

# LOCAL BRIEFING

From staff reports

## Halloween Carnival held at the high school

LA GRANDE — A Halloween Carnival will be open to children up to fifth grade and their families from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Oct. 31 in the La Grande High School Commons. The event is sponsored by the Center for Human Development and the La Grande High School FBLA chapter.

## 'Coco' screening celebrates Mexican traditions

LA GRANDE — On Nov. 1, Disney's "Coco" will be shown at EOU as part of a celebration of Mexican and Hispanic traditions. Latino Impact, an on-campus student group, and the Office of Student Diversity and Inclusion are hosting a Dia de los Muertos

(Day of the Dead) celebration on campus. The three-day Mexican holiday honors family and friends who have passed away and aids in their spiritual journey.

Starting at 4 p.m. Nov. 1, community members can decorate a Day of the Dead altar at the Multicultural Center (Hoke Union Building, second floor) and leave notes dedicated to loved ones who have died. Participants will also decorate sugar skull cookies, a traditional element of the holiday. At 6 p.m., Disney's "Coco" will begin in Lewis Auditorium (Zabel 101), and afterward Latino Impact will host a short presentation on the film's insight into Mexican culture and the significance of the holiday.

All events are free and open to the public. Contact the

Multicultural Center for additional information at 541-962-3741 or norwoor@eou.edu.

## Help kids cope with divorce, separation

LA GRANDE — Learn how divorce or separation impacts your children and what you can do to help them at a workshop offered from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Nov. 15 in the Misener Conference Room, 1001 Fourth St., La Grande. The workshop is facilitated by Mary Lu Pierce and sponsored by the Family Law Advisory Committee. Cost is \$30 per person (cash or check only). The fee may be waived by prior order of the court, or if attendance occurs prior to or within 45 days of filing for custody, dissolution, separation or modification. Support persons and com-

munity members may attend free of charge. Do not bring your children. Child care is not provided. For more information call 541-962-9500 ext. 42.

## Library hosts seed swap Saturday

LA GRANDE — The community is invited to a seed swap from noon to 1 p.m. Nov. 3 in the Cook Memorial Library Community Room. Vegetable, flower and herb seeds will be available. Participants may bring pre-packaged seeds or cleaned heirloom seeds, but this is not necessary. Everyone is welcome to attend and take seeds for their 2019 gardens. Stop by 2006 Fourth St., La Grande, or call 541-962-1339 for more information.

# PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

## LA GRANDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Cited: A Union County juvenile was cited on charges of minor in possession, marijuana, fourth-degree assault and second-degree criminal mischief.

Arrested: Victor E. Marlitt, 30, unknown address, was arrested while lodged in the Union County

Jail on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Arrested: Cassandra M. Stellings, 25, unknown address, was arrested on an order to show cause on original charges of first-degree burglary.

Arrested: Damion Ross Martin, 29, unknown address, was arrested on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon and menacing.

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# OBITUARIES

## Bernard M. Abell

La Grande  
1931-2018

Bernard M. Abell, 86, of La Grande, died Oct. 22 in Richland, Washington. At his request there will not be a service. Bernard was born Nov. 25, 1931, in Durham, Missouri, to George and Bertha (Graham) Abell. After several trips moving back and forth to Oregon from Missouri, the family settled in Island City.

At age 17, Bernard went to work for the Union Pacific Railroad, working for the maintenance away department. He then worked as a brakeman in the switching yard at Rieth. In 1951, Bernard went into the Navy Seabees and served during the Korean War. He earned the Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Medal, Korean Service Medal and the United Service Medal. He also served a year on Adak, Alaska.

In 1955, Bernard married Phillis Gerdes and they had two children, Marvel and Brian. The marriage ended in divorce. Bernard took a leave of absence from the railroad in 1961 to take advantage of his GI Bill and attended Moler Barber School in Portland. After he graduated, the family moved to McNary, where Bernard bought and worked at his own shop in Umatilla during the day and for the railroad as an engineer at the Hinkle switching yard at night. After doing this for seven years, the family moved back to La Grande and Bernard worked the mainline out of La Grande until his retirement.

Bernard met Shelley (Denton) McLean in 1976, and they later married. After more than 40 years with the Union Pacific Railroad, Bernard retired in 1995. Retirement years were spent living his dreams with his wife,

Shelley, traveling where the road took them. Bernard also loved to camp, fish, hunt with family and, as anyone who knew him knows, loved to tell stories.

Survivors include his wife, Shelley; children, Marvel Abell Dement and Brian Abell; four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; and stepsons, John McLean and Jeremy McLean.

He was preceded in death by his parents and all five of his siblings, Robert, Wendell, Leon, Eva Kimmelshue and Homer.

## Dorothy Driscoll

Cove

Dorothy Driscoll, 88, of Cove, died Oct. 27 at home. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

## Kimberley R. Kirby

La Grande

Kimberley R. Kirby, 57, of La Grande, died Oct. 28 at Grande Ronde Hospital. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

## Michael A. Brennan

Formerly of Joseph  
1945-2018

Michael Andrew Brennan, 72, formerly of Joseph, died Oct. 9 at his home in Mitchell. He was interred at the Prairie Creek Cemetery on

Oct. 15.

Mike was born Nov. 27, 1945, in Los Angeles, California, to Arthur "Mike" Wells and Florence Irene (Whitman) Brennan and grew up in Joseph. He served in the U.S. Air Force as a heavy equipment operator and mechanic. Mike's passion was as a timber faller, working in Oregon and California, but he also at times was a cow-

boy and farmer. Mike spent some of the 1980s working in construction, running heavy equipment, building roads and right-of-ways.

Survivors include his father, Arthur "Mike" Brennan of Joseph; brothers, Jim, Dennis and Will; sisters, Patricia, Mary, Tammy and Caroline; children and their spouses, Sharon and Bobby Helms of Spray, Michael J. and Trish Brennan of Mitchell and Patrick Brennan of Elgin; and numerous grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Florence Brennan; first wife, Julia Carol (Overton) Brennan; infant daughter, Michelle; and second wife, Judy Pearl (Foster) Brennan.

Memorial contributions may be made to a local VFW.

## Shirley A. (Wymer) Keating

Elgin  
1939-2018

Shirley Ann Keating, 79, of Elgin, died Oct. 23.

Shirley was born March 2, 1939, in the Midwest. She married John Keating, and together they had three

children: Linda, William and John. The family lived in Northern California until the early 1970s, when they relocated to Halfway.

Linda, William and John grew up and started families of their own, and Shirley and John received much love from their many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Shirley and John started a group home for young men in Richland in the 1980s. Many young men came to them and were sheltered, and many of their lives were changed by the time they spent with Shirley.

Shirley loved to fish. Her

family said she could out-fish them all. A celebration of her life is planned for next summer at Copper Field Park at Oxbow, during which those who attend will drop their lines off the bridge in honor of Shirley.

Memorial donations may be made to the Rock Wall Grange in Elgin through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway 97834.

Online condolences may be shared at [www.tamis-pinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamis-pinevalleyfuneralhome.com)

## William McBroom

La Grande

William McBroom, 78 of La Grande, died Oct. 28 at a local care facility in Cove. An obituary is forthcoming. Arrangements are under the direction of Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center.

## Berkley Summers

La Grande

Berkley Summers, 87, of La Grande, died Oct. 26 at a local care facility. An obituary is forthcoming. Arrangements are under the direction of Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center.

## 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.

The Family of Donovan "Don" Hampton would like to thank Dr. Yu and the Grande Ronde Hospital for their care and support during Don's stay in the hospital. The family would also like to thank everyone who sent cards, letters, phone calls, and emails of condolence. We are appreciative of the memorial contributions, floral arrangements as well as the special visits of friends and family.

Thank you everyone who attended or brought or prepared food for the Celebration of Life. A special thank you goes out to Peggy Titus, Cathy Worcester, Brenda Farris, Debra Comfort, Ginger Taylor, Tonya Williams, Travis Hampton, and Don's great-grandson Bryce Hampton for helping us by making extra food and setting up for the meal, and also Don's nephew Michael Hampton for the blessing of the food.

Loveland Funeral Chapel did a wonderful job of following Don's wishes regarding his graveside service. Thank you Celebrant Zee Koza for the reading of the obituary at the Cemetery and the Celebration of Life. Thank you to Island City Market and Deli for catering and The Light House Church for allowing us to use their facilities, which was very much appreciated.

We would also like to thank one of our family members, Heather Huntington, for the beautiful tribute she wrote for our Great Grandfather, Grandfather, Father, and Husband.

With Sincere Appreciation

Don Hampton Family  
 Patsy, Randy & Char, Kevin & Penny, Lisa & Tony, and Kent

## What's Cooking ?


by Sandy Sorrels of

### TEN DEPOT STREET

It's a busy fall week at Ten Depot Street. It looks like a lot of rain, so better for indoor activities, especially on Halloween.

Ten Depot Street is holding its annual Halloween Party, on Halloween, Wednesday, October 31, complete with popular local band, Bag of Hammers. Bag of Hammers is a musical group that uses live looping to blend electronic and acoustic sounds and features the bold and captivating voice of Holly Sorensen.

Join us for drinks, dinner, appetizers, dancing, and lots of fun. 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 and we will be giving gift certificates for Ten Depot Street to the winners. The music starts at 8:00 and continues



until 11:00.

And for Halloween we will have some new and different appetizers including local Roasted Garlic with Baguette, Sautéed Brussel Sprouts with herbs garlic and Parmesan Cheese and Flat Bread with Fresh Mozzarella, Basil and Pepperoni.

We are also featuring this Thursday and Friday, Moroccan Lamb Shanks, specially prepared by our chef, Bill Monda. Made from lamb from the Sexton Ranch in Haines, this is a delicious, slightly spicy dish that you are sure to love if you like lamb. The shanks are slowly roasted with butternut squash, sweet potatoes, and gold potatoes.

Because of our big party on Wednesday, there will be no live music on Tuesday and Thursday this week.

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