

# LOCAL BRIEFING

From staff reports

## Oregon Ag Director tours NE counties

SALEM — Oregon Department of Agriculture Director Alexis Taylor is traveling to parts of Northeast Oregon this week as part of her ongoing regional tour of the state. She will begin her face-to-face meetings in Baker County then travel to Union and Umatilla Counties. During her trip she will focus on the changing needs of Oregon's diverse agricultural and food sectors and meet with brewers, ranchers, educators, county commissioners, agricultural business members and extension agents.

"To best serve our industry we need to understand the changing needs," Taylor said. "We want to provide the support and expertise necessary to ensure success for the producers who are leading Oregon to a

stronger economy."

In Baker City, Taylor will visit Gold Rush Malt LLC today and will attend a roundtable meeting at the Harrell Hereford Ranch Thursday. Also on Thursday, she will visit Beef Northwest in North Powder, Beck's Ranch in Cove and Eastern Oregon University in La Grande. On Friday, the tour goes to Pendleton for visits to CTUIR Tribal Farm Enterprise and the Duke Joseph Agency. For more information, contact Andrea Cantu-Schomus at 503-881-9049 or acantu.schomus@oda.state.or.us.

## Wallowa County Commissioners consider lodging tax

ENTERPRISE — The Wallowa County Board of Commissioners will meet for a special session beginning at 2:30 p.m. Aug. 16

in the Thornton Conference Room of the Wallowa County Courthouse in Enterprise. The commissioners will review and consider approval of an order placing the transient lodging tax measure on the November 2018 ballot. This meeting is open to the public.

## Union County Extension welcomes new regional director

ISLAND CITY — The Union County Extension Office is hosting a "meet and greet" luncheon to welcome the new Eastern Oregon Regional Director, Natalie Kinion, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 21 in conference room at the Union County 4-H & Extension Education Center, 10507 N. McAlister Road, Island City. Kinion, who began her new position July 23, will

be overseeing the county extension offices in Umatilla, Wallowa, Union, Baker, Grant, Harney and Malheur counties. RSVP for lunch by calling 541-963-1010.

## OTEC presents energy efficiency classes

LA GRANDE — According to a press release, Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative is committed to helping member-owners improve the energy consumption in their home. With that goal in mind, the Baker City-based utility is hosting a series of free Energy 101 classes in the cooperative's district offices. The Union County class is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Aug. 30 in the La Grande office, 2408 Cove Ave.

The approximately hour-long classes are designed to help members learn about

how to use electricity efficiently in their homes and provides a chance to ask specific questions about their unique situations. To reserve your seat or for more information, contact the OTEC La Grande office at 541-963-3155.

## Nominations accepted for fall beautification awards

LA GRANDE — The City of La Grande Community Landscape and Forestry Commission recognizes efforts to maintain and improve the beauty of La Grande's environment through outstanding landscape maintenance and design. Seasonal awards are given to residential and commercial properties that have been carefully landscaped and attract the viewer. Nomination forms for the fall awards

are available at the Parks and Recreation Department, 2402 Cedar St. and at [www.lagrandeparks.org](http://www.lagrandeparks.org). The nomination deadline for the fall awards is Oct. 1.

## Bus service offered to volunteer banquet

WALLOWA COUNTY — All are invited to join Community Connection of Wallowa County for an evening honoring the community's volunteers Aug. 23 at the Wallowa Senior Center. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. and will include dinner and prizes. A bus service is available from Enterprise to Wallowa at 4:45 p.m. To sign up for this service, call 541-426-3840.



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## Melvin Pointer

La Grande

Melvin "Mel" Earl Pointer, 71, of La Grande, died July 13 at his residence. A celebration of his life will be held at 11 a.m. Aug. 18 at the La Grande Church of the Nazarene. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory is handling the arrangements.

## Earle W. Schofield

La Grande  
1918-2018

Earle W. Schofield, 100, formerly of Yakima, Washington, died Aug. 11 at a care facility in La Grande. A private burial will take place at Terrace Heights Memorial Park in Yakima. Arrangements are entrusted to Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center.

Earle was born Feb. 18, 1918, in Glee, Washington, to Glenn and Eve (Lipke) Schofield. He attended schools in Yakima. In 1938, Earle married Hazel Thierolf.

Earle worked as a meat cutter and was a small orchardist with mostly cherries. His family says he was a hard worker who enjoyed taking care of the orchard. He was a member of the West Valley Bible Church in Yakima.

Hazel passed away in 1999, and Earle moved to La Grande in 2002 to be near his daughter. He attended the La Grande Church of the Nazarene.

Survivors include his daughter, Patricia Brooks of

La Grande; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Hazel; son, Richard Schofield; a brother and a sister; and a son-in-law, Grover Brooks.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.danielsknopp@gmail.com](http://www.danielsknopp@gmail.com).

## Jack A. Cassity Jr.

La Grande  
1949-2018

Jack Angus Cassity Jr., 68, of La Grande, died Aug. 11 at his residence. A graveside

service will be held at 10 a.m. Aug. 18 at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Baker City.

A memorial service will follow at 1 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Island City.

Jack was born Aug. 23, 1949, in Nampa, Idaho, to Jack Sr. and Frances (Hiaring) Cassity. He resided in Texas, Hawaii, Germany, Idaho, Union, Sumpter and La Grande. Jack attended Nampa High School and graduated from Boise High School. He later attended Boise State and Eastern Washington University. Jack served in the U.S. Navy and U.S. Army. He was married to Sharon Sconiers for 47 years.

Jack was employed as an R.N., a truck driver and the facility manager for the National Guard Armory Maintenance. He enjoyed

painting, fishing, riding motorcycles, playing guitar and making furniture. He was a backyard mechanic and also enjoyed football and skiing. Jack was a member of the American Legion and AMAC and served as the Ward Clerk at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Survivors include his wife, Sharon; children and their spouses, Kristina and Bob of Boise, Idaho, Tom and Cori of Twin Falls, Idaho, and James and Jessica of Union; brothers, Christopher Cassity and his wife, Diane, of Kentucky and Phillip Cassity of La Grande; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jack Sr. and Frances, and sister, Norma Anderson.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com](http://www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com).

## Lila M. 'Peggy' Clayville

La Grande  
1924-2018

Lila Margaret "Peggy" Clayville, 93, of La Grande, died Aug. 1 at her residence. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Known as Peggy, she was born Aug. 15, 1924, in Amherst, South Dakota, to Dennis and Zelda (Borchers) Dempsey. She resided in Estacada, Cove and La Grande.

Peggy was married to Robert Aden Clayville for 72 years.

Peggy and Robert owned a funeral home in Estacada for 30 years. After her retirement from the funeral business, she owned a residential care home in Loma Linda, California. Her family, friends and her church were her life. She was an active member of the Cove Seventh-day Adventist Church.

According to her family, Peggy was fun-loving, outgoing and vivacious. Her motto was "the more the merrier" when it came to family and friends getting together. She especially loved babies and children. Many of her photos have her holding and kissing her grandchildren or great-grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband, Robert "Bob" Clayville; children, Dennis Clayville and his wife, Linda, of La Grande, Diane Wells of Lewiston, Idaho, and Don Clayville of Moses Lake, Washington; brother and sister-in-law, Charles and Candy Dempsey of Gresham; nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; and 11 nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dennis and Zelda; son, Douglas Clayville; sister, Doris Jean Teske; and brother, Don Dempsey.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Cove Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com](http://www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com).

## Clyde W. Adams

Enterprise

Clyde W. Adams, 87, of Enterprise, died Aug. 9 at Wallowa Memorial Hospital. An obituary is forthcoming. Arrangements are entrusted to Bollman Funeral Home.

## Sharon Marie (Wagoner) Coalwell

November 2, 1943 - August 3, 2018



Sharon Marie (Wagoner) Coalwell 74, passed away Friday August 3rd, 2018 in her home in Billings, MT. Funeral arrangements have been made by Smith Funeral Chapels in Billings, MT. A viewing will be held at Smith West Chapel 304 34th Street West Billings, MT 59102, Friday August 17th, from 6:00-8:00

PM. The funeral service will be at the Sweetgrass LDS chapel on Saturday August 18th at 11:00 AM with a public viewing from 10:00-11:00 AM that morning. There will be a viewing in La Grande, Oregon on Monday August 20th 6:00-8:00 PM at Loveland Funeral home. A graveside service will be held at Hillcrest Cemetery August 21st at 11:00 AM with arrangements handled through Loveland Funeral Chapel.

Sharon was born Nov 2, 1943 in La Grande, Oregon to Cub and Marjorie Wagoner. She attended La Grande schools and graduated from La Grande High School in 1961. She graduated beauty college in 1963. On December 6, 1963, Sharon married Victor H. Coalwell in the Salt Lake Temple. They were the parents of five children.

Sharon was an active member of the church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints her entire life and served in Primary, Young Women's, Relief Society and Stake Young Women's presidencies. She loved working with the youth and helped with the church girls camp for over thirty years. She was a partner and manager of The La Grande Retirement Center for twenty-five years and was greatly loved by her tenants and enjoyed her job. She served as a sorority mom to many girls at the college and fill in mother to countless others. Holidays and family reunions were her favorite times as her family was around her. She loved making cookies for, and telling stories to her grandchildren. She spent her life in the service of others. In her last years after her health failed, she moved to Billings, MT where she also served in the temple for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

She'll be remembered as a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, sister-in-law, and friend, always willing to help others. She loved her family, brothers, sisters-in-laws and friends and was close to each one. They knew she loved them!

She is survived by: her five children, Brian V. Coalwell of Las Vegas NV, David A. Coalwell (Jennifer) of Orem, UT, Scott P. Coalwell of Las Vegas, NV, Robin L. Sears (Scott) of Billings, MT, Amy M. Roseborough (Todd) of Baker City, OR, thirteen grandchildren, four great grandchildren and her three brothers, Loren Wagoner (Kristi), Darrell Wagoner (Sis), Bob Wagoner (Marilyn) and many aunts, uncles and friends. She was preceded in Death by her husband Victor, her parents Cub and Marjorie Wagoner and her brother Danny Wagoner.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com](http://www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com).

## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

### LA GRANDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Arrested: Harry William Minich Jr., 42, unknown address, was arrested on a Union County warrant on a charge of failure to appear in court on a charge of first-degree criminal trespassing.

Accident: Nobody was injured in a traffic accident on Adams Avenue Monday evening. The accident was reported at 7:17 p.m.

Cited: Justus McShane Even, 18, Enterprise, was cited on a charge of being a minor in possession of alcohol.

Cited: A Wallowa County juvenile was cited on a charge of being a minor in possession of alcohol.

### UNION COUNTY SHERIFF

Accident: Nobody was injured in a traffic accident Tuesday

morning at McAlister Road and Highway 82. The accident was reported at 7:07 a.m.

Arrested: Lori Jean Moore, 45, unknown address and, Craig W. Dooley, 45, unknown address, were each arrested on a charge of third-degree theft.

Accident: Nobody was injured in a two-vehicle traffic accident at Airport Lane and Downs Road Tuesday morning. The accident was reported at 7:58 a.m.

Arrested: Tara Lynn Corbin, 47, Portland, was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence of intoxicants.

### LA GRANDE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The La Grande Fire Department responded to 14 calls for medical assistance on Monday and six on Tuesday.

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