

## LOCAL BRIEFING

From staff reports

**Union City Council to meet for work session**

UNION — The Union City Council will meet for a work session on Aug. 27. The work session will start at 6 p.m. at city hall. Economic development will be one of the subjects discussed.

**Filing deadline for commissioner position extended**

ENTERPRISE — Due to the passing of Commissioner-Elect Bruce Dunn on Aug. 21, Wallowa County Commissioner Position 3 is an open position and will be filled by election during the general election on Nov. 8. Interested candidates are required to file with the county clerk to run in the general election. Per the order of the Oregon Secretary of State, the deadline for filing for this position will be extended to 5 p.m. Sept. 4. All other positions open for filing for the general election will close on Aug. 28.

**EOU celebrates official turf opening**

LA GRANDE — Eastern Oregon University football will compete on a brand-new synthetic turf field at Community Stadium for the first time Aug. 25. The Mountaineers open their 2018 football season against College of Idaho at 6 p.m., and festivities begin at 3 p.m. in the Mary Horn-Edward Jones Tailgate Zone at Sixth Street and H Avenue. Fans,

alumni and donors will celebrate with an official ribbon-cutting ceremony on the field before the opening coin toss.

According to an EOU press release, the "Building Champions" campaign has raised more than \$2.1 million thus far to pay for the new multipurpose turf, updated stadium lighting and completely overhauled track facilities at EOU. The university needs to raise an additional \$750,000 to complete the project. More information is available at eou.edu/stadium-track.

**OTEC Board meets in Baker City**

BAKER CITY — The Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative Board of Directors will meet at 9 a.m. Aug. 28 at OTEC headquarters, 4005 23rd St., Baker City. The meeting will include a legislative update from Ted Case, ORECA executive director.

**Next Greenway public meeting set for Tuesday**

ISLAND CITY — The City of Island City is holding a special council meeting at 7 p.m. Aug. 28 at Island City City Hall to gather public comment on Option B for the Greenway path's route. Referred to as the Ditch Easement option, this route partially follows a ditch easement through two to five private properties, ultimately reaching the Island City park area using dedicated pathways and,

potentially, existing roadways to connect the parks.

**Nature Conservancy is topic of Tuesday's Brown Bag in Joseph**

JOSEPH — The next Brown Bag lunch lecture will be held at noon Aug. 28 at the Joseph Center, 403 N. Main St., Joseph. Brown Bags are free events that feature informal presentations and discussions, generally on the first and third Tuesday of the month. On Aug. 28, Jeff Fields will speak about the work of the Nature Conservancy.

**Veteran Town Hall held in La Grande Aug. 29**

LA GRANDE — The Jonathan M. Wainwright Memorial VA Medical Center (Walla Walla VA) is holding its next quarterly Veteran Town Hall at 6 p.m. Aug. 29 at the American Legion Post #43, 301 Fir St., La Grande. This is one of many quarterly town halls that are being held by VA facilities across the nation. These meetings are intended to provide local veterans a wide-open forum and for VA officials to hear directly from beneficiaries as a step toward improvement and to rebuild trust among veterans.

According to Walla Walla VA's acting director, Keith Allen, "It is important that we continue to listen and learn directly from those who use our system."

Walla Walla VA leadership and other staff will be on hand to

interact with veterans and other attendees about how services can be delivered in the future. Topics of discussion will include facility updates and improvements to the delivery of care in the community.

**Community discussion centers on concept of leadership**

LA GRANDE — The Union County Safe Communities Coalition is hosting an Oregon Humanities' Conversation Project event Aug. 30. "Everyday Leaders: Recognizing Leadership Beyond Power and Authority" will be led by Lois Ruskai Melina beginning at 3:30 p.m. in the Misener Room at 1001 Fourth St., La Grande.

For more information about this free community discussion, contact Robin Wortman at 541-963-1068 or rwortman@unioncounty.org.

**Vale BLM sponsoring Women in Wildland Fire Boot Camp**

VALE — The Vale District of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is offering paid training for women interested in a career in wildland fire management. Upon completion of the Women in Wildland Fire Boot Camp, participants will have fulfilled several key entry-level training requirements for seasonal employment by federal agencies or private contractors. Training is a combination of classroom instruction and hands-on field exercises ranging

from firefighting techniques, tools and equipment to communications and safety.

Applications will be accepted through Sept. 14 and selections will be made by Sept. 21. The boot camp will be held in October. Students will be paid \$12.74 per hour for training time. Trained individuals will be qualified to work during the 2019 fire season.

The complete outreach notice and application can be requested by calling 541-473-6297 or emailing candrews@blm.gov. For more information, contact Cassandra Fleckenstein at 541-473-6295.

**VFW post invites homeschool students to enter essay contest**

UNION — Union's Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4060 invites homeschool students in grades 6-12 to take part in the annual Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy competitions sponsored by the VFW. Grand prizes range from \$5,000 to \$30,000. The Patriot's Pen contest consists of a written essay for students in grades 5-8 with the theme "Why I Honor the American Flag." Students in grades 9-12 may submit an essay and voice recording for the Voice of Democracy contest, with the theme "Why My Vote Matters." All essays must be in by Oct. 31. For more information and application forms, contact Walter Richard, your local VFW representative, at 503-703-1071.

## OBITUARIES

**Lisa S. Miller**

La Grande

Lisa S. Miller, 61, of La Grande, died June 24 at her residence. She was born Sept. 20, 1956, to Adeline Brown and Leo Cunningham. A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Aug. 25 at the Valley Fellowship Church followed by a potluck luncheon.

**Rebecca 'Becci' A. (Holliday) Scott**

Elgin

1941-2018

Rebecca "Becci" Ann Scott, 77, of Elgin, died Aug. 17 at her home, after a six-year battle with cancer. A celebration of her life will be held at 11 a.m. Aug. 25 at the Elgin Community Center. The family prefers casual dress. A reception and potluck will follow the service at the same location. A meat dish accompanied by potatoes and gravy will be provided. Those attending are encouraged to bring a salad or dessert.

Known as Becci, she was born March 3, 1941, in Idanha, to Arthur and May (Conaster) Holliday. The family later moved to Prineville, where she graduated from high school. Becci married Bob Hickey in September 1959, and they lived in Alaska, Hawaii, Albany and Seattle among other places. They had two sons, Kirtus and Dusty, before divorcing in 1977. In 1979, Becci married Harlan Scott, and they lived in Prineville and Elgin.

Becci was a jack of all trades when it came to jobs. She managed a trailer

court, was a millworker, owned and operated a beauty shop, worked as a caregiver at New Day Enterprises, was an instructor at Phagans' beauty school in Bend and operated a restaurant, among other occupations.

After retiring from work, Becci spent a major portion of her time in community service organizations. She belonged to the Lions Club, served as director of the Elgin Community Center and was a member of Elgin EDGE. She was also active in a sewing club and a Bible study group. Becci was quite involved in church activities. As a lay minister with the Methodist Church, she gave sermons at Methodist churches in local towns and was a permanent speaker at the Elgin Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Harlan; sons, Kirtus Hickey of Seattle, Washington, and Dusty Hickey of Salem; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Arthur and May Holliday, and brothers, Bill and Clyde Holliday.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Elgin Methodist Church, P.O. Box 7, Elgin 97827.

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

**Patrick C. Morrison**

La Grande

Patrick C. Morrison, 67, of La Grande, died Aug. 23 at his residence. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland

Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

**Robert A. Clayville**

La Grande

Robert Adam Clayville, 97, of La Grande, died Aug. 22. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

**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.

## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

**LA GRANDE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Arrested: Tamara Jo Paxton, 25, unknown address, was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance, meth; distribution of a controlled substance, meth; manufacturing a controlled substance, meth; possession of a controlled substance, heroin; distribution of a controlled substance, heroin; two counts possession of a schedule II controlled substance, and two counts distribution of a schedule II controlled substance.

Arrested: Cody Tanner Colton, 22, unknown address, was arrested on charges of felon in possession of a firearm, resisting arrest, unlawful possession of a firearm and conspiracy to commit distribution of a controlled substance, meth.

Arrested: Anthony David Dean Precourt, 25, unknown address, was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance, meth; distribution of a controlled substance, meth; manufacturing a controlled substance, meth; possession of a controlled substance, heroin; two counts possession of a scheduled II controlled substance; two counts distribution of a schedule II controlled substance, and unlawful possession of a firearm.

Arrested: Dustin Lee Hansen, 42, unknown address, was arrested by Malheur County Community Corrections on a Union County warrant

charging order to show cause/harassment.

Arrested: Scott Eugene Neal, 32, Elgin, was arrested on charges of second-degree trespassing, third-degree criminal mischief, theft of services and menacing.

**UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Cited: A Union County juvenile was cited on charges on unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle, first-degree theft and hit and run.

Arrested: Wendy Kae Cox, 51, unknown address, was arrested on a Umatilla County warrant on a charge of failure to appear in court on an original charge of second-degree possession of a forged instrument.

Arrested: Clifton Mitchel Carter, 25, La Grande, was arrested on a parole and probation detainer.

Arrested: Damon Troy Smaage, 21, La Grande, was arrested on a parole and probation detainer.

**OREGON STATE POLICE**

Arrested: Mark A Nickerson, 34, Boise, Idaho, was arrested on a parole and probation detainer.

**LA GRANDE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The La Grande Fire Department responded to eight calls for medical on Wednesday and seven calls for medical and one car accident on Thursday.

**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.

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