

LOCAL BRIEFING

From staff reports

Observer consolidates community calendars

LA GRANDE — The Observer will no longer publish a community calendar on Fridays. The calendar in the GO! magazine will be expanded to accommodate happenings throughout Union, Wallowa and Baker counties. Continue to send meeting and event announcements for the briefly section to news@lagrandeobserver.com. Longer press releases, photos and in-depth content on arts and entertainment events for GO! should be sent to go@northeastoregon.com. The community calendar is available online 24/7 at www.lagrandeobserver.com.

Local scouts gather food this weekend

LA GRANDE — Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts troops will be conducting food drives this weekend for people facing food insecurity locally. The community is encouraged to drop off new, non-perishable items between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday at Grocery Outlet in Island City, and between noon and 2 p.m.

Sunday at Safeway in La Grande. Donations will be delivered to the Department of Human Services and Shelter From the Storm for emergency food pantry programs.

Reminder of respectful parade etiquette

LA GRANDE — The commander of VFW Post 4060 in Union reminds the public that when the Color Guard and American flag go by in a parade such as Sunday's Veterans Day parade, it is proper to stand and place your hand over you heart. If the gentlemen have a hat on it is proper to remove their hat. If there are additional flags in the parade it is not necessary to follow the same rules. The parade on Adams Avenue in La Grande begins at 11 a.m. Nov. 11.

Onlookers welcome at Sunday's turkey shoot

LA GRANDE — The La Grande Rifle and Pistol Club invites shooters and onlookers to a turkey shoot

Nov. 11 at the club's range on Highway 244. Sign up begins at 9 a.m., and the shooting starts at 10 a.m. A \$20 entry fee covers all relays. For more details, call Darrel Plank at 541-910-4132.

UP Employees Club meets Monday

LA GRANDE — Union Pacific Employees Club #17 will hold its regular meeting at 6 p.m. Nov. 12 at the Cock and Bull restaurant in Pat's Alley in La Grande. Agenda items include the Santa on the Train event and next year's charity. For more information, call 541-786-4606.

EOLS Directors meet Tuesday

UNION — The next Eastern Oregon Livestock Show Directors meeting is scheduled for Nov. 13. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the EOLS Clubhouse on East Delta Street in Union.

Need help sorting out your health insurance?

LA GRANDE — A health insurance enrollment event

will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 13 in the EOU Multicultural Center on the second floor of Hoke Hall. The event is open to anyone who needs help completing applications for the Oregon Health Plan, COFA Premiums Assistance Program or HealthCare.gov. Representatives from NEON, Grande Ronde Hospital and the Native American Rehabilitation Association will be at the event to help with applications and answer questions. Center for Human Development, OSU and Food Hero will also be available to share information on services.

Important paperwork to bring includes immigration documentation, employer and income information, federal tax information, and policy numbers and plan names for current insurance (if any). For more information contact Teresa Aguilera at 541-910-0336 or taguilera@neonoregon.org.

Translator District Board meets Tuesday

LA GRANDE — The Blue

Mountain Translator District Board of Directors will hold a regular meeting at noon Nov. 13 in the Misener Room of the Daniel Chapin Building, 1001 Fourth St. La Grande. The agenda and board packet will be posted at www.bmtd.org/public-notice.

LG Parks & Rec commissions meet next week

LA GRANDE — The City of La Grande Parks & Recreation Department announces the following commission meetings: Community Landscape & Forestry Commission on Nov. 13, La Grande Arts Commission on Nov. 14, and Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission on Nov. 15. Each meeting is open to the public and begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Parks & Recreation offices located at 2402 Cedar St. The Community Landscape & Forestry Commission and La Grande Arts Commission both have vacancies, and the public is encouraged to attend a

meeting and consider serving. Questions may be directed to Stu Spence, Parks & Recreation director, at spence@cityoflagrande.org or 541-962-1348.

Military family support group meets in Wallowa County

ENTERPRISE — Wallowa Valley Center for Wellness, 207 SW First St., Enterprise, is offering a military family support group at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 12 and most Mondays through mid-December. The free gathering provides resources and support for families of activity duty and veterans. Child care is available upon request. Call 541-426-0801 and ask for Mollie Cudmore for more information and to sign up.

Public Transit closed next Wednesday

LA GRANDE — Union County Public Transit will be closed on Nov. 14 for staff training, and again on Nov. 22-23 in observance of Thanksgiving.

Betty L. Bowen

Island City

Betty L. Bowen, 86, of Island City, died Nov. 8 at her residence. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

Elnora "Vivian" Altman

Formerly of Elgin

Elnora "Vivian" Altman, 95, of Cottage Grove and formerly of Elgin, died Nov. 6. Arrangements are entrusted to Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel of Cottage Grove.

Eugene "Gene" T. Thompson

Gilbert, Arizona
1944-2018

Eugene Taylor Thompson, 74, died Nov. 2 in Gilbert, Arizona, from progressive supranuclear palsy, a brain disease that robbed him of his speech, mobility and expression but never his good humor. Services will be held at noon Nov. 9 at the Rexburg, Idaho, Fourth Ward, with a viewing from 11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. prior to services. Interment will be at the Hillcrest Cemetery in La Grande.

Known also as Gene, he was born Aug. 26, 1944, in San Bernardino, California, to Elmer Taylor and Margaret Marie (Dawson) Thompson. He married Phyllis Lyman of La Grande.

Gene graduated from Brigham Young University, magna cum laude. After earning a PhD from the University of Washington, he taught rigorous courses at Ricks College/BYU-Idaho for more than 30 years, including religion, English, history, letters, humanities and honors. He participated in and taught classes while on Discovery, an off-campus adventure for students to explore the wilderness while studying various subjects, and on Mormon Americana tours of the Church of Jesus Christ's historical sites along with the early American historical venues. As a graduate student at the University of Washington and as a special instructor for the Brigham Young University Classics Department, he taught Greek and Latin.

Gene was a man with unbounded determination. An avid genealogist, he indexed

thousands of records, and he was a fervent student of the scriptures. He kept a daily journal for more than 50 years. Gene served a mission in Chile from 1968 to 1970 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. According to his family, he wanted to be remembered as a man who chose faith and who kept his covenants.

Gene published various articles and papers for publications and academic journals, but a highlight in his life was researching and writing a four-volume history of BYU for the Brigham Young University centennial history, "Brigham Young University: The First One Hundred Years."

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis (Lyman) Thompson; siblings and their spouses, Larry Gene, Michael Paul and Jennifer (Polley), and Carol Lynn and Kim C. Christensen; sisters-in-law and their husbands, Gayle (Lyman) and Paul J. Sewell and Marsha (Lyman) and Kenneth F. Hildebrandt; children and their spouses, Eugene Todd and Kristen A. (Peterson), Courtney Dione and Cade W. Spaulding, Ida Whitney and Renn S. Christensen, and Mark Austin Lyman and Jennifer H. (Eitelgeorge); 16 grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Condolences may be made online at www.flammfh.com.

Mary Lou DeLashmutt

Formerly of La Grande
1926-2018

Mary Lou DeLashmutt, 91, of Apple Valley, California, and formerly of La Grande, died Oct. 31. Her ashes will be buried at Hillcrest Cemetery Nov. 24 alongside family members.

Mary Lou was born Dec. 4, 1926, in Caldwell, Idaho, to George E. and Loretta DeLashmutt. She grew up in the Grande Ronde Valley with her seven brothers, George A., Joseph L., David

M., B. Claude, William "Bill" R., Daniel C. and Walter E.; and two sisters, Lois E. and Lora Jane.

Mary Lou went to Fruitdale School and in 1945 graduated from La Grande High School. She helped organize the class reunions and published the class's yearbooks. Mary Lou attended what is now Eastern Oregon University before moving to Moscow, Idaho, where she worked and took classes at the University of Idaho. She lived in Moscow for 10 years.

From 1955 to 1990, Mary Lou enjoyed a successful career as a convention sales representative for Western Airlines and Delta Airlines, facilitating group travel. An outside interest was earning an associate of arts degree from L.A. City College.

Mary Lou vacationed at many ski resorts, where she competed in downhill races. She also traveled in her RV, camping out, fishing hunting for gold or teaching her nieces and nephews tricks of the trade. She took a ham radio wherever she traveled and participated in the Ham Radio Club.

After retirement, Mary Lou's one-acre property in Apple Valley kept her busy caring for fruit trees, gardening, rock collecting and looking after her dogs. She was very involved with the Church of the Nazarene and sang in the choir, led missionary groups and volunteered wherever needed.

Survivors include her brother and sister-in-law, Walter E. and Alice Jean DeLashmutt of Oak Harbor, Washington; sister and brother-in-law, Lora Jane and Robert B. Welk of Apple Valley, California; brother-in-law, Maurice Rogers of La Grande; and several nieces and nephews and their families.

Phyllis N. (Pearson) Fettig

North Powder
1932-2018

Phyllis Nadene Fettig, 86, of North Powder, died Nov. 2



Grange.

Phyllis was born July 13, 1932, in North Powder, to Frank and Olive Pearson. Raised in North Powder with 13 siblings, she was eager to experience life outside her rural upbringing and joined the U.S. Army soon after high school. Shortly thereafter she met and married William "Bill" Fettig and along came her two girls, Gayle and Cindy.

Phyllis and Bill spent 28 years in the service, moving overseas and around the U.S. many times. Retirement in 1967 brought them to Portland and "Bomber Bill" to the State Police. Full retirement came in 1978 when they joined their beloved friends Pat and Hank Hay in Nyssa, on the Snake River, building a home by themselves.

In 1986, Phyllis and Bill moved to North Powder, where they remained and thrived. After Bill passed away, Phyllis decided to stay in North Powder, and it gave her great comfort to live out her life on her own terms.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Cindy and Brian Carr; three grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers and sisters, Elmer, Ruby, Bus, Susie, Dorothy, Peggy, Grace, Calvin, Lois, Barbara, Alta, Pete and Mick; husband, William Fettig in 1994; and daughter, Gayle Lynn Fettig in 2007.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the North Powder Grange in care of Gray's West & Company Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City 97814.

To light a candle in

memory of Phyllis, visit www.grayswestco.com.

Betty Lou Carpenter

Formerly of La Grande

Betty Lou Carpenter, 90, of Kennewick, Washington, and formerly of La Grande, died Nov. 4. Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Memorial Chapel of Pasco, Washington.

Gerald K. Trump

Wallowa
1932-2018

Gerald Keith Trump, 86, of Wallowa, died Oct. 31 at the Evergreen Health and Rehab Center in Milton-Freewater. As he requested, there will not be a service. He was buried at the Wallowa Cemetery.

Gerald was born March 8, 1932, in Wallowa, to John Russell "Oakie" and Cordelia (Vest) Trump. In 1950, he married Christie Williams, and they had two children: Theresa Dyana and John "Bill" William. After Christie passed away, Gerald married Cathryn Bradley. They later divorced.

Gerald worked for Morgan and Daugherty Logging and drove his own logging truck. He worked for Moffit Brothers until retiring when he was 80. Gerald loved camping, hunting and fishing.

Survivors include his son, John William "Bill" Trump of Wallowa; three grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Christie; daughter, Theresa; brothers, Elmer, Clarence "Shorty," and William "Bill"; sisters, Elsie Stark and Velma Hescocock; and ex-wife, Cathryn.

Robert A. Proffitt

La Grande

Robert A. Proffitt, 66, of La Grande, died Nov. 3 at a local care facility. An obituary is forthcoming. Arrangements are entrusted to Daniels-Knopp Funeral Cremation & Life Celebration Center.

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LUNCH MENU
NOV. 12-16

served 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
MONDAY: stuffed green peppers, cucumber-tomato salad, rolls, fresh fruit (alternate vegetarian meal of mac and cheese available).
TUESDAY: roast pork, mashed potatoes and gravy, steamed winter blend vegetables, salad greens, baked apples (alternate meal of BBQ chicken available).
WEDNESDAY: fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, steamed asparagus, Jell-O, rolls, birthday cake.
THURSDAY: taco bar, chips and salsa, flan.
FRIDAY: combination or Hawaiian pizza, salads, fruit.

Violet M. Austin

November 11, 1932 - October 20, 2018

Violet Marie Austin of Union, passed away October 20, 2018. Violet was born in Colorado and lived there and Kansas as a child, then moved to Redland, outside of Oregon City in the early 1940's.

She graduated from Oregon City High School and worked at various jobs retiring from Dam-mash State Hospital after 20+ years.

Violet loved spending time with her children and grandchildren painting, reading, camping and watching westerns.

Violet was preceded in death by her father, Jay Stice Worden, mother Nellie F. Worden, brother Celen E. Worden, sister Fern Wilcox, and sister Elenor Jackson. She is survived by her three children, Cindy Worden, spouse Jim Clark; Cheryl Sypher, spouse Ray Sypher; Steve Jones, spouse Lani Jones. Violet is also survived by grandchildren Jenny Rivines, Holly Pattison, Natasha Pattison, Jamie Nordstrom, and Jenna Sypher and eight great-grandchildren.

Violet was very loved by her children and grandchildren and will be dearly missed by her family.



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