Local Briefing

From staff reports

Elgin School Board to meet

ELGIN — The Elgin School Board will meet tonight. The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. in room 15 of Stella Mayfield Elementary School.

IMESD board members go on regional tour

PENDLETON — The Board of Directors of the InterMountain Education Service District will meet for a regional board tour beginning at 8 a.m. Oct. 16. A regular board meeting will follow at 4 p.m. at the IMESD, 2001 SW Nye Ave., Pendleton.

Road work on McAlister planned for Tuesday

ISLAND CITY — The City of Island City will be conducting chip seal work on McAlister Road Oct. 16.

The road will be closed from approximately 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. from Island Avenue south to Fifth Street. After this time, there will be a pilot car to help traffic flow from Fifth Street to Buchanan Lane.

Since this is a chip-seal project, there is the possibility of getting grease/oil/tar on your vehicle, and the city requests drivers find alternative routes if possible.

ODOE hosts public informational meeting on B2H

LA GRANDE — The Oregon Department of Energy is hosting a series of public informational meetings with Idaho Power Company about its proposed Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line, a 500-kilovolt transmission line that would extend about 300 miles from Boardman to Hemingway, Idaho. A meeting will be held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Oct. 17 at the Blue Mountain Conference Center, 404 12th St., La Grande.

The informational meetings will provide attendees with details about the proposed transmission line and the Energy Facility Siting Council review process. The meetings will not include time for public testimony or on-the-record public comments. There will be formal hearings later to allow public comments on the Draft Proposed Order.

EOU Homecoming Parade seeks entries

LA GRANDE — Eastern Oregon University invites area businesses and organizations to join students, faculty and staff for the annual Homecoming Parade Oct. 19. Visit www.eou.edu/alumni/homecoming and click "Homecoming Parade Registration Form" to download the application. Return the completed form to University Advancement in Inlow Hall 212 before 5 p.m. Oct. 18. Lineup is at 4:15 p.m. on the corner of Fourth Street and Jefferson Avenue. The parade begins at 5 p.m. and proceeds along Adams Avenue through downtown to Hemlock Street. For more information call 541-962-3740 or e-mail alumni@eou.edu.

Annual ski swap set for Saturday

LA GRANDE — This year's Anthony Lakes Ski Patrol Ski Swap will take place Oct. 20 at the Riveria Activity Center, Second Street and Y Avenue, La Grande. This is a great place to get deals on both new and used equipment. The sale will be from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Equipment check in is from 9 a.m. to noon, and pickup and payout is from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. This sale is one of the Ski Patrol's biggest fundraisers of the year. For additional information call Dave at 541-963-9602.

FACT Oregon holds free regional conference

LA GRANDE — FACT Oregon — an organization that seeks to empower families experiencing disability — is holding a free regional conference in La Grande from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 20 at the La Grande Middle School, 1108 Fourth St. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Educators, professionals and family members are welcome. To register, call 503-786-6082 or email info@factoregon.org.

Holiday bazaar and bake sale offers handmade items

LA GRANDE — An American Legion Auxiliary Holiday Bazaar & Bake Sale will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 20 at the La Grande American Legion Post 43, 301 Fir St. The event will offer handmade items from different vendors. Contact Jody Craig for more information at jojocraig1951@gmail.com or 541-963-5081.

Imbler School Board meets tomorrow

IMBLER — The Imbler School District Board of Directors will meet at 7 p.m. Oct. 16 for a regular session in Room 1 of the high school. The public is welcome to attend all open sessions of the Imbler School Board.

Obituaries

Berniss A. Betchel

La Grande

Berniss A. Betchel, 84, of La Grande, died Oct. 14 at home. A full obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

Donna J. (Tolles) Hartley

Summerville

1947-2018

Donna Jean Hartley, 71, died Oct. 5 at her home after a brief battle with cancer.

A recitation of the Rosary and funeral Mass will be held at 2 p.m. Oct. 19 at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church in La Grande, followed by a graveside service at Hillcrest East Cemetery.

Donna was born May 17, 1947, in La Grande, to William F. and Mary L. (Meranda) Tolles. She spent her childhood in and around Eastern Oregon and graduated from Hermiston High School in 1965. In June 1965, she married her high school sweetheart, Scott Hartley, and they had children. In the late 1990s, Donna retired from Kay Jewelers in Kennewick, Washington, where she worked as the manager for many years.

To Donna, life was an adventure and she lived it to the fullest. A true Eastern Oregonian, she loved to camp, pick huckleberries and mushrooms, and play the slots at Wildhorse Casino (she always referred to any money she lost there as a donation). Donna loved her family fiercely and according to her family was a phenomenal grandmother. Affectionately referred to as "Nanny" by grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Donna ensured that her home was always a haven for them.

Donna was known for her kindness and generosity, and she managed to find the silver lining in every situation and the good in every person she met. Money and material things were trivial to her, as her relationships with family and friends were her most valuable possessions. Donna loved to travel and could be relied upon to leave at the drop of a hat for a road trip with nothing more than a clean pair of underwear.

Survivors include her husband, Scott Hartley; daughter, Kelli Elliott of Summerville; son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Hope Hartley of Umatilla; sister and brother-in-law, Mary K. and Jim Gray of La Grande; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, William Albert Tolles; grandson, Trevor William Page; son-in-law, Frank D. Elliott; and nephew, P.J. Gray.

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

Evelyn Murphy

La Grande

Evelyn Murphy, 87, of La Grande, died Oct. 9 at a local care facility. A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. Oct. 19 at Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center. An obituary is forthcoming.

Gene Gillis

La Grande

Gene Gillis, 91, of La Grande, died Oct. 12 at a local care facility. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

Lyda L. (Berger) Holland

Cove

1931-2018

Lyda Louise Holland, 87, of Cove, died Oct. 4 at her residence. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Oct. 20 at the Cove Cemetery. Casual dress is preferred by the family. A reception will begin at 3 p.m. at the Cove Sportsman's Club.

Lyda was born April 19, 1931, in Zurich, Montana, to Edwin and Agnes (Jordhal) Berger. She attended elementary school in Zurich and graduated from Chinook High School. Lyda married Richard "Dutch" Holland and was a devoted mother and wife.

Lyda played the piano and accordion by ear and participated in local jam sessions. She also liked to travel.

Survivors include her children and their spouses, James and Vicki Holland of Cove and Karen and Tom Davis of Hermiston; brother and sister-in-law, Donald and Marilyn Berger of Chinook, Montana; three grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard; sisters, Irene Correa and Doris Couch; and brother, Buster Berger.

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

Minnie P. Tucker

Imbler

Minnie P. Tucker, 70, of Imbler, died Oct. 11 at Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane, Washington. A funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Oct. 18 at the Summerville Baptist Church. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory is handling the arrangements.

THANK YOU

We would like to say, *Thank You* for your kindness during this difficult time of our loss of

Gregory Hal Fischer

A thank you to the Elgin Stampeders, David Stirwalt and Banner Bank and everyone who made the wonderful salads and desserts. It was a wonderful dinner with family and friends to honor Greg.

Thank you to all of our family and friends for the support, kind words, hugs, cards and beautiful flowers. Loveland for a beautiful funeral, Pastor Wayne Pickins and Paster Ryan Fife for the wonderful words spoke over Greg.

And a huge thank-you to all of our friends and family for making Greg's ride to heaven perfect, he will be missed greatly.

Sincerely, Tina Taylor & family and the Fischer family

Donald B. Johnson

July 19, 1915 - Oct. 7, 2018

Don Johnson of La Grande, OR passed away on Oct. 7, 2018 in Bend. He was 103 years old.

Don was a farmer, a high school teacher and a decorated veteran of WW II, serving in the Pacific Theater.

He was also an avid hunter and boater and he enjoyed sharing these activities with his many friends and family.

Don was married to Pauline Christensen for over 70 years. He is survived by his daughters Kristi and Randi, a granddaughter Kelli and a grandson Jason. They gave him seven great-grandchildren: Lucas, Marcos, Jaxon, Kenna, Hudson, Ty and Jamin. He also has a nephew, Scott and a niece, Nanda. He was preceded in death by his wife, Pauline.

Don was a mountain of a man! He was always loving and caring and tried to help anyone in need. He will be in our hearts forever and will never be forgotten by anyone who knew him.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Autumn Funerals, Bend. Please visit the online registry for Don at www.autumnfunerals.net.

Public Safety Report

La Grande Police Department

Cited: John Russell Yeates, 33, La Grande, was cited on charges of driving under the influence of intoxicants and reckless driving.

Arrested: William Jay Dayton III, 26, unknown address, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Arrested: Darlene Marie Ferguson, 39, unknown address, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Arrested: Patricia Morris, 39, La Grande, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Arrested: Jesse Joe Shodin, 44, unknown address, was arrested on an Oregon State Parole Board warrant charging a parole violation. The alleged parole violation was connected to an original charge of a traffic offense.

Union County Sheriff's Office

Arrested: Jeffery Lane Roberts, 39, unknown address, was arrested on a Union County warrant charging a probation violation. The alleged probation violation was connected to an original charge of harassment.

Arrested: Andrew Nelson, 28, unknown address, was arrested on a charge of shoplifting.

Arrested: Pamela Ann Yundt-Barnes, 60, unknown address, was arrested on a Union County Circuit Court warrant charging two counts of third-degree assault, three counts of recklessly endangering another person and reckless driving..

Arrested: Robert LaFollette Breeze Jr., 52, unknown address, was arrested on a parole and probation detainer.

Accident: At least one person was injured in a traffic accident on Fox Hill Road on Saturday. The accident was reported at 2:08 a.m.

Imbler Rural Fire Department

Vehicle fire: Crews from the Imbler Rural Fire Department and the La Grande Rural Fire Department extinguished a hay trailer fire Saturday afternoon on Woodell Lane near Webster Road. The goose neck trailer was transporting nine tons of hay, about half of which was saved, said Imbler Fire Chief Mike Barry. The vehicle was also saved. The Imbler Rural Fire Department sent one engine and two tenders to the fire and the La Grande Rural Fire Department sent an engine and one tender. The fire was reported at 2:35 p.m.

La Grande Fire Department

La Grande Fire Department responded to 11 calls for medical and one fire on Friday, seven calls for medical and one fire on Saturday and six calls for medical, one burn complaint and one small fire on Sunday.

What's Cooking ?

by Sandy Sorrels of

TEN DEPOT STREET

It will be a busy week in La Grande, with the ***Eastern Oregon Film Festival***, three days of independent film. music, and celebration starting on Thursday and running through Saturday. This is a great event now in its ninth year. We also have some good music both Tuesday and Thursday at **Ten Depot Street**.

Speedy Gray, an alternative country singer-songwriter from Boise, is playing on Tuesday at Ten Depot Street from 8 until 10. Speedy is lead guitarist for the band *Like a Rocket*. His music is influenced by such musicians as Neil Young, Elvis Costello and Tom Waits.

Wander Lust with ***Tyler Brooks*** is playing on Thursday evening. Brooks, who has deep roots in rural Eastern Oregon, is a singer-songwriter who produces a blend of country, punk, and rock n roll with "a genuine sense of honesty." Both nights the music starts at 8:00.

Our *Blue Plate Special* this week is one of my favorite comfort foods, *Chicken Ala King*, served over homemade biscuits. It is something that I remember my grandmother making years ago, as it was quite popular in the early part of the last century. Made with chunks of chicken in a creamy mushroom sauce and flavored with sherry, it is never out of style.

Halibut with Cognac Cream Sauce over *Angel Hair Pasta* is a featured special this week at Ten Depot Street, starting tonight. Created by our chef, Bill Monda, this is a delicious way to prepare Alaskan halibut. Every time we served this amazing dish, we have rave reviews from our customers.

Wednesday October 31, is our annual Halloween Party with ***Bag of Hammers***, featuring ***Holly Sorensen***.

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