

## LOCAL BRIEFING

From staff reports

### Register now for this weekend's Soap Box Derby

COVE — The inaugural Blue Mountain Dash All-American Soap Box Derby Rally Race Weekend is set for Oct. 13-14 on Haefler Lane in Cove. The races are open to ages 7-18 and no experience is necessary. The rally will run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. The entry fee is \$35 per day or \$70 for both days of racing (a sibling discount is available). Only official AASBD Soap Box Derby cars can race. Loaner cars are available for no extra charge. Call or text 541-910-8857 to register or with any questions.

### GRH Auxiliary hears about flu season

LA GRANDE — The Grande Ronde Hospital Auxiliary will hold its Oct. 15 meeting at the Island City City Hall. Coffee and light refreshments will be available at 9 a.m. followed

by the meeting at 9:30. Amy Miles, RN, infection control practitioner, will give an update on the upcoming flu season and offer flu shots for Auxiliary members.

### LHS class of '54 meets Thursday

LA GRANDE — The members of the La Grande High School class of 1954 will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. Oct. 11 at the Flying J restaurant.

### Oregon Rural Action's annual meeting set

LA GRANDE — Oregon Rural Action invites its members and the public to the 2018 ORA Annual Meeting and Fundraiser beginning at 3 p.m. Oct. 13 at Zion Lutheran Church, 902 Fourth St., La Grande. The featured speaker, Dr. Bruce Thomson, is a retired family medicine physician and active member of

Healthcare for ALL Oregon. Following the presentation will be nominations for the Board of Directors as well as for Snake River Chapter and Blue Mountain Chapter, social time and a panel discussion. Participants are asked to bring a dish for a potluck. To buy a ticket, contact a board member, call 541-212-8796 or email devannoblit@gmail.com.

### DAR chapter meeting open to public

LA GRANDE — A lunch meeting of the Lone Pine Tree Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will begin at 11 a.m. Oct. 12 at the Flying J restaurant in La Grande. The meetings are open to the public. For more information call Joan Smith at 963-541-4861.

### RSVP for Cove senior meal ASAP

COVE — The Oct. 16 Cove senior meal will

feature a baked potato bar and apple pie for dessert. There is a \$5 charge per meal. Coffee and tea are available at noon and the meal is at 12:30 p.m. Cove senior meals are now held at the Founders Hall at the Ascension School on the first and third Tuesday of the month. RSVP by calling Imie Bristow at 541-568-4545 or Betsy Arnson at 541-568-4902.

### Betty Hughes speaks to historical society

LA GRANDE — The Union County Historical Society will meet at noon Oct. 13 for a potluck at the log cabin at the Union County Fairgrounds in La Grande. After the meal, guest speaker Betty Hughes will share memories from Birnie's Jewelry Store as well as information about the large historic clock, which will be placed again on Adams Avenue Oct. 25.

## HAUNTED

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Portland. Around 30 volunteers and employees of all ages don makeup and costumes as actors within the maze, some of whom participate in more than the typical "jump scare."

"I've been to a lot of other haunted houses and ours is a lot more theatrical than some haunts, but still scary," Mackley said. "You're following a story through the whole thing. It's consistent — (everything) is a part of the story line. It's not just actors jumping out and saying 'boo.' They have lines and acting pieces as you're going through."

Mackley has coordinated, created and participated in numerous "haunted" creations since 2004, when she hosted her first haunted house in someone's empty home. Since then, she's hosted haunts in her own home, on the third floor of the old Union Hotel and, after purchasing the Maridell Center in

2010, on the second floor of their current building.

"People like to get scared. It's an adrenaline thing," Mackley said of why people come to productions like hers. "I think a haunted house is a little bit like a rollercoaster. It has its ups and downs — you get really scared, then relax for a minute, then you're scared (again). But (above all) you've had fun."

"Dr. Frankenstein's Labyrinth" is open from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. every Friday and Saturday in October plus Oct. 30 and 31, at the Maridell Center, 1124 Washington Ave. Cost is \$12 per person.

The Maridell Center will also host a pre-show Oct. 27 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. for younger participants and those who would rather not brave the traditional maze. Trick-or-treating buckets will be available and guests can walk through the haunted house sans-scares and collect candy from Dr. Frankenstein's monsters. The cost is \$8 per person.

## OBITUARIES

### Nancy J. (Choate) Christensen

Formerly of La Grande

Nancy Jane (Choate) Christensen, 78, of Lebanon and formerly of La Grande, died Sept. 27 at Samaritan Albany General Hospital. An obituary is forthcoming. A celebration of her life will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 27 in the Lebanon Library Community Room.

### Patricia A. Knight

Elgin

Patricia Ann Knight, 74, of Elgin, died Oct. 9 at the Milton-Freewater Health and Rehabilitation Center. Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home of Milton-Freewater is in charge of the arrangements.

### Carolyn (Emerson) Fesler

Joseph  
1956-2018

Carolyn Fesler, 62, of Joseph, died Sept. 26 at Wallowa Memorial Hospital in Enterprise. As she requested, there will not be a funeral service. A private family gathering will be held at a later date.



Nicknamed Cookie, Carolyn was born March 11, 1956, in Pueblo, Colorado, to James and Patricia (Torrance) Emerson.

Carolyn worked in Alaska as a heavy equipment operator out of Local #302. She also started the nonprofit UANracing for a Cure/Epilepsy of Alaska.

Carolyn enjoyed gardening, cooking, skiing, fishing, trick riding, horseback riding, sewing, spending time with family and volunteering at the Wallowa County Humane Society.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Zachary and Jody; son, Jace; two grandsons; sister and brother-in-law, Debbie and Carl; brothers and sisters-in-law, Jim and Melissa, Will and Ronnie, and Matt and Doaa; and three nephews and six nieces.

She was preceded in death by her son, Morgan; father, James; mother, Pat; stepmother, Karen; and nephew, Levi.

Memorial donations may be made to the Wallowa Humane Society in care of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway 97834.

Online condolences may be shared at www.tamispi-

nevalleyfuneralhome.com.

### Eddie M. Williams

Union  
1943-2018

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, followed by a potluck reception.

Eddie was born Oct. 18, 1943, in Finley, Oklahoma, to Bill and Virgie Williams. He resided in Las Cruces, New Mexico; Wilcox, Arizona; Dayton, Washington; and Prineville, Milton-Freewater, La Grande and Union. Eddie attended grade school in Las Cruces, New Mexico, and graduated from Prineville High School. His marriage to Gloria McMunn ended in divorce. He later married Geneva Joseph.

Eddie was employed with Gilmore Logging for 40 years as a timber faller and cat skinner. In his early years, he and his brothers and cousins were the crew of timber fallers for vari-



ous companies. Eddie was an avid hound hunter and enjoyed fishing with family and mushroom hunting. He was very competitive in timber sports until a serious accident. He was awarded numerous trophies for hound hunting and timber sports. Eddie was involved with the wrestling team when he was in high school and continued to attend Union High School games and wrestling events.

Survivors include his wife, Geneva; son and daughter-in-law, John and Teresa Williams of Vernonia; stepchildren, Jennifer Joseph of Camano Island, Washington, and Beau Joseph and wife, Kathy, of Union; sisters and brothers-in-law, Gladys and Stan Garrison of Washougal, Washington, Bonnie and Dave Puckett of Prineville, Jewel and Bill DeLong of Vale, and Shirley and Ben Hayes of Baker City; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and 20 nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Willie and Virgie; son, Jon Charles Joseph; sisters, Lola, Lucille, Mae and Fern; and brothers, Junior and Walt.

In lieu of flowers, memo-

rial contributions may be made to the Union Methodist Church, P.O. Box 476, Union 97883, or the Union County Museum, 331 S. Main St., Union 97883.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com.

### Field Roberson

La Grande  
1927-2018

Field Roberson, 91, of La Grande, died Oct. 1 at his home. A funeral service



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 the service begins.

Field was born April 22, 1927, in Aiken, Georgia, to Field and Mattie (Simmons) Roberson. He lived in various states including New Jersey, Florida and Arizona before coming to La Grande in the 1960s. Field married Lillian Robinson on Sept. 5, 1993, in New Jersey.

Field owned and operated a landscaping business for many years. He was a member of the Amazing Grace Fellowship. He loved flowers, horticulture, church and spending time with family and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Lillian Roberson of La Grande; 14 children; 30 grandchildren; and more than 40 great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice in care of Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, 1502 Seventh St., La Grande 97850.

### 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 FIRE DEPARTMENT

The La Grande Fire Department responded to eight calls for medical and three smoke alarms on Friday, eight calls for medical on Saturday, two calls for medical and one burn complaint on Sunday, six calls for medical and one fire alarm Monday and 11 calls for medical and one carbon monoxide alarm on Tuesday.

### UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Accident: Nobody was injured in a traffic accident on Interstate 84 five miles east of La Grande Sunday morning. The accident involved a vehicle that hit a deer. The accident was reported at 10:45 a.m.

Arrested: Charles Nicholas Pietzak, 47, unknown address, was arrested on a Union County

Circuit Court warrant charging contempt of court.

Arrested: Steven Michael Lane, 36, unknown address, was arrested on a charge driving while suspended, misdemeanor.

Arrested: Brandon Kiyomasa, 25, unknown address, was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence of intoxicants.

Arrested: Autumn Noel Harvey, 36, Elgin, was arrested on a charge of fourth-degree assault.

Cited: A Union County juvenile was cited on a charge of being a minor in possession of tobacco.

Cited: A Union County juvenile was cited on a charge of second-degree trespassing.

### LA GRANDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Cited: Landon Tyrel Hudleston, 25, a transient, was cited on a charge of third-degree theft.

Arrested: Scott William Devin, 18, unknown address, was arrested on a charge of harassment.

Cited: A juvenile was cited on a charge of being a minor in possession of alcohol.

Arrested: James Edward Shelley, 50, transient, was arrested while lodged in the Union County Jail on a Union County warrant charging order to show cause on an original charge of first-degree trespassing.

Accident: Nobody was injured in a traffic accident on H Avenue Friday night. The accident was reported at 7:13 p.m.

Arrested: Mark Wade Loree, 53, was arrested on charges of driving under the influence of intoxicants and reckless driving.

Arrested: Craig William Doolley, 46, unknown address, was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance and distribution of a controlled

substance-meth felony and on a parole and probation detainer.

Arrested: Curtis Dean Cox, 52, a transient, was arrested on charges of third-degree theft and second-degree criminal mischief.

Arrested: Poppy Rose Grover, 39, transient, was arrested on a Umatilla County warrant charging failure to appear in

court on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

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