

LOCAL BRIEFING

From staff reports

Hurricane Creek construction begins this week

JOSEPH, ENTERPRISE — The Wallowa County Road Department will be fog sealing Hurricane Creek Road from Joseph to Enterprise Aug. 22-23. The construction will begin in Joseph on Wednesday at approximately 9 a.m. Motorists should expect delays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days and are requested to use alternate routes when possible.

Public welcome at Imbler School Board meeting

IMBLER — The Imbler School District Board of Directors will meet for a regular session at 7 p.m. Aug. 21 in Room 1 of the high school. The public is welcome to attend all open sessions of the Imbler School Board.

Northeast Oregon Public Transit asks for public input

UNION COUNTY — Northeast Oregon Public Transit will be holding a series of public meetings in to gather input on how the payroll tax funds earmarked for public transportation enhancements

should be spent in Union County. A meeting will be held at Union City Hall, 342 S. Main St., on Aug. 21, followed by a meeting at Summerville City Hall, 301 Main St., on Aug. 22 and at Imbler High School, Sixth and Esther Avenue, on Aug. 23. A final meeting is scheduled for Sept. 5 at the Cove High School, 803 Main St. Each meeting begins at 6 p.m. For more information, contact Angie Peters, Public Transit Manager, at 541-963-2877.

Island City seeks public input on Greenway 'Option A'

ISLAND CITY — The City of Island City will have a special council meeting at 7 p.m. Aug. 21 for the intent of gathering public comment on "Option A" for the Greenway route. Referred to as the "Funding Application Route," this route begins at the end of the trail near May Lane at Riverside Park, travels east along the river until it connects to at least three private properties. The trail will contact at least one private property and then potentially skirt other properties along the river using a boardwalk. The public is invited to share their

ideas and concerns and ask questions about this proposed route. The other two proposed routes will be covered in public hearings scheduled for Aug. 28 and Sept. 6.

Blood pressure clinics offered at Joe Beans

LA GRANDE — Joe Beans, 1009 Adams Ave., La Grande, is offering a blood pressure clinic Aug. 21 and 28 and every Tuesday in September from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. For more information, contact, Sherry Haeger of Heart 'n Home Hospice & Palliative Care, at 541-624-5800.

LHS class of '63 searches for classmates

LA GRANDE — The La Grande High School class of 1963 is looking for contact information for the following classmates for the 55th class reunion planned for Aug. 25: Richard Brown, Dale Byers, Richard Clark, Judy Clyde Geier, Sharon Davis Peterson, Jack Deertardt, Betty Dixon Chase, John Comstock, Sheila Hayter Larkin, Georgia Hempe Arbogast, Michael D. Johnson, James Kemp, Virginia Knight, Teresa Masalta Harris, Marian

McIntosh Pittser, Daryl Reavis, Sandra Roberts McGrath, Sharel Steward Houston, Judy Stumpenhous, Kay Willey, Eugene Williams. Please call 541-963-2886 with any contact information.

Help place bird nesting boxes

ENTERPRISE — The Wallowa Land Trust invites the public to join in Bird Box Stewardship Day Aug. 24. Volunteers will leave at 8:30 a.m. from the Land Trust's office, 116 S. River St., Enterprise, and carpool to the back of the East Moraine to place nesting boxes. A variety of bird species make the moraines their home. Email eric@

wallowalandtrust.org or call 541-426-2042 with questions and to RSVP.

Automated text message system designed for vets

Effective May 15, all veterans receiving their health care at any of Walla Walla VA Medical Center's clinic locations have the option to receive VEText appointment reminders. The Veterans Health Administration created VEText, which also gives vets a quick and easy way to confirm and/or cancel appointments. Every enrolled veteran with a cellphone number listed in his or her health record is automatically enrolled in the program. VEText

works for VA health care appointments only, and the text messages will not currently replace the letters and automated phone calls vets already receive for appointment reminders. For a preview of the VEText messaging, text the word DEMO to 909-245-9443.

Do you know about Oregon's extinct giant salmon?

JOSEPH — Wallowology is hosting a free evening lecture at 7 p.m. Aug. 23. Edward Davis, PhD, will present "Fanged Fishosaurus: Oregon's Extinct Giant Salmon." Davis, a professor of Earth sciences, is the University of Oregon Curator of Fossil Collections.

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Early morning lightning strikes ignite small fires in local counties

Observer Staff

Lightning strikes early this morning ignited one small fire in Union County and seven small blazes in Wallowa County according to the Blue Mountain Interagency Dispatch Center.

All of the blazes are less than a quarter of an acre and are being fought by Oregon Department of Forest and U.S. Forest Service firefighters.

The Union County fire is

two miles west of Elgin and is less than one tenth of an acre.

The majority of the Wallowa County fires are in the Flora area near the Grande Ronde River. None of the seven fires poses a long-term threat to communities.

The strikes also ignited a 75-acre blaze in Umatilla County north of Pilot Rock. Firefighters now have a line around the blaze.

On Sunday, a lightning

strike started a small blaze in the Hells Canyon Recreation Area Sunday morning. Smokejumpers were used to combat the fire, which was less than one tenth of an acre. The fire was reported at 8:44 a.m.

The heavy smoke in the Grande Ronde Valley today is primarily from wildfires in Washington and British Columbia, according to the Blue Mountain Interagency Dispatch Center.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

LA GRANDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Arrested: Alvin R. Ermwalu, 32, La Grande, was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence of intoxicants.

UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Accident: Nobody was injured

in a traffic accident in Island City on Island Avenue Friday afternoon. The accident was reported at 12:58 p.m.

LA GRANDE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The La Grande Fire Department responded to eight calls for medical on Friday, eight calls for medical on Saturday and six calls for medical on Sunday.

OBITUARIES

Rebecca A. Scott

Elgin

Rebecca A. Scott, 75, of Elgin, died Aug. 17 at her home. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

Harry "Jack" Harmon, 98

April 15, 1920 - July 25, 2018

Harry "Jack" Harmon, 98, of La Grande, passed away on Wednesday, July 25, 2018 at his residence. A Graveside Service will be held at the Enterprise Cemetery, on Saturday, August 25, 2018 at 10:00AM. Casual dress is preferred by the family.

Jack was born on April 15, 1920 in his parent's farmhouse in Leap, Oregon to Harry and Anna (Petit) Harmon. He lived in Joseph, Enterprise, La Grande and Wallowa Lake, Oregon. He wintered in Yuma, AZ after retirement. Jack rode his horse to school in the Chapman District at Leap, Oregon. He attended 4-H Summer School in 1932 for 2 weeks in Corvallis, Oregon and graduated Enterprise High School in 1936 at the age of 16. He was married to Maxine Elizabeth McClain on March 16, 1941. Jack enlisted in the US Army in September of 1943 and served in the 6th Infantry Division during World War II. He traveled aboard ship to Australia, New Guinea, The Philippines and later to Korea. He survived several beach landings in New Guinea. One of the many life-changing experiences during the war he recalled was the participation of his outfit in the liberation of nearly 500 American Prisoners of War at the Cabanatuan prison camp. He returned home to Maxine and baby Joan the day before Christmas, 1945.

In 1936, Jack worked on a contract with his friend Henry Locke placing lath in the old EM & M building on Main St in Enterprise while it was being renovated into apartments. He made \$.25 per bundle. He also worked for Bunting Tractor Company, First National Bank of Oregon, Mutch Motors, Mutch-Harmon Motors, Harmon Motors, Enterprise, Harmon Motors La Grande, First State Bank of Elgin. He retired to Wallowa Lake in 1987. Jack was an avid reader, sports fan from high school sports to professional sports; especially baseball. He loved gardening and raising tomatoes and mowed miles and miles of lawn at Wallowa Lake. He was a very adept card player who studied and enjoyed playing bridge with his wife Maxine as well as reigning over wild cribbage tournaments with his family and friends. Jack spent many happy years working with the players for the Shrine East-West Football Game, while they trained at E.O.U.

Jack was awarded and recognized for Wallowa County Jaycees "First Citizen" Award in 1951 for distinguished service to his community and county including Wallowa County Softball Association, Boy Scouts, Tourist Promotion Committee for the Chamber of Commerce and Enterprise Lions Club. Other organizations which

were recognized in the award were his participation in the Rifle Club which met in the basement of the EM&M Building, the Masonic Lodge, American Legion and the Community church where he was a deacon and also taught Sunday School. He was one of three Eastern Oregon men with Bill Carey and Bill Dobbins who started the Eastern Oregon College Foundation in 1966. He was awarded the Unsung Hero Award for 2003 presented by the Wallowa County Chamber of Commerce for a lifetime of volunteer service in Wallowa County, 60 Year Membership in the Masonic Lodge, Honorary Past Master of the Joseph Masonic Lodge and 50 Year Membership in the Scottish Rite.

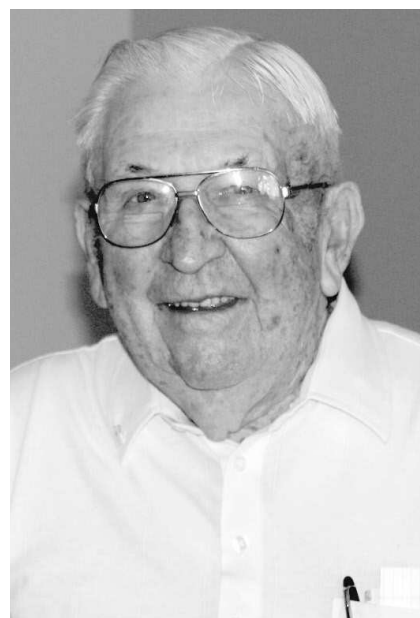
Jack enjoyed playing golf, baseball and horseshoes. He played baseball on the La Grande Home Team and the Mt. Emily Team while he was working at Bunting Tractor Company in La Grande in the 1930's. He actually participated in the Senior Olympics of Horseshoe Throwing while wintering in Yuma, Arizona. He was a member of 4-H, Lions, Rotary, Elks, Masons, Shrine Club, Scottish Rite, Eastern Oregon College Foundation Board, Wallowa Memorial Hospital Foundation, Wallowa County Museum Board.

Although the achievements he has accumulated over the last ten decades is an amazing list, if Jack were to tell you what his real achievements were it would be raising a healthy family in Eastern Oregon with unconditional love, serving his country with honor, leaving a place better than he found it through fair-minded work and generous volunteering and the multitude of people gone before and left behind who called him a friend.

Jack is survived by his children, Jean Talbott (Howard) of Portland, OR, Julie Hickerson (Jon) of La Grande, OR, Bill Harmon of La Grande, OR and son-in-law Leland Fager of Walla Walla, WA; 5 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren; niece, Lois Harmon of Enterprise; nephew, Richard Harmon of Estacada, OR and 1 great-great grandchild. He was preceded in death by his wife, Maxine; daughter, Joan Fager; parents, Harry and Anna and brother, Gerald Harmon.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children, 3101 SW Sam Jackson Park Road, Portland, OR 97239, Grande Ronde Hospital Hospice, PO Box 3290, La Grande, OR 97850 or Eastern Oregon University Foundation, One University Blvd., La Grande, OR 97850.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com.



Cougar fatally shot after killing sheep, turkey near Bend

Associated Press

BEND — A farmer near Bend shot and killed a cougar after it killed two Shetland sheep and a turkey on his property.

The Bulletin reported Thursday that Mark Davidson found the dead sheep Aug. 13 hidden under sticks and pine needles in the pasture closest to his house. He spotted the dead turkey near a barn. Later Aug. 13, Candy Davidson let their dog outside and checked on the sheep. Her flashlight caught glowing eyes and she ran inside to tell her husband, who shot the cougar with a .22-caliber rifle.

The couple as required by law later contacted the

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Assistant District Wildlife Biologist Randy Lewis responded and determined the cougar was a healthy

3-year-old male.

State law says a landowner in Oregon is allowed to kill a cougar if it is causing damage to their property.

What's Cooking ?

by Sandy Sorrels of

TEN DEPOT STREET



It's hard to believe that we at beginning the last full week of August. Many are taking advantage by getting in some end of summer vacation time, but if you are in town this week, be sure to take advantage of what **Ten Depot Street** has to offer.

Tomorrow, Tuesday night we have on tour from New Orleans, Sista Otis. In 2004, *Sista Otis*, a native of Detroit, released her debut album which received the highest number of *Detroit Music Awards* nominations in the awards history. One reviewer describes her music as "raw, honest, folksy, bluesy, a gospel gumbo of rock n roll." So come down and take this opportunity to experience her lively upbeat music.

Then Thursday, August 23, we have a band playing at *Ten Depot Street* from Portland called *Far Out West*. The four piece band plays a

unique and energetic brand of funk that features groovy beats and rooty vocals. They fuse their original songs with "soulful folk inspired lyrics and crunchy instrumentals." Should be a great night at Ten Depot. The music starts at 8:00.

For a light summer meal with this warm weather, try one of the many salads on the Ten Depot menu. Our **Taco Salad** has been popular since we introduced it at Mamacita's over 35 years ago and we still have people who order it almost every week. With freshly cooked garbanzo beans, pinto beans, olives, tomatoes, cheese and a choice of grilled chicken or shredded beef, which we slow cook ourselves, and topped with our famous green dressing, it is a salad that people never tire of. We also make a great *Thai Salad* and a delicious *Caesar*

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