

LOCAL BRIEFING

From staff reports

Highways will be closed for parades in Joseph
JOSEPH — A press release from ODOT announced that Oregon highways 82 and 351 will be temporarily closed in Joseph for Chief Joseph Day parades July 27 and 28. Main Street (OR82 and OR351) between Alder Street and Fifth Street in Joseph will be closed between 6 a.m. and 1 p.m. Friday for the Kiddie Parade and Saturday for the Grande Parade. When Main Street in Joseph is closed, southbound traffic should use Maple Street, to Lake Street, to Wallowa Avenue (OR350), to East Street, to OR351. Northbound traffic should reverse this route.

Be on alert for phone scam artist
LA GRANDE — A La Grande woman and the La Grande Police Department want people in the community to be on

the alert for a scam artist. Beverly Kleng said she recently received a call from someone claiming to be her grandson asking for bail money. According to Lt. Gary Bell of the La Grande Police Department, "This is a scam that has been going on for quite awhile now. The idea is to call someone and have them send money to help bail out their family member or loved one. As always, we strongly encourage anyone receiving such a call to hang up and contact their own family to inquire about the accuracy of the story."

Nonprofits, volunteers sought for La Grande Block Party
LA GRANDE — The 23rd annual Celebrate La Grande End of Summer Block Party is set for the evening of Sept. 6 at Max Square, corner of Fourth and Adams. This event offers free hot dogs, soda,

ice cream, music, dancing, fire truck rides and family entertainment. Nonprofit organizations that would like to display their wares and explain their function to the citizens of La Grande are encouraged to contact Haley Hines at 541-786-5285 or haleyhines@eoni.com. Volunteers who would like to pitch in and help set up and tear down Celebrate La Grande, may call or text Dana Wright at 541-786-1041.

Pruning party provides habitat for quail populations
ENTERPRISE — The Wallowa Land Trust is planning a Stewardship Days outing July 27. Volunteers will gather at the Wallowa Land Trust office, 116 S. River St., Enterprise, at 8:30 a.m. and carpool to the Kimball Preserve to prune thick vegetation. The brush that is pruned will provide habitat for local quail

populations. To sign up or for more information, email intern@wallowalandtrust.org, call 541-426-2042 or go to www.wallowalandtrust.org.

ACE schedule, hours not interrupted by roadwork
LA GRANDE — The section of Penn Avenue in front of Art Center East in La Grande is due to be chip sealed this week and patrons may have to park a block or two away. ACE's class schedule and regular gallery hours will stay the same throughout the roadwork. The center's two exhibit galleries and the gift gallery are free and open to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday and from noon to 4 p.m. after the La Grande Farmers Market on Saturdays. The Gift Gallery offers a changing selection of local talent. The community is welcome to stop by to get out of the heat.

Community reception held for EOU Trustees in Joseph
JOSEPH — Mayors, business leaders, local representatives and regional stakeholders will gather with Eastern Oregon University's Board of Trustees July 31 for a community reception in Joseph. According to an EOU press release, following an afternoon of formal meetings, governing board members will assemble at 4:30 p.m. for light refreshments at the Joseph Center for Arts and Culture. Alumni, volunteers, professionals and all community members are invited to the reception, which is part of the board's annual two-day retreat, held in a different regional location each year. For more information about these and other governing board activities, contact Ella Maloy at emaloy@eou.edu or 541-962-4101.

Cove man injured in motorcycle accident
UNION — A Cove man was injured late Friday afternoon in Union when the motorcycle he was riding collided with a pickup truck. The motorcyclist, Gary M. Clement, 72, was transported to Grande Ronde Hospital by ambulance. As of Monday morning, he remains hospitalized in the medical surgical unit. Clement was injured when he made a U-turn without signaling while in front of a truck, according to the Oregon State Police. The truck's driver swerved into the opposite lane to avoid the motorcycle but this did not prevent the truck from impacting the motorcycle. The truck was traveling between 5 and 10 miles per hour, according to the OSP. The accident occurred near the intersection of Highways 203 and 237. The motorcycle was towed from the scene.

More fuel breaks planned to stop NW wildfires

The Associated Press

More fuel breaks are being constructed as part of a plan by federal officials to stop wildfires in southwestern Idaho and southeastern Oregon. The U.S. Bureau of Land Management said workers this month will start thinning or removing vegetation on 448 acres along roadways in Idaho with the intention of reducing flame length and slowing the spread of fast-moving wildfires. Work is expected to go through mid-October. "The strategy of reducing vegetation and breaking up its continuity along established road systems will provide a safer work environment for the wildland firefighting community, resulting in more suppression options in the event of a large fire," said Lance Okeson, BLM acting Owyhee Field Office manager, in a statement. The fuel break project is part of a \$67 million rehabilitation effort following a 2015 wildfire that scorched 436 square miles of sagebrush steppe in Idaho and Oregon that

supports cattle grazing and some 350 species of wildlife, including sage grouse. The project overall will put in fuel breaks on BLM land along 271 miles (436 kilometers) of existing roadways in Idaho and Oregon. In addition to having workers clearing brush in fuel breaks, the agency this spring started using targeted grazing as an experimental technique. Targeted grazing has livestock herds grazing in selected fuel break tracks to thin vegetation. The burned area is also part of a multi-year study examining various rehabilitation efforts. Those efforts could show whether the BLM has the ability to stop the cycle of increasingly destructive wildfires in the Great Basin. Many of those fires have been driven by cheatgrass, an invasive species that uses fire to force out native plants and turn vast areas into monocultures that burn frequently, often in sage grouse habitat.

Florence A. (Scott) Shaffer
 Elgin
 1931-2018
 Florence Anna Shaffer, 86, of Elgin, died July 19 at her residence. A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. July 25 at the Old Baptist/Scott Cemetery on Yarrington Road, Elgin. Casual dress is preferred by the family. Bring your own chair to the cemetery. A potluck will follow at the Elgin Community Center. For potluck information, contact Ione Hobbick at 541-805-0254.

Florence was born Sept. 10, 1931, in Elgin, to Joseph and Ella (Hobbs) Scott. She was raised in Elgin and attended school at Cricket Flats until the eighth grade. She later obtained her GED in Elgin. Florence married Larry Lee Shaffer. She enjoyed crocheting, collecting dishes and raising her family. Florence was a foster home provider and received an award for having the Best Foster Home in Union County. Survivors include her husband, Larry; children, Gary Serrine, Bruce Serrine, Pam Rhines, Glen Serrine, Tonja

Gruise, Terri Sebastian, Tess Wagner, Kirk Shaffer, Bill Shaffer and John Shaffer; sisters and brothers-in-law, Ione and Charlie Hobbick of Elgin, Beverly Jacobs of Arizona, and Alberta and Loren Eckstein of Elgin; brother and sister-in-law, Albert and Maxine Scott of Wallowa; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Ella; brothers, Wesley, Richard, John and Jack; sisters, Cleo, Verna, Ruth, Marie and Thomas Lee, who died shortly after birth. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com.

Kenneth D. Franks
 La Grande
 1945-2018
 Kenneth "Ken" Dee Franks, 73, of La Grande, died July 16 at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center. A viewing will be held from 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. July 25, followed by a funeral service at 10 a.m., at La Grande

Seventh-day Adventist Church. Casual dress is preferred by the family. Known as Ken, he was born April 11, 1945, in Concord, California, to Lynn and Verda Franks. He was raised in Oxnard, California, and attended Hueneme High School, where he met his future wife, Maureen J. Broker. After graduating from high school in 1963, Ken joined the U.S. Marine Corps and served his country for four years. Ken and Maureen were married Aug. 7, 1965. They moved to Coos Bay in 1971 and then to La Grande in 1974. Ken was employed by General Telephone and Verizon. He enjoyed spending time with his family, hunting, fishing, shooting, camping and traveling. He also enjoyed flying and going to air shows, and he built three planes and one helicopter throughout his life. Survivors include his wife, Maureen; sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Toni of Nyssa and Kenny and Lora of Pendleton; brothers, Wayne Franks and Kenny Bush; sisters, Verda MacDonald and Kathy Smith; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lynn and Verda; brothers, Larry Franks and Dennis Bush; and sister, Donna Bush. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

LA GRANDE POLICE DEPARTMENT
 Arrested: Angella Farrell Thamer, 41, Elgin, was arrested on a parole and probation detainer for an alleged parole violation.
 Arrested: Katrina Lynn Andrews, 39, unknown address, was arrested on a charge of fourth-degree assault.
 Arrested: Damian Joseph Hurst, 18, La Grande, was arrested on charges of fourth-degree assault (domestic violence), second-degree disorderly conduct and was cited on a charge of being a minor in possession of alcohol.
 Arrested: Brandon Noel Colton, 40, unknown address, was arrested on a Union County parole and probation detainer.
 Arrested: Ricky Jo Helton, 28, La Grande, was arrested on a charge of trespassing.

UNION COUNTY SHERIFF
 Arrested: Alexandra Cassandra Kathleen Lynn Braatz, 31, Olympia, Washington, was arrested on a warrant charging failure to appear in court on a charge of contempt of court.
 Arrested: Isabelle Marie Sauers, 18, Elgin, was cited on a charge of harassment.
 Accident: Nobody was injured in a traffic accident Sunday at Albany Street and Island Avenue. The accident was reported at 12:14 p.m.
 Arrested: Richard Allen Perry, 53, unknown address, was arrested on a Union County warrant charging failure to appear in court on charges of being a felon in possession of a restricted weapon and carrying a concealed weapon.
 Arrested: A juvenile was arrested on an Ada County

(Idaho) warrant charging failure to appear in court on a charge of larceny.
 Arrested: Kayla Marie Ruth Johnson, 31, unknown address, was arrested on a Union County warrant charging a probation violation. The alleged probation violation was connected to an original charge of contempt of court.
 Arrested: Jacqueline Marie Phillips, 65, unknown address, was arrested on two Clackamas County warrants. One warrant charged distribution of a controlled substance, methamphetamine and a second warrant charged parole absconder.
 Cited: Luis Alberto Ortiz, 28, Cove, was cited on a charge of third-degree criminal mischief.

OREGON STATE POLICE
 Accident: Nobody was injured in a two-vehicle traffic accident Sunday morning on an exit ramp between Interstate 84 and Highway 203. The accident was reported at 10:48 a.m.
 Accident: Nobody was injured in a single-vehicle accident on Interstate 84 in the La Grande area Sunday morning. The accident was reported at 4:38 a.m.

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What's Cooking?
 by Sandy Sorrels of
TEN DEPOT STREET
 Heading in to the last week of July, we have some great entertainment for you at Ten Depot Street along with some delicious food. Speedy Gray and Carter Freeman, both alternative country singer-songwriters from Boise, are playing on Tuesday at Ten Depot Street from 8 until 10. Speedy is lead guitarist for the band *Like a Rocket*. His music is influenced by such musicians as Neil Young, Elvis Costello and Tom Waits. Carter Freeman was born in the deep south and influenced by the local folk, bluegrass, jazz and swing of his roots. With his smoky voice, he evokes the sounds of the past with a fresh and modern twist. Then Thursday, a rather interesting band from Portland called the *Jack Maybe Project* is playing. They specialize in "New Folk, Blues, Jazz, Classical and Experimental." Jack Maybe, who writes the music and

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