

LOCAL BRIEFING

From staff reports

Ceremony marks return of land to Nez Perce

JOSEPH — For more than 90 years, the Oregon-Idaho Conference of The United Methodist Church has owned the Wallowa Lake Camp just outside of Joseph. The camp encompasses 52 acres, including 1.5 acres of Wallowa river property with the potential to be restored as sockeye salmon spawning habitat. Beginning at 1 p.m. Aug. 1, tribal leaders will join with United Methodist officials to celebrate the return of this 1.5 acres of land to the Nez Perce Tribe by transferring the property deed. The celebration will also include symbolic gestures of return, prayer, music and storytelling.

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Union County Fair open to public Wednesday

LA GRANDE — The Union County Fair is in full swing this week. Wednesday through Saturday, gates open to the public at 8 a.m. and the exhibits open at 10 a.m. The carnival is open from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. Parking is free. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for kids age 7-17, and \$5 for veterans (with I.D.). Season passes are also available. A "Welcome Wednesday" discount of \$1 on admission will be given at the gate. Thursday is family and senior day, offering free admission to fair-goers younger than 6 and older than 60. A free breakfast will be served to seniors from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

For the family, a talent show begins at 4 p.m. and "mutton bustin'" begins at 6 p.m. at the Mavericks arena. The fair parade will take place at 6 p.m. Friday in downtown La Grande. A full schedule of events and exhibits is available at www.unioncountyfair.org.

Vehicle crashes through building, nobody hurt

LA GRANDE — Nobody was injured early Saturday evening when a vehicle crashed through the Ed Staub and Sons building at 10502 W. First Street in Island City.

The building was vacant at the time of the accident in which the vehicle went through a wall, according to the Union County Sheriff's Office. The driver of the vehicle Kade William Kirschner, 26, of La Grande was arrested by the Union County Sheriff's Office on charges of driving under the influence of

intoxicants, (drugs) and reckless driving. Kirschner was driving a 2001 Mercedes Sports Utility Vehicle. Kirschner did not have a passenger in his vehicle. The accident was reported at 6:03 p.m.

Wallowology offers free summer activities

JOSEPH — The Wallowology Natural History Discovery Center, 508 N. Main St., Joseph, is hosting free weekly activities through September. On Tuesdays, all ages are welcome to curl up in the giant bird's nest at 1:30 p.m. for Twigs & Tales Story Hour. Nature Journaling is open to all at 1:30 p.m. Thursdays. Join illustrator Judy Goodman and "draw on nature."

Discovery Walks continue this summer as well. To join a free, two-hour family-friendly stroll and explore the natural world, meet at 3:30 p.m. Wednes-

day or 9:30 a.m. Sunday at the Wallowa Lake Lodge. On Fridays, meet at Wallowology at 10 a.m.

Political groups host fair booths, plan meetings

LA GRANDE — The Union County Democrats will hold their next meeting at 6 p.m. Aug. 1 at the group's booth at the Union County Fair. Topics of discussion will include the upcoming election and Jamie McLeod-Skinner's campaign. On Thursday, the Union County Republicans will meet at their booth at noon for a short meeting.

Registration is open for free computer classes

LA GRANDE — WorkSource La Grande's Training & Employment Consortium, 1901 Adams Ave., is offering a series of free computer instruction in August and September.

• QuickBooks (four-day class), Aug. 16, 21, 22 and 23

• Introduction to Word (one-day class), Aug. 28

• Intermediate Word (four-day class), Aug. 29 and 30, Sept. 4 and 5

All classes are open to the public. Classes run from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on the above dates. Auxiliary aids and services are available to persons with disabilities upon request. For more information or to register, call Glenna at 541-963-7111, ext. 248.

Public invited to weekly bingo

LA GRANDE — American Legion Post #43 in La Grande hosts bingo every Thursday evening at the Legion Hall, 301 Fir St. The games are open to the public and are cash only. Early-bird games begin at 6 p.m. and regular games go from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Gary M. McFetridge

Joseph 1924-2018

Gary M. McFetridge, 83, of Joseph, died July 22 in Walla Walla, Washington.

A graveside service with military honors will be held at 11 a.m. Aug. 4, at the Joseph Cemetery, followed by a celebration of his life and

potluck at 1 p.m. at the VFW Hall in Enterprise. Bollman Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements.

Gary was born Dec. 10, 1934, in Lewiston, Idaho, to Mike and Joyce (Clark) McFetridge. He traveled doing construction and logging throughout the states, but his permanent residence was in Joseph. He married Gayle Cornwell and later married Glenda Yeoman. Gary served in the U.S. Air Force as a jet mechanic for four years and was honorably discharged in 1963.

Gary loved hunting, fishing and doing various projects around the home. According to his family, he always helped others when in need and enjoyed

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keeping his everyone entertained with his sense of humor.

Gary was a volunteer fireman for Enterprise for many years. He also served as a county commissioner and was a member of the Elks.

Survivors include his wife, Glenda of Joseph; children, Tim of Pendleton, Koni Duggan of Montrose, Colorado, and Donna Howerton and husband, Rick, of Walla Walla; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and

sister, Jacqueline Goodman. Memorial contributions may be made to the VFW.

Nadine Henry

LA GRANDE Nadine Henry, 85, of La Grande, died Feb. 27 at Wildflower Lodge. A graveside service will begin at 11 a.m. Aug. 4 at the Enterprise Cemetery, followed by a BBQ and further celebration of Nadine's life at the Wallowa Lake picnic area. Arrangements are under the direction of Daniels~Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center.

Phyllis R. Baker

Formerly of La Grande Phyllis R. Baker, 82, formerly of La Grande, died July 25 in Salem. An obituary is forthcoming. Arrangements are entrusted to Mountain View-Colonial DeWitt Funeral Home of Walla Walla, Washington.

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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

LA GRANDE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The La Grande Fire Department responded to nine calls for medical and one fire alarm on Friday, seven calls for medical and a smoke alarm on Saturday and 16 calls for medical and a gas explosion on Sunday.

LA GRANDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Arrested: Justin Isaac Hug, 27, unknown address, was

arrested on a Union County warrant on charges of endangering the welfare of minor, two counts.

Arrested: Mykel Hansell, 33, unknown address, was arrested on a Union County warrant on a charge of a probation violation. The alleged probation violation was connected to an original charge of contempt of court.

Accident: Nobody was injured a traffic accident Friday on Island Avenue in La Grande. The accident was reported at 12:31 p.m.

Accident: Nobody was injured in an accident at Adams Avenue and Depot Street Friday afternoon. The accident was reported at 1:09 p.m.

Arrested: Trevor Alan Nichols, 21, a transient, was arrested on a charge of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

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Arrested: Brandon Robert Radle, 30, unknown address, was arrested by the Baker City Police Department on a Union County warrant charging failure to appear in court on an original charge of driving under the influence of intoxicants.

Arrested: Christopher Lee Cox, 37, La Grande, was arrested on a parole and probation detainer.

Arrested: William Troy Mitchell, 37, unknown address, was arrested on a Union County parole warrant.

Accident: At least one person was injured in a traffic accident

Saturday on First Street in Island City. The accident was reported 6:03 p.m.

Arrested: Seth Allen Goodwin, 26, unknown address, was arrested on a Linn County warrant on a charge of contempt of court.

Accident: Nobody was injured in a traffic accident in a parking area along Highway 203 Friday. The accident was reported at 6:33 p.m.

Arrested: Drew Foster Webb, 26, unknown address, was arrested on a felony Thurston County (Washington) warrant on a charge of failure to appear in court on charges of second-degree malicious mischief, domestic violence and bail jumping.

Arrested: Carl Alan Parker, 61, Cove, was cited on a charge of harassment.

Arrested: Matthew John Smith, 28, a New York resident, was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence of intoxicants.

BIRTHS

GRANDE RONDE HOSPITAL

ALLEY: To Sherrée Danielle Alley and Brett Michael Alley of La Grande, a daughter, Tegan Ann Alley, 7 pounds 10 ounces, July 14 at 12:06 p.m. Grandparents are Rusty and Jill Wright, Mike and Mindy Alley and Russ and Pam Powell.

CAMPBELL: To Alexis Campbell and Christopher Campbell of La Grande, a son, Jackson Campbell, 7 pounds 13 ounces, June 21 at 2:33 p.m.

CAROLLO: To Brianna Kay Carollo and Paul Joseph Carollo of La Grande, a daughter, Freyja Jane Carollo, 7 pounds 5 ounces, June 11 at 9:25 p.m.

COEN: To Hannah Marie Hatley and Samuel Duane Coen of La Grande, a daughter, Adalynn Marie Coen, 8 pounds 9 ounces, June 21 at 6:27 a.m. Grandparents are Jake Hatley, Katie Barnes, Dawn Coen and Zan Coen.

DeJONG: To Kelsey Marie DeJong of La Grande, a daughter, Raegan Amiyah Marie DeJong, 8 pounds 4 ounces, July 11 at 9:34 p.m. Grandmother is Anna DeJong.

GARRISON: To Natalia Belyayeva Garrison and Perry Allen Brian Garrison of La Grande, a daughter, Taisiya Belyayeva Garrison, 8 pounds 5 ounces, July 15 at 10:40 p.m. Grandparents are Matt Cooper, Sharon Porter, Tom and Lynn Straudberg, Theresa and Jason Gates and Gary Webb.

GLABE: To Erin Elizabeth Glabe and David Kristopher Glabe of La Grande, a daughter, Alina Elizabeth Glabe, 7 pounds 9 ounces,

June 26 at 2:01 a.m. Grandparents are Donald and Renae Shurtz, Melonye Shurtz (deceased) and Larry and Sue Ann Glabe.

GRAY: To Kali Gray and Justus Gray of La Grande, a son, Branson Con Gray, 7 pounds 13 ounces, June 8 at 2:32 p.m.

HALEY: To Kathryn Sara Kunkel and Ryan Tucker Haley of La Grande, a son, Tucker Lynn Haley, 7 pounds 15.8 ounces, June 11 at 10:35 p.m. Grandparents are Cris Haley, Marilyn Haley and Shirley Kunkel.

IMMOOS: To Kayla M. Immoos and Steven M. Immoos of La Grande, a daughter, Sophie Olive Immoos, 7 pounds 2 ounces, May 23 at 8:20 a.m.

JUNIPER: To Kiley Juniper and Jared Juniper of Summerville, a son, John Roy Juniper, 6 pounds 15 ounces, July 17 at 1:20 p.m. Grandparents are Teressa and John Dewey, Troy Juniper and Naomi Juniper.

KAI: To April Ann Kai and Cody Scott Kai of Elgin, a daughter, Kenzley Kai, 8 pounds 15 ounces, June 27 at 8:21 a.m. Grandparents are Scott and Colleen Kai and Debbie and Lloyd Farthing.

KNIERIEM: To Kaylee Knieriem and Harold Knieriem of La Grande, a daughter, Emelia Mae, 8 pounds 2 ounces, July 11 at 8:22 a.m.

LAWSON: To Michelle Lawson and Russell Lawson of Elgin, a son, Colton Michael Lawson, 7 pounds 2 ounces, July 11 at 11:16 p.m. Grandparents are Michael Cooper, Melissa Cooper, Terry Lawson and Julie Johnson.

What's Cooking? by Sandy Sorrels of TEN DEPOT STREET

July is almost over and we have been blessed with beautiful sunny weather, despite of the fires in other parts of the state. Hopefully we will be able to set up our outside tables this week for dining on the street. We also have some fun activities this week, all on Thursday.

Thursday we have a band from Baker City called the Channel Cats, playing. These guys are great. Specializing in blues, soul, and rock and roll, the band has been entertaining audiences since the late 80's, bringing years of musical experience to each performance. Playing music spanning the last forty years, they guarantee to keep the crowds dancing by "always keeping one foot in the blues!" The music starts at 8:00.

And also on Thursday we are having a wine tasting dinner featuring the wines of Seven Hills Winery, before

the band starts playing. This is the only tasting that we plan to do on Thursday. The winery could not send a representative for a Wednesday session, so we adjusted our schedule.

The Seven Hills Winery is one of the oldest in the Walla Walla Valley, originally starting in Milton-Firewater. We have had their higher end wines on our list for a long time at Ten Depot Street. This is a chance to taste and compare. A menu is posted at the restaurant. Cost is \$30 per person for the wines and food pairings. Reservations can be made for the wine tasting from 5:30 to 7:00. Call 541 963-8766.

We plan to have both fresh halibut and fresh salmon on the menu Friday and Saturday. And try our Blue Plate Special this week. It works great for take-out, on a hot summer night when you don't want to cook.

BLUE PLATE SPECIAL \$10.95 Grilled Coconut Chicken Thighs, sticky rice, Hawaiian cabbage salad, bread (served Monday through Friday)

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