

BIRTHS

GRANDE RONDE HOSPITAL

CHAGAS: To Cortney Lyn Das Chagas and Erick Mauro Das Chagas, of La Grande, a son, Grayson Gabriel Guentert Das Chagas, 7 pounds 10 ounces, July 30 at 9:34 p.m.

CHANCE: To Cristina Palacids Chance and Drew Donald Chance, of La Grande, a daughter, Hadassah Palacids Chance, 6 pounds 11 ounces, Aug. 18 at 9:44 p.m. Grandparents are Vanessa Chance and Gary Lee Chance.

CRITES: To Tiffany Marie Crites and Maurice William Crites, of La Grande, a son, Maxton Xavier Crites, 7 pounds 1.8 ounces, Aug. 16 at 2:41 a.m.

KRUSE: To Micah Shae Kruse and Skylar James Kruse, of Cove, a daughter, Brynlee Jade Kruse, 8 pounds 6 ounces, Aug. 1 at 12:44 p.m. Grandparents are Justin and Rochelle Kruse, Shawn and Amber Parker, Dale and Linda Kruse, and Hershell and Maxine Parker.

SPOTTISWOOD: To Shannon Alyssa Spottiswood and Daniel Edward Spottiswood, of La Grande, a daughter, Quinnara Eris Spottiswood, 6 pounds 14.6 ounces, Aug. 18 at 10:44 a.m.

STONEBREAKER: To Abigail Catherine Stonebreaker and Luke Jordan Stonebreaker, of Island City, a son, Eli Bos Stonebreaker, 7 pounds 2.8 ounces, Aug. 5 at 2:29 a.m. Grandparents are Michelle and David Bos and Dixie and Steven Stonebreaker.

TAYLOR: To Sara Markham Taylor and Trevor Eden Taylor, of La Grande, a daughter, Alice Taylor, 7 pounds 5 ounces, Aug. 18 at 12:24 a.m. Grandparents are Tim and Edna Taylor, Mike and Linda Markham, Ed Markham, Wilma Markham, Bud and Marjorie Reese, Leon and LaRue Johnson, Tim and Marian Taylor and Var Lynn and Zora Peacock.

VETTER: To Sarah M. Vetter and Travis A. Vetter, of La Grande, a son, Liam Jess Vetter, 4 pounds 15 ounces, Aug. 16 at 5:55 p.m. Grandparents are Jess Cooper, Ida Mae and Dyann Kohler.

WALLOWA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

OSBORN: To Johann Osborn and Adam Osborn, of Enterprise, a daughter, Isla Kathleen Osborn, 6 pounds 10.2 ounces, Aug. 10 at 3:46 a.m.

SCHAEFFER: To Cristina Schaeffer and Dustin Schaeffer, of Enterprise, a son, Chase Jack Schaeffer, 8 pounds 13.5 ounces, Aug. 9 at 5:02 p.m. Grandparents are Julie Gomes, Ed Gomes, Kellie Rhandl, Becky Shaeffer and Randy Schaeffer.

VIEIRA DE MELO: To Deanna Vieira De Melo and Caio Vieira De Melo, of Joseph, a daughter, Nora Vieira De Melo, 5 pounds 10.5 ounces, Aug. 8 at 7:59 a.m. Grandparents are Kellie Shear and Scott Shear.

Send us your Community item

Deadline: Noon Thursday

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LGPD 911 operator graduates from public safety academy

SALEM — La Grande Police Department Dispatcher Carrie Weissert graduated with the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training's 110th Basic Telecommunications Class Aug. 24.

The two-week course includes emergency call handling techniques, stress management, civil liability, ethics, criminal law, overview of fire-rescue and law enforcement operations and a number of other topics.

Upon completion of the course, students will return to their employing agency to continue their training for a number of months with a field training officer.

The 911 training program began in 1993 when

the Oregon Legislative Assembly enacted legislation that requires individuals who receive emergency calls for assistance from the public to meet professional standards for training and certification.

There are approximately 950 men and women across the state who work in this profession in city, county, tribal, regional and state public safety communications centers.

Basic Telecommunications #BT110 graduation was held at the Oregon Public Safety Academy, 4190 Aumsville Highway SE, Salem. The guest speaker was Tammy Shaver, of the Oregon State Police.

Girl Scout Troop attends ODS



Submitted Photo

Girl Scout Troop 50145 recently attended outdoor school at Opal Creek in Western Oregon. The scouts and their leaders, Codi Eby and Angela D'Antonio, were able to have this experience with help from Legacy Ford, which donated the use of a van for the trip.

Kids activities featured at Elgin's 'Church in the Park'



Courtesy Photo

ELGIN — Elgin's annual "Church in the Park" took a new direction this year, with the Ministerial Association emphasizing a "Back to School" theme involving the youth of the community. The Ministerial Association and Elgin Lions partnered in collecting school supplies for the year. A table full of supplies and backpacks were gathered at the morning event Aug. 26. There were many activities for the young including a puppet theater with puppet Sally talking about needed supplies for school and also stressing always having a Christian heart while working through the school year. Following the service, both adults and kids enjoyed a potluck lunch with hot dogs and desserts. A rock climbing wall and obstacle course, maintained by the National Guard, were favorites of the morning, along with cotton candy for the "kids at heart"

Local spellers challenge their skills at the fair

Elementary students Daniel Barnes of La Grande and Trinity Gettman of Cove will be representing Union County this year at the Oregon Statewide Spelling Championship, held Sept. 1 at the Oregon State Fair in Salem. Students competing in the championship have won their school, district and county written spelling contests.

The championship is organized by Oregon Spellers, an all-volunteer group funded solely by donations and sponsored by the Oregon Association for Talented and Gifted.

Students cash in on grades

The eighth year of Community Bank's Earn While You Learn Program saw 704 student-customers in the Eastern Oregon and Southeast Washington area cash in on their good grades, earning a total of \$16,777, according to a press release. This brings the total paid out since the program began in 2011 to \$96,385.

"Community Bank is proud to announce the continued success of our Earn While You Learn program, which couples two items we are very passionate about: encouraging the academic success of our young people, and learning the value of savings," said Community Bank CEO Tom Moran in the press release. "This program is also an excellent example of how banking with a locally owned and operated institution directly benefits the people of our communities. Thank you to our customers who ultimately help the bank fund our local programs like Earn While You Learn, as well as other sponsorships and donations in our neck of the woods."

The program is designed to encourage students in their academic success by awarding Community Bank Youth Savings account customers for their good grades. During the months of June and July, all Community Bank branches accepted end-of-the-year report cards from students in 1st through 12th grade. For every top grade in a main school subject that appeared on the report card, Community Bank deposited \$1 into the account holder's Youth Savings Account.

WISH LIST

Local nonprofit human service organizations often need donations of specific items or volunteers. Wish List items are updated every month. Anyone who would like to volunteer or make donations should contact the agency directly.

ANIMAL RESCUE CENTER OF EASTERN OREGON

541-963-0807
 Drop off at rescue center, 3212 Hwy 30, La Grande
 dog collars
 Purina kitten food
 bleach
 paper towels
 blankets
 high-efficiency laundry soap
 Clorox wipes
 cat scratching posts
 indoor cat food and litter
 HP-61 black printer cartridges
 Visa gift cards
 monetary donations for power and water bills

BARKIN' BASEMENT

541-975-2275
 Drop off at the store, 1507 N. Willow, La Grande
 household furniture
 kitchen towels
 kitchenware
 home decor items
 toys

books
 no clothing, please

BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES

541-426-9411
 Drop off at the office, 207 NE Park St., Enterprise
 NEW beginning reader books for ages 3 to 7
 copy paper
 pencils
 binders
 file folders

COVE FOOD PANTRY

541-910-1810
 Drop off at Cove Post Office
 personal hygiene products
 soap
 canned foods
 dry foods

FRIDAY BACKPACK PROGRAM

fridaybackpack@gmail.com
 Please e-mail for drop-off information.
 Mail tax-deductible checks to: P.O. Box 537, La Grande
 15-16 oz. cans: Chef Boyardee, refried beans, chili, peanut butter (plastic only), vegetables
 10 oz. cans: tomato and chicken noodle soup
 3-5 oz. cans: tuna,

chicken, Vienna sausages
 fruit rolls, fruit snacks
 and small boxes of raisins
 packets of instant oatmeal and hot chocolate
 individual cups of fruit, applesauce, and pudding
 small juice boxes with 17 grams of sugar or less
 granola bars, protein bars and snack crackers (wrapped in one serving size)

Ramen pouches or cups
 boxes of macaroni and cheese, Chicken/Hamburger/Tuna Helper
 individual single serving boxes of cereal

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 individually wrapped candies
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 copy paper
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 children's jigsaw and board puzzles
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