

LOCAL BRIEFING

From staff reports

Cove City Council meeting moved to July 31

COVE — The City of Cove's next regular council meeting will be held July 31, rather than Aug. 7. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at Cove City Hall, 504 Alder.

Get your picture taken with an elusive hairy creature

ELGIN — The Eagle Cap Excursion Train has announced that Saturday's Bigfoot train ride may include an opportunity to have your picture taken with the elusive hairy creature. The excursion, which leaves the Elgin Depot at 10 a.m. July 28, will share the mystery of a famous Northwest icon. The day's events will include some fun as well as for serious contemplation and education. Our guest expert on this ride is Scot Violette, Blue Mountain Bigfoot Research, www.squatchoregon.com, headquartered in Baker City. Tickets can be purchased at www.eaglecap-trainrides.com or by calling Alegre Travel at 541-963-9000.

Pioneer Portraits, a photography company in Joseph, will be set up at the depot prior to the train ride, offering photographs for a small fee. Riders may choose a costume if they like and have their photo taken beside the train, and possibly with a mythical character, as the perfect souvenir of the day's ride ride.

Open flame restrictions increase

LA GRANDE — The City of La Grande Parks & Recreation Department announced that as of July 24, all fires are banned at Morgan Lake due to high fire danger. For more information, call the department at 541-962-1352.

On July 19, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department prohibited all campfires and open flames in all state park properties in response to Gov. Kate Brown's declaration of a fire emergency. The campfire and open flame ban includes campgrounds, day-use areas and all areas of the Ocean Shore and beaches managed by OPRD. The fire ban applies to wood, charcoal

and other flame sources that cannot be turned off with a valve. Liquid fuel stoves or cooking devices that can be turned off with a valve are permitted, but cannot be left unattended.

The OPRD fire ban is expected to last at least one week and will be evaluated based on weather, resource conditions and input from Oregon Department of Forestry and other state and local fire officials.

Huckleberry Festival includes annual run/walk

NORTH POWDER — The fourth annual Huckleberry Festival Run/Walk and Duathlon in North Powder is set for July 28. There will be a one-mile, 5K, 10K and a duathlon (12-mile bike ride and 5K run). Every participant will receive a T-shirt. Cost for the 1-mile is \$10, and the 5K and 10K are each \$20. For the duathlon, individuals pay \$45 and teams of two participate for \$40 each total. Children age 12 and younger are \$10 for the 1-mile, 5K or 10K and \$20 for the duathlon. All races originate and end



Max Denning /The Observer

A fire reported Wednesday morning turned into a personnel request for all Union County fire departments at the Boise Cascade particleboard plant in Island City. Dispatch did not have a call out for a structure fire, but the firefighters were requesting equipment and manpower. Early reports of the fire showed no visible flames.

at the North Powder Fire Station.

The duathlon begins at 8 a.m., followed by the 10K at 8:10 a.m. and the 5K and one-mile at 8:20 a.m.

ACE sponsors awards at the Union County Fair

LA GRANDE — Art Center East is sponsoring awards at the Union County Fair for writing, artwork or craft submissions. ACE focuses on

culture, heritage and the arts with a bent toward out-of-the-box thinking, and these three awards were designed to reflect these values.

• Creative Expression of Community & Culture: awarded to an entry that celebrates who you are and/or how your community has impacted to you.

• Creative Expression of History & Heritage: awarded to an entry that creatively explores where you come from

and what it means to you.

• Creative Expression of the Arts: awarded to an entry that uses its chosen medium in a skillful and unique way.

Each award comes with a \$25 gift card good for classes and gift gallery purchases at Art Center East. Entries must be submitted at the Union County Fairgrounds July 28-30.

See the Fair Book (available at the library) for specific dates and times for your entry.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

LA GRANDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Arrested: Timothy Andrew Gust, 36, unknown address, was arrested by the Salem Police Department on two Union County warrants. One warrant charged failure to appear in court on an original charge of driving under the influence of intoxicants and a second warrant charged failure to appear in court on an original charge of harassment.

Public Safety Report

The Public Safety Report is compiled from police blotter information supplied by local law enforcement agencies and fire department reports. Individuals named as arrested and/or charged with crimes in this report are presumed innocent until proved guilty in a court of law.

Arrested: Jacob Daniel Powell, 21, unknown address, was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct, interfering with a

peace office and resisting arrest. **UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE** Arrested: Emily Elanie Hansen,

33, unknown address, was arrested on a Baker County Sheriff's Office warrant charging failure to appear in court on an original charge of second-degree theft.

Arrested: Micah Paul West, 19, unknown address, was arrested by Oregon Youth Authority on a Union County Circuit Court warrant on charges of first-degree escape and second-degree escape.

OREGON STATE POLICE

Arrested: Matthew Ray Barrett,

30, Gold Beach, was arrested on charges of driving under the influence of intoxicants (controlled substances) and fourth-degree assault.

Arrested: Carrie Mae Stark-weather, 31, unknown address, was arrested on a charge of having an open container of alcohol.

Arrested: Jonathan Sam Claw, 52, Apache, Arizona, was arrested on a warrant out of Apache County (Arizona) on charges of probation violation connected to an original charge of aggravated

driving under the influence of intoxicants.

Arrested: Andre St. Anthony Sinclair, 53, Little, Elm, Texas, was arrested on a charge of reckless driving.

LA GRANDE FIRE DEPARTMENT

La Grande Fire Department responded to eight calls for medical on Monday and five calls for medical on Tuesday.

OBITUARIES

Gary McFetridge

Joseph

Gary McFetridge, 83, of Joseph, died July 22 at Providence St. Mary Medical Center in Walla Walla, Washington. A memorial service will be held at a later date, Bollman Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements.

Harold V. Hall

Union

Harold Vernon Hall, 94, of Union, died July 17 at his home. A graveside memo-

Local funerals and visitations

The Observer publishes obituaries that conform to its obituary policy at no cost. Obituaries must be under 450 words and are edited for newspaper style. Paid advertising space is also available for those who want additional information included. For more information, call The Observer at 541-963-3161.



rial service will be held at 11 a.m. Aug. 4 at the Union Cemetery. An obituary is forthcoming. Arrangements are entrusted to Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebra-

tion Center.

Patricia J. Owens

Elgin

Patricia J. Owens, 65, of Elgin, died July 22 at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Lewiston, Idaho.

An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

Claudia Mead

Enterprise

Claudia Mead, 63, of Enterprise, died June 29 at Wallowa Memorial Hospital. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. July 28 at the Abundant Life Church with private interment at Joseph Cemetery. An obituary is forthcoming. Arrangements are entrusted to Bollman Funeral Home.

Springfield police euthanize cougar sighted in backyard

Police enlist help of local big game tracker and his dog

The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD—Oregon police said they shot a cougar that was seen inside a fenced backyard stalking children while they were playing in a swimming pool.

Springfield police Lt. Scott McKee said they used a dog to track the cougar.

The dog chased the cougar up two trees where it was shot and killed.

Police said they decided to put down the 2-year-old, 70-pound (32-kilogram) cougar after the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife concluded that it was the only safe option.

Springfield police believe it was the same cat that was sighted on Sunday.

The animal's body was taken to the fish and wildlife department for a necropsy, or autopsy for animals, to determine if

it was in the area because it was sick or in search of prey.

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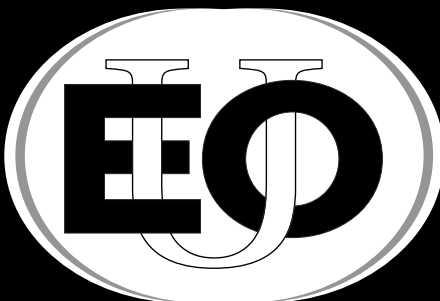
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