worker. When she retired from Eastern Oregon University, they had to hire three people to replace her! She displayed that character trait in all aspects of her life. She was a very selfless, grateful and humble person who always focused on others. One of her many gifts was her ability to encourage others so they believed they were able to do what she knew they could do. She felt every person had value and worth. Even up to the end of her life, her focus and questions were always about what others were doing.

Mary was a Christian and had Jesus as her Lord and Savior. Her faith was very important to her and gave her great strength, especially in her last days. We want to greatly thank her caregiver, Jennifer Greenwood, for her love, care and spunk she gave to our mom in her last year.

Mary will be greatly missed by many. A memorial service for family and close friends will be held at Touchmark on South Hill in Spokane, Washington, on Sept. 1, 2022, at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please send contributions to Hope Medical Clinic, 1942 12th St., Hood River, OR 97031, or [www.hopemedicalclinic.org](http://www.hopemedicalclinic.org).