

LOCAL BRIEFING

From staff reports

Imbler School Boards meets in Island City

ISLAND CITY — The Imbler School District Board of Directors will meet for a work session at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 5 at The Urban Vine, 10101 W. First St., Island City. The purpose of the work session is to establish board goals for the district.

Cattlemen group gathers Monday

ISLAND CITY — Union County Cattlemen will meet at 7 p.m. Nov. 5 at the Ag Service Center in Island City. This will be a business meeting and planning session for the annual dinner in December. The meeting is open to the public.

Free computer training offered this month

LA GRANDE — Training & Employment Consortium, a part of WorkSource La Grande, 1901 Adams Ave., offers computer classes to the public at no charge. Introduction to Computers

(one-day class) will be held Nov. 6, and Introduction to Microsoft Word (one-day class) will be held Nov. 7. Intermediate Word (four-day class) will be offered Nov. 8, 13, 15 and 20. All classes are held from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Pre-registration is required by calling Glennia at 541-963-7111 ext. 248.

UC Democrats meet at new location

LA GRANDE — The Union County Democrats will meet at 6 p.m. Nov. 7 in the Sac Annex Building, 101 Fir St., La Grande. Members are reminded of the new meeting location. This meeting will focus on the results of the Nov. 6 general election.

Marketing and accounting workshops focus on businesses

ENTERPRISE — A series of marketing workshops sponsored by the Small Business Development Center will be held Nov. 6 ("Branding — Not Just for Cattle"), Nov. 13 ("Get the Word Out")

and Nov. 27 ("Facebook for Business"). The workshops will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Wallowa Resources, 401 NE First St., Enterprise. Contact the SBDC to register.

Accounting is the focus of a four-part workshop to be held Nov. 7, 14, 28 and Dec. 5, also at Wallowa Resources. Register at SBDC for "Accounting Is the Language of Business." Contact the SBDC to register and for more details.

Studded tire season began Nov. 1

SALEM — The studded tire season in Oregon began Nov. 1 and will run through March 31, 2019. A press release from ODOT encourages drivers to consider other types of traction tires or chains. If you must travel when weather conditions present difficulties, use other types of traction tires or chains, or postpone your travel until conditions change for the better. A 2014 study concluded studded

tires cause about \$8.5 million in damage each year on state highways.

Wallowa/Union Railroad Authority meets in Wallowa

WALLOWA — The Wallowa/Union Railroad Authority Board will meet at 5 p.m. Nov. 6 at the Wallowa Senior Center, 204 Second St. The meeting will include an update on the Connect Oregon grant.

Fall back on Sunday

Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 4. Clocks need to be turned back one hour.

City begins leaf removal Nov. 13

LA GRANDE — The City of La Grande Public Works Department and City Garbage Service will start the annual leaf removal beginning at 7 a.m. Nov. 13 and will continue until all streets have been cleaned once, or until winter weather stops the process. City crews will

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

LA GRANDE FIRE DEPARTMENT

La Grande Fire Department responded to 11 calls for medical on Wednesday and 13 calls for medical on Thursday

LA GRANDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Accident: Nobody was injured in a traffic accident on the 1900 block of O Avenue Wednesday. The accident was reported 1:31 p.m.

Arrested: David Eugene Hawes, 61, La Grande, was arrested on a charge of harassment.

Accident: At least one person was injured in a traffic accident on the 1300 block of Willow Street Wednesday. The accident was reported at 10:43 p.m.

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Arrested: Caleb Robert Nelson, 25, unknown address, was

arrested on an Oregon State Parole Board Board warrant charging a parole violation. The alleged violation was connected to an original dangerous drugs charge.

Arrested: Kyle Taylor Bartram, 24, unknown address, was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance, meth, and possession of a schedule III controlled substance.

Arrested: Emmanuel Rey Samaniego Blankenship, 29, unknown address, was arrested on an Oregon State Parole Board warrant.

Arrested: Savana Ann Whipple, 31, unknown address, was arrested on a Union County Local Supervisory Authority Warrant ordering the revocation of parole. The warrant was connected to an original charge of a possession of a controlled substance. Whipple was also arrested on a Washington State Department of Corrections warrant.

begin in the area of the Pioneer Park, moving south and then east. Drivers are asked to refrain from parking on the street when leaf removal operations are in the area as street sweepers will be following.

Citizens are reminded that this project is to remove

leaves that fall in the streets only. Do not rake or otherwise place leaves in the roadways. You may dispose of leaves for free at the City Garbage site on Highway 30 through Nov. 30. Contact the Public Works Department at 541-962-1325 for more information

OBITUARIES

Annie H. Peters

La Grande

Annie H. Peters, 91, of La Grande, died Nov. 1 at Wildflower Lodge. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

Kenneth Langley

Union

Kenneth Langley, 73, of Union, died Nov. 1 at his home in Union. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Leona L. Cox

La Grande

Leona L. Cox, 60, of La Grande, died Oct. 31 at Grande Ronde Hospital. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

Stephen Masters

Formerly of La Grande
1944-2018

Stephen Masters, 73, formerly of La Grande, died Sept. 28. A celebration of his life will be held at 11 a.m. Nov. 10 at Sunset Presbyterian Church in Portland, followed by a reception. Known as Steve, he was

born Nov. 19, 1944, in Livermore, California, to Forrest and Alice Masters. Steve grew up in La Grande and led a full and memorable life with lots of travels and adventures. Nine years ago, he was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease.

Survivors include his wife, Irene; son, Joshua; father, Forrest; and brothers, Lowell, Larry and Lynn.

Berkley J. Summers

La Grande
1931-2018

Berkley John Summers, 87, of La Grande, died Oct. 26 at Mountain Meadows Adult Foster Care. He will be celebrated in conjunction



with the Marine Corps Birthday Nov. 10, and the family will have an informal celebration of life in the spring. Burial will be at the Island City Cemetery.

Arrangements are entrusted to Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Appreciation Center.

Berkley was born Sept. 10, 1931, in Jerome, Idaho, to Fred and Dorothy (Raver-Lecat) Summers. His family moved to San Jose, California, in the late 1930s, and he graduated from San Jose High School and San Jose State University.

Berkley was a decorated Marine having served in the Korean conflict as a radio operator during the Battle at Chosin Reservoir with medals including the Bronze Star, Purple Heart and Korean Service Medal.

After his service in the Marines, Berkley pursued a teaching career in both Southern and Northern California. While teaching accounting and vocational education as well as coaching baseball, football and golf at Saratoga High School, he met his future wife, Carol Van Blokland of La Grande, who had moved to San Jose to pursue a teaching career as well.

Berkley and Carol spent

the bulk of their marriage, from 1961 to 1998, raising a family in San Jose. In 1998, they relocated to Carol's family's homestead.

Berkley's love of nature, community, travel and especially sports defined their retirement. He was an avid gardener and golfer and a devoted family man who shared his wisdom with those who appreciated it.

Survivors include his wife, Carol; sons, Stuart Dean Summers, Berkley Scott Summers and his wife, Kristin, and Ryan Garrett Summers; and four granddaughters.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Wallace Summers and Dean Summers.

Man found guilty in 1996 rape due to DNA testing

Associated Press

PORTLAND — An Oregon man has been convicted of raping a woman in a park more than two decades ago because of a statewide push to conduct DNA tests on a backlog of thousands of rape kits, authorities said.

Jihad Eldeen Moore Jr., 67, was found guilty of first-degree rape and sodomy by a Portland judge on Thursday, the same day the Oregon State Police announced it had eliminated its backlog of untested kits.

The victim, now in her late 40s, requested privacy but said in a statement released by prosecutors that she never thought her rapist would be found.

"It would have been better for everyone had the kit been tested years ago. It is hard to re-live this so many years later, but justice is finally served," the statement read.

Moore's conviction is the fourth such case solved in the Portland area since the project to test the backlogged rape kits began in 2015. Another case is awaiting trial.

Using grants from the New York County District Attorney's Office and the federal government, nearly 3,000 untested rape kits from

Multnomah, Lane and Marion counties were sent to a private lab in Utah for testing.

Those kits were from 2014 or earlier, said Brent Weisberg, Multnomah County district attorney spokesman.

Earlier this year, another 302 kits from 13 other Oregon counties were sent to the same lab.

In this case, prosecutors alleged at a three-day bench trial that Moore lured the victim to a secluded part of a well-known waterfront park in Portland on June 14, 1996, and attacked her after she sat down.

"His assault was immediate and brutal," Multnomah County Deputy District Attorney Tara Gardner said during her closing arguments.

Moore then told the woman to turn her back to him and "walk three paces." She believed she was going to be shot as she did so, Gardner said.

The victim reported the attack to police and sought medical treatment that same day, but her rape kit would not be tested until authorities sent it to the private Utah lab using grant money.

He faces a minimum of more than eight years in prison at his sentencing next month.

ELGIN

Continued from Page 1A surrounding community a little bit more about what's happening in Elgin," Livermore said. "A lot of our kids don't have internet access at home and sometimes parents don't always know what's going on, so we wanted to have the newspaper hopefully bridge some gaps. That was my vision."

Through growing pains and students' continued honing of their journalistic craft, the student-led production has slowly gained momentum. With class time limited to around four hours per week, Livermore has intentionally kept the production modest.

"I've been keeping it limited in scope until the kids get their quality up and get (more) organized," he said. "I wanted to make sure they had some time to grow without a huge audience. They've been learning by doing and finding stories where they can. We're finally starting to make a couple ripples."

The paper covers Elgin High School news and sports, with occasional feature stories, columns and student surveys. While the majority of content is curated by journalism students, the publication also receives occasional contributions from other interested students and produces a quarterly district

newsletter released to the entirety of Elgin.

"I let students kind of 'run wild' (concerning topics). That seems to be the best way to get them motivated," Livermore said. "I've kind of waited for the community to ask me for what niches I need to fill, (but) right now what we're primarily doing is hopefully giving recognition to people who haven't been recognized — that's the angle I'm pushing. Now we're getting to a point where we have some stories that might be appropriate for a wider audience."

Despite the newspaper's growth, Livermore mentioned lack of resources as a hindrance to both ease of production and future progress. Due to limited funding, students design the newspaper using outdated technology, and the paper is printed on-site at the high school and physically put

together by students during class time. Livermore hopes to outsource the printing portion of their publication in the near future, and plans to implement better computer programming as funds allow.

For now, Livermore is focused on keeping the momentum.

"I think it's going to take two to four years for this thing to grow into what I'm envisioning, which is a real, honest-to-goodness commu-

nity newspaper for Elgin," he said. "I think it's going to be a while before we start being a true community asset. I just trust the kids — as long as they keep writing and keep learning, eventually they're going to be creating the right stuff."

Husky Tracks can be read online at www.huskytrack-sjournalism.com. For more information, contact Livermore at cameron.livermore@elginsd.org.

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