

LOCAL BRIEFING

From staff reports

LHS class of 1964 meets for lunch

LA GRANDE — Members of the La Grande High School class of 1964 are invited to gather for lunch at noon Sept. 15 at the Flying J.

Free youth pheasant hunts held this weekend

LA GRANDE — Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is having its annual Youth Pheasant Hunt at Ladd Marsh Wildlife Area Sept. 15-16. The pheasant hunts are free. Registration will be allowed the morning of the hunts. Youth license, hunter education certificate and bird validations are required. Contact Kyle Martin, manager of the Ladd Marsh Wildlife Area, at 541-963-4954 for more information.

RSVP by Monday for Cove senior meal

COVE — Cove's first senior lunch after the summer break will be served Sept. 21 at the Cove Baptist Church, 707

Main St. The menu will be meat loaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed peas and carrots and carrot-raisin salad with coconut cake for dessert. There is a \$5 charge per meal. Coffee and tea are available at noon and the meal is served at 12:30 p.m. RSVP by Sept. 17 by calling Imie Bristow at 541-568-4545 or Betsy Arnson at 541-568-4902.

Use of Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund focus of meetings

UNION AND WALLOWA COUNTIES — A number of upcoming meetings have been scheduled to discuss the Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund, a new dedicated source of funding for expanding public transportation service in Oregon. County Advisory Committees have been established and will hold meetings in Union and Wallowa counties. The Union County Commissioners will hold an STIF Advisory Committee meeting at 3 p.m.

Sept. 17 in the Joseph Annex Building Conference Room, 1106 K. St., La Grande, and an STIF public outreach meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. Sept. 19 at the Grange in North Powder.

The Wallowa County Statewide Transportation Improvement Advisory Committee will be hosting public meetings at noon and 6 p.m. Sept. 19 at Lostine City Hall; noon and 6 p.m. Sept. 20 at the Wallowa Senior Center, 204 E. Second St.; at noon and 6 p.m. at Community Connection of Wallowa County, 702 NW First St., Enterprise; and at noon Sept. 25 at The Place, 301 S. Lake St., Joseph. Those interested in attending the public meetings are encouraged to do so.

Imbler School Board meets Monday

IMBLER — The Imbler School District Board of Directors will meet for a regular session at 7 p.m. Sept. 17 in Room 1 of the high school. The public is welcome to attend.

GRH Auxiliary resumes meetings Monday

LA GRANDE — Grande Ronde Hospital Auxiliary will hold its first meeting after the summer break Sept. 17 at the Island City City Hall. The guest speaker will be Jim Mattes, GRH president and CEO. Refreshments are available at 9 a.m. followed by the meeting at 9:30. All are welcome.

EOLS Association meets Tuesday to elect directors

UNION — The annual meeting of the members of the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show Association will begin at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 18 in the EOLS Clubhouse, 760 E. Delta St., Union, for the purpose of electing directors for the coming year and to transact other business.

Community invited to give blood next week

LA GRANDE — An American Red Cross Community Blood Drive will be held from

noon to 6 p.m. Sept. 18 in the gym of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1802 Gekeler Ln., La Grande. Call Linda Strand for an appointment at 541-963-4261.

Soccer coaching clinic offered free of charge

LA GRANDE — The Oregon Youth Soccer Association is offering a free coaching clinic for youth soccer coaches and/or parents interested in learning more about the game and player development from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 18 at the Willow Elementary soccer field. To register or for more information, go to www.grvfc.com.

Free Tai chi class returns Tuesday

LA GRANDE — The free Moving for Better Balance tai chi class will resume Sept. 18 at the Presbyterian Friendship Center in La Grande. The one-hour classes

are taught at 9 a.m. by a certified teacher on Tuesday and Thursday. Come and prevent falls and have a good time.

MENUS

UNION COUNTY SENIOR CENTER**1504 N. ALBANY ST. LUNCH MENU**

MONDAY: autumn stew, salad bar, fresh fruit, light dessert.
TUESDAY: mac & cheese with or without ham, steamed vegetables, garden salad, breadsticks, fresh fruit, dessert.
WEDNESDAY: turkey, dressing, whipped potatoes and gravy, steamed vegetables, Jell-O, breads, dessert.
THURSDAY: cashew-chicken casserole, green beans, spinach salad, baked breads, fresh fruit.
FRIDAY: roast pork, potatoes and gravy, steamed cauliflower, salad greens, rolls, baked apples.

The family of Elaine Case would like to give a special thank you to the doctors, nurses and Grande Ronde Hospital who gave Elaine such great care. Thank you to Loveland's Funeral Chapel and Hank Stockhoff.

We would like to give a special thanks to the Archuleta Family and the Cross Family and all of the people who sent well wishes and prayers. Also to all of Elaine's friends who helped in many different ways in this difficult time.

Thank you to anyone we may have forgotten who helped care for Elaine and helped the family during this time.

The Case Family
Allen, Chris, Mandi and Spencer

OBITUARIES

Allen W. McDaniel

Baker City

Allen W. McDaniel, 78, of Baker City, died Sept. 11 at Grande Ronde Hospital. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

Loren Wren

La Grande

Loren Wren, 88, of La Grande and formerly of Weston, died Sept. 12 at Grande Ronde Retirement Residence. Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home in Milton-Freewater is in charge of the arrangements.

Sharry L. (Bloomer) Smull

Durkee

1965-2018

Sharry Lynn Smull, 52, of Durkee, died Aug. 31. Services were held Sept. 6 and 7, and she was inurned



Sept. 7 at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Baker City. Sharry was born Dec. 16, 1965, to Gary Earl and Shirley Bernice (Hindman) Bloomer in Baker City. Raised on a ranch in Durkee, she developed a love

of animals and participated in 4-H. She attended Baker schools and graduated in 1984 after active involvement in Pep Club, Ski Club, cheerleading, honor society and FBLA. On Feb. 22, 1985, she married Dale Smull in Reno, Nevada. They had two children, Jared and Jillona.

Sharry attended Oregon State University, then finished her education at what is now Eastern Oregon University. In addition to partnering with Dale on the ranch, she worked as a pharmacy technician in Baker City and finally at Grande Ronde Hospital in La Grande. She made many valued friendships and memories over the years with her co-workers.

According to her family, Sharry selflessly supported her children's passions, interests and education. She spent countless weekends traveling with Jared for rodeo and chaperoned Jillona during her reign as rodeo royalty.

Sharry also had close relationships with her nieces and nephews, who spent a lot of time at the ranch. She was at every athletic event her work

schedule would allow and attended every milestone in their lives. Her family says Sharry also experienced joy and fulfillment as a grandparent.

Sharry will be remembered for her engaged conversations, cookie care packages and the smile that lit up her whole face.

Survivors include her husband of 33 years, Dale Smull; children and their spouses, Jared and Amanda Smull and Jillona and Danny Frangipani; two granddaughters; siblings and their spouses, Tammy and Shane Pierce, Cindy Chandler, and Craig and Peter Bloomer; father, Gary and Kathy Bloomer; stepsister and husband, NaTosha and Tom Marley; and four nieces and three nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Shirley Bloomer.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to an education fund for Sharry's grandchildren in care of Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City 97814.

To light a candle in memory of Sharry or to leave a condolence for the family,

visit www.grayswestco.com.

Janet K. (Axell) Bullat

Joseph

Janet Katherine Bullat, 75, of Joseph, died Sept. 11. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Oct. 6 at the Catholic Church in Enterprise, followed by a reception. Arrangements are entrusted to Bollman Funeral Home.

Notice

Recently, Avista requested a decrease in natural gas rates for our customers in Oregon. We know you care about your energy costs, so we think it's important to share this news with you.

On Sept. 7, 2018, Avista filed an updated Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment (PGA) request with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (PUC) asking for an overall decrease of 2.9 percent in natural gas rates.

If this decrease is approved, Avista's natural gas revenues would decrease by approximately \$2.7 million. PGAs are filed each year to balance the actual cost of wholesale natural gas purchased by Avista to serve customers with the amount included in rates. This includes the natural gas commodity cost as well as the cost to transport natural gas on interstate pipelines to Avista's local distribution system. The primary drivers for the requested PGA rate reduction include continued low natural gas commodity costs due to the continued high production levels of natural gas and a reduction in the cost to transport natural gas to Avista's distribution system. Avista's request, if approved by the PUC, would go into effect on Nov. 1, 2018.

On July 27, 2018, Avista also proposed four other rate adjustments related to demand-side management program funding, intervenor funding, recovering costs associated with residential bank fees and decoupling, which would also go into effect on Nov. 1, 2018, if approved. These filings have no impact on Avista's earnings and are not related to the proposed acquisition of Avista by Hydro One.

The bottom line

If all requests, including the PGA, are approved and you are an Avista natural gas customer using an average of 47 therms per month, you could expect your bill to decrease by \$4.56, or 8.3 percent, for a revised monthly bill of \$50.33 beginning Nov. 1, 2018. All other customer groups receiving firm natural gas service from Avista would also see decreases.

For more information

Copies of our filings are available at www.myavista.com/rates, or you can review the filings by visiting our headquarters at: 1411 E. Mission, Spokane, WA 99202 (800) 227-9187

You can also view copies of the filing at one of our district offices located at:

580 Business Park Drive, Medford, OR 97504
2825 Dakota Court, Klamath Falls, OR 97603
10201 "F" Street, La Grande, OR 97850
1404 Green Siding Road, Roseburg, OR 97471

This announcement is to provide you with general information about Avista's rate request and its effect on customers. The calculations and statements in this announcement are not binding on the PUC. For more information about the filing or for information about the time and place of any hearing, contact the PUC at: Public Utility Commission of Oregon
201 High Street SE, Ste. 100
Salem, OR 97301
(800) 522-2404, www.puc.state.or.us

This notice contains forward-looking statements regarding the company's current expectations. Forward-looking statements are all statements other than historical facts. Such statements speak only as of the date of the notice and are subject to a variety of risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond the company's control, which could cause actual results to differ materially from the expectations. These risks and uncertainties include, in addition to those discussed herein, all of the factors discussed in the company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended Dec. 31, 2017 and the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2018.



PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

LA GRANDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Cited: Mark A. Nickerson, 34, was arrested on two Ada County Sheriff's Office warrants. One warrant was for a charge of grand theft vehicle and a second warrant was for a charge of failure to appear in court on a charge of grand theft.

Arrested: Billy Wayne Lambert, 46, unknown address, was arrested on a parole and probation warrant charging a parole/post prison violation.

Accident: Nobody was injured in a traffic accident at Island Avenue and Adams Avenue on Monday. The accident was reported at 3:51 p.m.

Accident: Nobody was injured in a traffic accident Tuesday night at Island Avenue and Adams Avenue. The accident was reported at 10:05 p.m.

Accident: Nobody was injured in a traffic accident at 6th Street and N Avenue on Monday. The accident was reported at 6:29 p.m.

Cited: Ivory B. Jackson, 51, a Texas resident, was cited on a charge of reckless driving.

Arrested: Charles Ray Sinclair, 33, La Grande, was arrested on a charge of harassment.

Arrested: Savana Ann Whipple, 31, a transient, was

arrested while lodged in the Union County Jail on a Washington State Department of Corrections warrant on a charge of a parole violation. The alleged parole violation was connected to an original charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Arrested: Adam Alexander Green, 20, a transient, was arrested on charges of assaulting a public safety officer, second-degree disorderly conduct and first-degree attempted escape.

UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Arrested: Tena Marie Hardesty, 40, La Grande, was arrested on a charge of second-degree theft.

Arrested: Brianna Dorise Wells, 27, unknown address, was arrested on a charge of harassment.

Cited: A Union County juvenile was cited on charges of first-degree theft, second-degree theft, unlawful possession of a firearm and possession of a controlled substance, meth.

Arrested: Stephanie Kay

Keller, 32, La Grande, was arrested on a parole and probation detainer and on a charge of possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine.

OREGON STATE POLICE

Arrested: Landon Tyrel Huddleston 25, unknown address, was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence of intoxicants (controlled substances).

Arrested: Nathan Russel Osterloh, 32, La Grande, was arrested on a charge of parole violation.

Arrested: Dennis Ray Cline, 30, Imbler, was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence of intoxicants (alcohol).

LA GRANDE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The La Grande Fire Department responded to six calls for medical on Monday, four calls for medical and one gas leak on Tuesday, 10 calls for medical on Wednesday and six calls for medical on Thursday.

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