

# LOCAL BRIEFING

From staff reports

## Property tax statements are in the mail

LA GRANDE — The Union County Assessor's Office mailed property tax statements on Oct. 19. As a convenience to taxpayers, all branches of Community Bank, Umpqua Bank and Banner Bank in Union County will accept property tax payments through Nov. 15.

Property owners in the North Powder School District will see a special assessment on their statements this year. This is a one-time assessment to make up for the under-collection of last year's school bond as a result of a calculation error. If you have any questions or concerns about this assessment, call the Assessor's Office at 541-963-1002.

## 'Voyage to Mars' presentation is open to the public

LA GRANDE — As part of National Chemistry Week celebrations, EOU's chemistry club will host a webinar entitled "Voyage to Mars: The Red Planet Chemistry" at 4 p.m. Oct. 23 in Zabel Hall 101. The live presentation, which is open to the public, will feature a panel of experts who will share what they know about the planet

and the steps that need to be taken to safely send men and women to walk on its surface. There will be door prizes at the end of the presentation.

## Wallowology hosts free presentation on impact of climate change in Alaska

JOSEPH — Caitlin Rushlow, Ph.D., a geological scientist from Idaho State University, will give a free presentation at 7 p.m. Oct. 25 as part of Wallowology's climate change series. All are welcome to the free presentation, "Flowing Water in a Frozen Land: Understanding Climate Change Impacts in Arctic Alaska," at the Wallowology Discovery Center, 508 N. Main St., Joseph.

## Claim your lost items at Parks & Rec office

LA GRANDE — The City of La Grande Parks & Recreation Department has collected several lost items throughout the summer that will be donated if not claimed. Come to the Parks & Recreation office located at 2402 Cedar Street to claim any items by Oct. 26.

## Paint pumpkins Friday at Union Library

UNION — The Union Carnegie Public Library is having a pumpkin painting

party from 10 a.m. to noon Oct. 26 at the library, 182 N Main St. The event is open to all ages. Children younger than 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Pumpkins will be provided. Call the library at 541-562-5811 for more information.

## Pre-registration required for Concealed Handgun Class

LA GRANDE — The Union County Sheriff's Office will be offering a Concealed Handgun Class on Nov. 3, starting promptly at 8 a.m. The class will be held at the Union County Sheriff's Office, 1109 K Ave., La Grande. The cost of the class is \$50, and pre-registration is required. For more information and to register, contact the sheriff's office at 541-963-1017, option 2 and 3.

## Wallowa County Community Connection seeks Advisory Council members

ENTERPRISE — Volunteers to provide leadership for senior citizen programs in Wallowa County are being sought by Community Connection, which has several openings on its Advisory Council. The council oversees services such as transportation, the food bank, nutrition and emergency

programs. Anyone interested in giving of their time is asked to call Connie at 541-426-3840 for more information or an application.

## LG School Board meets Wednesday for special session

LA GRANDE — The Board of Directors of the La Grande School District will have a special board meeting at 7 p.m. Oct. 24 in the District Office Conference Room, 1305 N. Willow. The seismic upgrade project will be discussed and decided upon.

## Dodge Ram pickup included in Farmer-Merchant Banquet silent auction

LA GRANDE — At last year's Farmer-Merchant Banquet, a Legacy Dodge pickup was sold at the silent auction and a subsequent donation of \$10,000 made to local 4-H and FFA organizations. This year, a 2018 3500 Dodge Ram Crew Cab will be included in the silent auction at the Nov. 1 banquet.

## Garbage service rates to increase slightly in Island City Nov. 1

ISLAND CITY — Island City's city council passed a resolution earlier this month increasing the cost of curb-

side garbage and recycling pickup from \$24 to \$24.35 a month. The 1.43 percent increase will take effect Nov. 1. The increase will cover the losses Waste-Pro is suffering because of changes suffered due to the recycling market alterations and will fund a recycling education and promotion campaign.

## Free presentation gives contemporary look at marijuana and youth

LA GRANDE — Union County Safe Communities Coalition and CHD invite the community to "Just Say Know: A Contemporary Look at Marijuana and Youth," a free presentation set for

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 25 at the Presbyterian Friendship Center, 1204 Spring Ave., La Grande. The session will examine current research about cannabis and youth in terms of brain development, potency, current products like concentrates, and identity formation in youth. The discussion will examine health-related protective factors and include tips for parents on how to talk about substance use with their kids. Registration is required and may be completed at <https://matt-vogel-youth-marijuana-18.eventbrite.com>. For more information, contact Robin Wortman at [ucsafecommunities@gmail.com](mailto:ucsafecommunities@gmail.com) or 541-963-1068.

## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

### LA GRANDE FIRE DEPARTMENT

La Grande Fire Department responded to four calls for medical, one fire alarm and one burn complaint on Friday, seven calls for medical on Saturday and nine calls for medical and one fuel leak on Sunday.

### UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Arrested: Curtis Dean Cox, 51, unknown address, was arrested on a Union County warrant charging failure to appear in court on charges of reckless driving and violating a speed limit.

Arrested: Nathan Lee Bonn,

25, La Grande, was arrested on a charge of harassment.

Arrested: Scott Eugene Neal, 42, unknown address, was arrested on a charge of a restraining order violation.

### LA GRANDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Arrested: James Martin, 28, unknown address, was arrested on a charge of shoplifting.

Arrested: Alicia Nicole Villarreal, 32, La Grande, was arrested on a charge of violation of a restraining order.

Arrested: Kenny Leo Enter, 32, La Grande, was cited on a charge of second-degree theft.

Arrested: Eric Lee Wyatt, 29, La Grande, was arrested on a parole and probation detainer.

## OBITUARIES

### Coralee (McCrae) Howell

Formerly of Wallowa  
1932-2018

Coralee (McCrae) Howell, 85, of Idaho Falls, Idaho, and formerly of Wallowa, died Oct. 12, at Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center. A graveside memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Oct. 27 at the Lostine Cemetery, followed by a lunch reception from noon to 2 p.m. at the Wallowa Senior Center.

Coralee was born Dec. 29, 1932, in Wallowa, to Oran Roland and Inez (Roberts) McCrae. One of five children, she grew up in Wallowa and graduated from Wallowa High School. While in high school, Coralee was a Chief Joseph Days Rodeo Princess and had the pleasure of meeting and traveling throughout the valley with Walter Brennan. She went on to attend Kinman Business University in Spokane, Washington, where she acquired skills in banking that she utilized throughout her various careers.

On Oct. 2, 1960, Coralee married Howard Llewellyn Howell in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Together they raised three children, Richard, Renise and Rita. Coralee and Howard made their first home in Moscow, Idaho, and later lived in Idaho Falls, California, and finally settled in Pocatello, Idaho. While in Pocatello, they operated Denture Arts. Howard passed away Sept. 9, 1995.

Coralee loved meeting people and making new friends. She was involved with Welcome Wagon in the early 1960s, and she and Howard were co-presidents of the March of Dimes during their time in Idaho Falls. Coralee enjoyed card games and was a skilled duplicate bridge player with life master points. She was known for her many wonderful parties and had an infectious positive attitude that made her a delight to be around.

Coralee was a classy dresser whose trademark was her wide variety of charming hats. Family was

everything to Coralee and she had a special love for her grandchildren. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Ric and Ann Howell of Idaho Falls, Idaho; daughters and sons-in-law, Renise and Glenn Burpee of Everett, Washington, and Rita and Jim Hermann of Genesee, Idaho; brother and sister-in-law, Oran and Gloria McCrae of Wallowa; sister, Phyllis Connor of Wallowa; and 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Howard Llewellyn Howell; sister, Marcelle Revis; brother, Marion McCrae; and son-in-law, John Trimble.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to your favorite charity.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.woodfuneralhome.com](http://www.woodfuneralhome.com).

### Harry E. Trump

Formerly of Elgin  
1927-2018

Harry E. Trump, 91, of Hermiston and formerly of Elgin, died Oct. 17 at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston.

A memorial service will begin at 10 a.m. Oct. 27 at the First United Methodist Church in Hermiston. Burial will be at the Hermiston Cemetery. Arrangements are entrusted to Burns Mortuary of Hermiston.

Harry was born Feb. 21, 1927, in Maxville. At five years of age, he met his

future wife, Erma Stubblefield. They went through school together, worked at the local newspaper and were married in 1950 in Nampa, Idaho. Harry graduated from what is now Eastern Oregon University and embarked on a 43-year career in education.

In Elgin, Harry was principal and taught eighth grade. He also worked at the sawmill and managed the local skating rink/fast food business. His children recall an idyllic childhood in Elgin, with many relatives nearby and days spent happily in Harry's father's orchard.

In 1960, the family moved to Hermiston, where Harry taught at Sunset Elementary for two years before becoming the first principal of Rocky Heights Elementary School. Later, he worked in the office of the school district superintendent for a few years and then became the first principal of Highland Hills Elementary before retiring in 1983.

During retirement, Harry and Erma kept busy with genealogy research and travel. They traced the family roots back to 1700 in Virginia. They drove their motorhome all over the country and also made trips to Alaska, Hawaii, Europe and Israel.

According to his family, Harry was a gentle soul and had a great sense of humor. He always showed great wisdom. Harry was a member of the First United Methodist Church and lived a prosperous life of service to his family, to his community, to his church and to his God.

Survivors include his daughter, Susan Brooks; daughter and son-in-law, Lori and Chuck Royer; sons and daughters-in-law, Gary and Janet, and David and Lori; son-in-law, Charlie Grabeel; and 19 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Erma; daughter, Elizabeth; daughter-in-law, Tracee; and grandson, Harrison.

To sign the online condolence book, visit [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

### Inge Curtis

Lostine

Inge Curtis, 87, of Lostine, died Oct. 13. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Oct. 22 at the Lostine Cemetery. An obituary is forthcoming. Arrangements are entrusted to Bollman Funeral Home.

### Thelma Maxwell

Joseph

Thelma Maxwell, 90, of Joseph, died Oct. 17. At her request, private family services will be held at a later date. An obituary is forthcoming. Arrangements are entrusted to Bollman Funeral Home.

### Violet M. Austin

La Grande

Violet M. Austin, 85, of La Grande, died Oct. 20 at Grande Ronde Hospital. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

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

One of the advantages of living in a college town is the amazing opportunities we have to experience quality musical, theatrical, and arts events. This Thursday, October 22, at **Ten Depot Street**, thanks to long time music professor Matt Cooper, we have a chance to hear jazz flugelhornist **Dmitri Matheny**.

Recently lauded as one of the "most emotionally expressive improvisors of his generation," Matheny is giving workshops during the day at EOU and playing at Ten Depot in the evening. Playing with him are Matt Cooper on piano, Luke McKern on bass and Mark Emerson on drums. Join us for drinks, dinner, appetizers, dessert and amazing jazz. That's Thursday night.

On Tuesday **J D Kindle** from Pendleton is playing in the bar. Kindle has played many times at Ten Depot, both solo and with his band,

**James Dean Kindle and the Eastern Oregon Playboys.** Kindle specializes in country and western music with forays into rock n roll.

Oysters are back on the menu, at least we hope so. We have some to start the week and will have them again on Friday. Sometime when we order we don't get them for various reasons on the supply side. We are sorry that it happened recently.

Next week on Wednesday October 31 we are holding our annual Halloween Party at Ten Depot Street with popular local band, **Bag of Hammers**, featuring **Holly Sorensen**.

We encourage everyone to create and wear a costume, but if you aren't into dressing up, come anyway. Our judges will be watching throughout the night for the best costumes. The music starts at 8:00.

We welcome the **WITCHES** this Friday night!

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