

LOCAL BRIEFING

From staff reports

Union County Museum's annual meeting is tonight

UNION — Alice Trindle will be the featured speaker at the Union County Museum Society's annual membership meeting this evening at 7 p.m. in the Little White Church, across Main Street from the museum in Union. Trindle, a dedicated fan and student of Oregon history, will present a program in stories and song to mark the 175th anniversary of the beginning of the Oregon Trail. The annual meeting, free and open to the public, will include a review of the museum season, recognition of volunteers, election of board members and a vote to accept the 2019 budget.

Tomorrow's La Grande Farmers Market celebrates apple cider

LA GRANDE — The La Grande Farmers Market will host a Community Cider Pressing Day Oct. 6 during regular market hours, 9 a.m. to noon at Max Square. The event will feature an old-fashioned apple pressing along with heirloom apple and hot cider samples.

EOLS Directors' meetings now begin at 7 p.m.

UNION — The October meeting of the Directors of the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show will be held Oct. 9 in the EOLS Clubhouse on Delta Street in Union. The meetings will henceforth be

held at 7 p.m. instead of 7:30.

Retired Educators group meets Wednesday

LA GRANDE — The Union County Retired Educators will meet at 11:30 a.m. Oct. 10 at the Flying J restaurant. The special guests will be from the Elgin Opera House Training Program.

Community Connection offers October programs in Wallowa County

WALLOWA, ENTERPRISE — Free classes at the Wallowa Senior Center, 204 E. 2nd St., in October include a pilates class geared for seniors but open to all ages, held at 9 a.m. on

Tuesdays and Thursdays, and tai chi classes designed for improving balance, at 11 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Also in Wallowa, the Quilting Group gathers between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Tuesdays, and a foot clinic will be held from noon to 3 p.m. Oct. 10.

Tai chi classes are also offered at the Enterprise Senior Center, 702 First St., at 9 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. A Blood Pressure Clinic at the Enterprise Senior Center will be held from 11 a.m. to noon Oct. 12, and there will be a Legal Presentation by Legal Aid from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Oct. 19. For more information call 541-426-3840 or email David Ross at david@ccno.org.

Waste-Pro accepts hazardous waste on scheduled days

LA GRANDE — Waste-Pro, 3412 Highway 30, La Grande, is accepting hazardous waste on selected Tuesdays through December. Appointments for disposal between 8:30 a.m. and noon may be made for Oct. 9 and 23, Nov. 6 and 20, and Dec. 4 and 18 by calling 541-963-5459.

Waste-Pro's Hazardous Waste Disposal services are open to residents of Union, Wallowa and Baker counties. For farms and businesses, additional paperwork may need to be completed prior to the appointment. For more information, contact Waste-

Pro at the above number or go to www.facebook.com/WasteProLG/.

City of La Grande commissions meet next week

LA GRANDE — The City of La Grande Landscape & Forestry Commission will meet Oct. 9, the Art Commission will meet Oct. 10, and the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission will meet Oct. 11. Each meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. in the Parks & Recreation office located inside Pioneer Park. For more information about meetings or their agendas, contact Stu Spence, Parks & Recreation Director, at sspence@cityoflagrande.org or 541-962-1348.

OBITUARIES

Frank D. Elliott

Summerville

Frank D. Elliott, 61, of Summerville, died Oct. 4 at his residence. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

John A. FerdinandsenLa Grande
1957-2018

John Allen Ferdinandsen, 61, a life-long resident of La Grande, died Sept. 27 in Boise, Idaho, following a brief illness. A private service is planned.

John was born Dec. 5, 1957. He attended La Grande High School, where he was active in local, state and national FFA activities. John continued his education at Oregon State University and Texas A&M University, where he earned a master's degree in agricultural economics. He worked for the U.S. Forest Service for many years.

John will be deeply missed by his sisters and their families and friends who fondly remember summers spent at Wallowa Lake with him.

Survivors include his sisters, Kay Ferdinandsen of Redondo Beach, California, and Nancy Shelgren of Renton, Washington. He was preceded in death by

his parents, Hazel and Bud Ferdinandsen.

Kristina I. (Park) BakerFormerly of Cove
1974-2018

Kristina Inez Baker, 43, of Burns and formerly of Cove, died Sept. 10 of heart failure. A funeral was held Sept. 15, and she was buried in Drewsey. A celebration of her life will begin at 3 p.m. Oct. 20 at the Cove Seventh-day Adventist Church, followed by a small meal.

Kristina was born Nov. 30, 1974, in La Grande, to Judy Denning and Jim Park. She was raised in Cove and lived there most of her life. She married Joseph Miller on March 30, 1997, and they had one child, Kirstin Miller. Kristina later married Harold Baker, on Sept. 23, 2006. They had four children together, Gracie, Tresa, Madison and Alysa.

Kristina showed horses and cows in 4-H for nine years and went to the State Fair six years in a row. She packed hunters into the Eagle Caps and did ranch work with her husband, including brandings and gathering cows, which she loved. She went to Al School, received an EMT certificate and started nursing school but wasn't able to finish because life got busy with her five girls.

Kristina was an avid

horse trainer and loved riding and ponying race-horses. She was very active with her daughters and showing horses. Over the last year she was teaching her daughters how to jump horses. According to her family, Kristina's most admirable traits were helping others and trying to save sick animals.

Kristina loved the holidays and spending time with family. Her favorite thing was taking her daughters to the mountains to get a Christmas tree. When she was younger she loved spending time riding horses with her sister, Misty. Kristina was known for hooking a horse up to a garden cart or wagon and convincing her sister to get in by reassuring her everything would be fine, which usually ended up in a runaway and her sister baling.

Survivors include her husband, Harold; daughters, Kirstin, Gracie, Tresa, Madison and Alysa; mother, Judy Denning of Cove; father, Jim Park of Walla Walla, Washington; sister, Misty Morgan of Kalispell, Montana; half brother, Erving Park of Walla Walla, Washington; one niece and one nephew; and uncles and aunts and several cousins.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Keith and Inez Denning; uncle, Johnny Denning;

cousins, Michael and Janice Denning; and nephew, Austin Morgan.

Memorial contributions may be made to Harold Baker in care of Umpqua Bank of Burns.

Neal R. GlaskeFormerly of La Grande
1943-2018

Neal Rodney Glaske, 75, of King City and formerly of La Grande, died Sept. 12 at Providence St. Vincent's Hospital in Portland.

Neal was born Feb. 23, 1943, in Hillsboro, to Lawrence and Clara (Trachsel) Glaske. He attended school in the Hillsboro School District and graduated from Portland State University with a degree in music.

On Aug. 15, 1971, Neal married Sarah Jo Young in La Grande. He was a police officer for the City of La Grande and the City of Tillamook before working with his brother at Glaske & Associates as a developer and builder in the Portland metropolitan area.

Neal served in the Oregon National Guard for more than 25 years and retired as a lieutenant colonel. He was involved in many civic organizations and was the past president of the Oregon Coast Corvette Club.

Survivors include his wife of 47 years, Sarah; children and their spouses, Neal L. and Stacey Glaske, Jackie and Michael Henneman, and Marty and Bassma Glaske; siblings, Lawrence Lee Glaske and Darlene (Glaske) Hall; and eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Donna (Glaske) Chapman.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Patti Jo Garoutte

Formerly of La Grande

Patti Jo Garoutte, 61, of Baker City and formerly of La Grande, died Sept. 9 at St. Alphonsus Medical Center in Boise, Idaho. A celebration of her life will begin at 2 p.m. Oct. 12 at the La Grande First Christian Church. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory is handling the arrangements.

Shane A. JohnsonFormerly of Union County
1992-2018

Shane Andrew Johnson, 26, formerly of Union County, died Sept. 30 at his residence in Fruitland, Idaho. A celebration of his life will be held at 1 p.m. Oct. 6

at the Cove Baptist Church, followed by a private family interment at the Cove Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Shaffer-Jensen Memory Chapel of Fruitland.

Shane was born Aug. 3, 1992. He will be remembered for his fun-loving nature and living life to the fullest. Shane touched the lives of many. His daughters, Jordynn and Mya, were his most precious treasures.

Survivors include his daughters; parents, Wayne and Sandi Johnson; siblings, Austin Lee Johnson and Kayla Nicole Johnson; grandparents, Dick and Sharon James and Donna Johnson; great-grandmother, Erma Loree; girlfriend, Paige Aldred; and many nephews, uncles, aunts and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Frank Andy Johnson; great-grandfather, Merton Loree; and cousin, Daniel Henderson.

Condolences may be made to Shane's family at www.shaffer-jensenchapel.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to an education account at Shawn Mangum Edward Jones, 1117 Adams Ave., La Grande 97850, payable to Sandi Johnson for benefit of Shane's daughters, Jordynn and Mya.

New law likely to change how prosecutors seek indictments

Associated Press

ASTORIA — A new Oregon state law that requires grand jury proceedings to be recorded will likely alter how some local prosecutors seek many felony indictments.

The Daily Astorian reports the law will take effect in July after being signed into law by Gov. Kate Brown last year. While prosecutors typically seek secretive grand jury indictments in felony cases, many have said preliminary hearings, which are open to the public, will become more common.

"It's a pretty big change in the statute," Clatsop County District Attorney Josh Marquis said.

During grand jury hearings, a prosecutor calls witnesses to testify in front of seven jurors. They testify under oath, but a defense attorney is not present and witnesses are not subject to cross-examination. If five of the jurors find probable cause the case moves forward with an indictment.

Preliminary hearings, on the other hand, involve

defense attorneys in the process. Instead of a jury, a judge rules on probable cause.

These hearings are useful for prosecutors when they believe witnesses may change their statements or otherwise not be available later in the case, Deputy District Attorney Ron Brown said. Otherwise, they largely benefit defense attorneys, who have the ability to cross-examine witnesses.

During grand jury proceedings, one juror is designated to keep handwritten notes. When the new state law takes effect, prosecutors will need to either train a juror to record the proceeding using audio equipment or

hire a certified shorthand reporter.

In more than 30 years as a prosecutor, Marquis recalls just a handful of times he's pursued a preliminary hearing rather than a grand jury in felony cases. Now, both the district attorney and Brown, who will succeed Marquis in January, expect that preliminary hearings will be requested more regularly.

"It's a bad idea, but it's the law now," Marquis said.

The requirements seek to address a perceived lack of transparency in the judicial system, especially with grand juries. Every other state in the country, with the exception of

Louisiana, requires grand juries to be recorded.

Civil rights groups have expressed support for the law.

"This is doable. It's done in a lot of places," said Kirk Wintermute, an Astoria criminal defense attorney. "There are a lot of issues with the justice system, and this is one of them."

The recordings will also give defense attorneys more ammunition when cross-examining the same witnesses later in cases.

"People often make very different statements in grand jury than they do in trial," Wintermute said. "Getting that extra statement under oath is really important."

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LA GRANDE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The La Grande Fire Department responded to 10 calls for medical on Wednesday and nine calls for medical and one smoke alarm on Thursday.

LA GRANDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Accident: Nobody was injured in a traffic accident near Sixth Street and Penn Avenue Wednesday. The accident was reported at 7:55 a.m.

Accident: Nobody was injured in a traffic accident at Fourth Street and K Avenue on Wednesday. The accident was reported at 2:43 p.m.

Accident: Nobody was injured in a traffic accident Sixth Street and C Avenue Wednesday. The accident was reported 3:02 p.m.

Arrested: Melissa Williamson, 41, La Grande, was arrested on a Union County Circuit Court warrant charging contempt of court, five counts.

Arrested: James Joseph Bellisle, 55, Portland, was arrested on a Multnomah County warrant charging failure to appear in court on charges of hit and run and

failure to perform duties of a driver.

Arrested: Tari Lynne Knop, 60, unknown address, was arrested on a Grant County warrant charging driving under the influence of intoxicants.

UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Cited: A juvenile was cited on a charge of trespassing.

Accident: Nobody was injured in a traffic accident on Balloon Tree Road Wednesday in the Elgin area. The accident was reported at 7:23 p.m.

Accident: Nobody was injured in a traffic accident in Island City Wednesday. The accident was reported at 7:42 p.m.

Arrested: Matthew Charles Grisham, 40, unknown address, was arrested on a Union County warrant charging a probation violation connected to an original charge of second-degree burglary.

Accident: Nobody was injured in a traffic accident on Thursday at McAlister Road and Highway 203. The accident was reported at 9:51 a.m.

Arrested: Jason Lee Marsh, 44, unknown address, was arrested on a charge of possession of methamphetamine.

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