

LOCAL BRIEFING

From staff reports

IGNITE E-Center celebrates grand opening tomorrow

LA GRANDE — The IGNITE Entrepreneurial Center will officially open with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 11 a.m. Oct. 9 followed by an open house at 104 Depot Street. The IGNITE E-Center provides a coworking space, a resource center, referrals and assistance for small business owners and budding entrepreneurs. The E-Center will offer non-fee services for Union County residents such as referrals for business plans and information on permits and licensing and fee-based services including business planning classes and community public offering assistance. IGNITE

will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays for these services or by appointment. In addition, coworking space is available for daily, short- or long-term rent in which entrepreneurs can use computers, access a printer/scanner and have access to Wi-Fi.

For more information about how to use IGNITE or its programs, contact Christine Jarski, La Grande's economic development director, at 541-962-1307, or

Lisa Dawson, NEOEDD's executive director, at 541-426-3598.

Union School Board meets Wednesday

UNION — The Union School Board will meet Oct. 10 at the high school athletic complex. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

SWCD Board meets this week

ISLAND CITY — The Union Soil and Water Conservation District Board will meet at 7 p.m. Oct. 10 in the conference room at the Ag Service Center, 10507 N. McAlister, Island City. Principal subjects to be discussed are monthly financial statements, staff reports and partner agency reports. For details go to www.unionswcd.org or call 541-963-1313.

La Grande School Board plans meeting

LA GRANDE — The Board of Directors of the La Grande School District will meet for a regular board meeting at 7 p.m. Oct. 10 in the District Office Conference Room, 1305 N. Willow.

Candidate forum held in Wallowa County

ENTERPRISE — The

public is invited to meet with candidates at a Wallowa County Candidate Forum beginning at 6 p.m. Oct. 10 in Cloverleaf Hall, on the Wallowa County Fairgrounds in Enterprise. The forum is sponsored by the Wallowa County Chamber and Wallowa County Chieftain.

Yard sale benefits Wallowa County senior programs

ENTERPRISE — Community Connection's Advisory Council is hosting a yard sale to benefit senior programs in Wallowa County next weekend. The sale will run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 12 and 13 at the Enterprise Senior Center, 702 NW First St. Call 541-426-3840 to donate or for more information.

Medicare Part D workshops offered

ISLAND CITY — Medicare's open enrollment period is coming soon, and the Oregon Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance Program will be in La Grande this week to help people find the Medicare drug plan (called Part D) that's right for their needs and budget. Two sessions of the free workshop will be offered — from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Oct. 12 and from 10



La Grande Fire Department Photo

The La Grande Fire Department received \$9,500 from the Shanghai Victory Riders on Saturday morning. The group, based in Portland, is a voluntary group interested in Victory motorcycles, according to its website. They hold a fundraiser every year and choose an organization to donate the money to. This year it was the fire department, according to LGFD Chief Les Thomas. According to Thomas, the Shanghai Victory Riders previously held an event in Union County. One of its members was in an accident and the fire department transported them. "They were very appreciative," Thomas said. "They were very gracious and polite and told us to use (the donation) for whatever benefits the department." Thomas said he was surprised at the amount of money being donated. The fire department has not yet decided what they'll use the money for.

a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 13 — both at the Lighthouse Church, 10501 W First St. (Island Avenue), Island City.

There are many Part D plans to compare, and they can change each year. People's medication needs

also change, so that keeping up with which drugs are covered by which plans, and how fully, can be daunting. The Medicare experts from Oregon SHIBA can ease that frustration. To attend, call 800-722-4134 (toll-free) or

email shiba.oregon@oregon.gov.

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Bertie L. (Conrad) Warnock

Formerly of Union and Wallowa counties 1932-2018

Bertie Lou Warnock, 86, of The Dalles and formerly of Union and Wallowa counties, died Sept. 26. A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Oct. 13 at the Joseph Cemetery.

Bollman Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements.

Bertie was born March 20, 1932, in Hermiston, to Archie and France (Robinson) Conrad. Bertie lived in Oregon all of her life, residing in Klamath, Baker, Union and Wallowa counties. She considered Wallowa County her "home in God's Country."

Bertie attended school at Trout Creek outside of Enterprise and at Catherine Creek above Union, and she went to Union High School. She received a GED later and graduated from Oregon Institute of Technology in Klamath Falls, where she received an associate of applied sciences degree in medical radiologic technology. Bertie was licensed in the State of Oregon as a Diagnostic Radiologic Technologist in 1979. She also attended two years at Portland Community College. Bertie was a member of the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists and Oregon Society of Radiologic Technologists.

Bertie was married to Dell Long, Chester Mastrude and Bill Warnock. She worked as an X-ray technician and cook. She loved gardening, canning, sewing, embroidering, working, reading all kinds of books and being outside hunting and fishing.

Survivors include her daughters, Patricia Schanahan of Joseph, Sharon Halland of The Dalles; Evelyn Mullins of The Dalles; sister and brother-in-law, Ann and Jim Doak of The

Dalles; brother and sister-in-law, Dick and Barbara Conrad of Stateline, Idaho; brother, Larry Conrad; seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; four step-grandchildren and six step-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, David and Jerry Conrad; and sister, Darlene Conrad. Memorial contributions may be made to Wallowa Memorial Hospital X-ray Department.

Donna G. Hartley

Summerville

Donna G. Hartley, 71, of Summerville, died Oct. 5 at her residence. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

Eddie M. Williams

Union

Eddie Mac Williams, 74, of Union, died Oct. 1 from complications of Parkinson's disease and pulmonary embolism. A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Oct. 12 at the Union Methodist Church. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory is handling the arrangements.

Field Roberson

La Grande

Field Roberson, 91, of La Grande, died Oct. 1 at his home. A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Oct. 12 at the La Grande Church of the Nazarene, with his nephew, Elder Robert Robinson of New Jersey, giving the eulogy. Interment will follow at the Hillcrest East Cemetery. Viewing will be held at the church from 9 a.m. until service time. An obituary is forthcoming. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of choice in care of Daniels-Knopp Funeral,

Cremation & Life Celebration Center, 1502 Seventh St., La Grande.

Janet D. Everitt

Formerly of La Grande 1939-2018

Janet D. Everitt, 79, formerly of La Grande, died Sept. 10 at her home in Nampa, Idaho. A graveside service was held Sept. 14 at the Meridian Cemetery, followed by a memorial service at the LDS Church in Nampa.

Known as Jan, she was born June 21, 1939, in La Grande. Her parents died when she was 14 and she finished high school while living with her sister. After high school Jan attended what is now Eastern Oregon University, where she was a cheerleader and an excellent student. She was first runner-up in the Miss Oregon Pageant. While attending EOU, Jan met and married Steve Everitt. She later attended Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario and received a degree in 2002.

Jan was the station manager for KBBK and KBRT during the 1970s. She hosted a sports talk program on the radio, interviewing local sports figures from the Treasure Valley. Later, Jan became a successful real estate agent in Klamath Falls and Nampa, Idaho.

A member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Jan held many positions including choir director and president of the Relief Society. She actively supported her children's sports activities and also held clinics for mothers, while her husband was a football and

basketball coach.

Survivors include her husband of 59 years, Steve; children and their spouses, Craig and Susie, Cathy and Brad, Kyle, and Kip and Ellen; brother, Clinton; and eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Patti J. (Walters) Garoutte

Formerly of La Grande 1957-2018

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 be held at 2 p.m.

Oct. 12 at the La Grande First Christian Church.

Patti was born Feb. 11, 1957, in La Grande, to M. Gene and Judy (Beeson) Walters. She was raised in La Grande, attending Central Elementary School and graduating from La Grande High School. Patti married Darrell Garoutte and they later divorced.

Patti was employed by Alberstons in La Grande, and her last employment was with the Baker City Rite Aid store. Patti's children, grandchildren and her many friends were the center of her life. She enjoyed bowling and fishing and loved the ocean and the beach.

Survivors include her children, Heather Garoutte of Nampa, Idaho, and Rachele Moreno of Yakima, Washington; mother, Judy Ackley of La Grande; sisters and brothers-in-law, Samantha and Tony Amy of La Grande and Darla and Chris Meyers of Albany; brother, Bryan Ackley of La Grande; brother and sister-in-law, Todd and Ute Garoutte of Caldwell,

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What's Cooking ?
by Sandy Sorrels of **TEN DEPOT STREET**

We have outstanding music both Tuesday and Thursday this week at **Ten Depot Street**: Tuesday, October 9, popular local singer-songwriter **Erika Litke** is playing. Litke, who migrated west from the East Coast and fortunately for us now lives in LaGrande and works at Ten Depot as an evening chef, plays all original "street corner alternative." She's an amazingly talented musician.

Then Thursday returning to the Ten Depot stage is **Rob Scheps**, a nationally known tenor and soprano saxophonist who divides his time between New York and the West Coast. Two years ago Rob did a residency at EOU. Currently he is on a tour in the Northwest and luckily we are one of his stops. Joining Rob will be EOU professor Matt Cooper on keyboards, Luke McKern on bass and Mark Emerson on drums. The talented quartet will be performing the music of McCoy Tyner (best known for his role as pianist in the John Coltrane Quartet) with a show they are calling "The Real McCoy" Don't miss this unique opportunity.

Time for **Oysters!** Friday we will start serving our delicious fresh **Pan Fried Oysters** again. When the waters on the coast get colder, the oysters are firmer and better. It's worth a trip to Ten Depot just for the oysters.

Our **Blue Plate** this week is also worth coming out for. We are baking **Alaskan sock-eye salmon** with our homemade pesto, one of my favorite ways to prepare salmon. Served with noodles and coleslaw from local cabbage, it's a Blue Plate you are sure to enjoy.

We also have some beautiful locally grown apples for making desserts.

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