

LOCAL BRIEFING

From staff reports

New members join EOU Board of Trustees

LA GRANDE — The Eastern Oregon University Board of Trustees will meet Nov. 15 in the Dixie Lund Board Room on campus, including new board members Susan Corey, appointed by Gov. Kate Brown, faculty trustee Gary Keller and student trustee Quentin Durfee. The board will consider enrollment strategies, tour Hoke Union Building, hear from Rep. Greg Barreto about the upcoming legislative session and hold an executive session to discuss collective bargaining.

Get ready for snow sports with ski film

LA GRANDE — With winter on its way, snow sport enthusiasts are gearing up this month at Eastern Oregon University. The Outdoor Adventure Program and EOU Ski and Snowboard Club will host a showing of Warren Miller's latest ski film, "Face of Winter," Nov. 15 in Lewis Auditorium in Zabel Hall. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Anthony Lakes Mountain Resort, Legacy Ford, Hobby Habit and Eli Mayes Dental partnered to sponsor the event. Tickets are available at the OAP office in Hoke 118 and Blue Mountain Outfitters. Tickets are \$10, \$5 for EOU students. All proceeds benefit the Wallowa Avalanche Center and the EOU Ski and Snowboard Club. For more information, visit eou.edu/outdoor or contact Michael Hatch at 541-962-3621 or mhatch@eou.edu.

Jazz, fiddle ensembles to perform Friday

LA GRANDE — Eastern Oregon University's large jazz combo, 45th Parallel, and the EOU Fiddle Ensemble will give a free concert at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 16 in Groth Recital Hall on the EOU campus. Under the direction of Matt Cooper, 45th Parallel will perform original arrangements drawn from composers Clare Fischer, Randy Weston, Thelonious Monk, Rodgers and Hart, John Coltrane and Cedar Walton. The EOU Fiddle Ensemble, directed by Duane Boyer, will perform traditional American selections that vary from bluegrass to folk, old-time and country. The group features acoustic instruments such as guitar, fiddle, mandolin and bass. Donations will be accepted for the EOU Foundation's Concert Piano Fund.

All levels welcome at Sunday's turkey shoot

LA GRANDE — The La Grande Gun Club is putting on a turkey shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Nov. 18 at the club's shooting range at 203 Gun Club Road, near the Highway 30 and I-84 exchange. All levels of shooters are welcome. The Observer was given inaccurate information regarding the La Grande Rifle and Pistol Club's turkey shoot, which took place Nov. 11 as originally announced at that club's range on Highway 244.

Christmas in November Vendor Fair returns to Imbler

IMBLER — Imbler's Christmas in November Vendor Fair will be held Nov. 17. The fifth annual sale will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Imbler school gym.

First annual Fall Ag Festival held at fairgrounds

LA GRANDE — The Eastern Oregon University Ag Club invites the community to its first annual Fall Ag Festival at the Union County Fairgrounds in La Grande on Nov. 17. The fundraising event will run from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. and feature carnival games for all ages, a pulled pork dinner with sides and desserts, an apple cider press where you can press and swing dancing. Dinner is \$10 and game tokens will be available for purchase.

Fourth Street alive with holiday markets Saturday

LA GRANDE — Three holiday bazaars are scheduled for Nov. 17 along Fourth Street in La Grande, offering a variety of gift options, homemade treats and holiday decorations. St. Peter's Episcopal Church annual holiday bazaar will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the corner of Fourth Street and O Avenue. A few blocks south, the La Grande Philly group is hosting a Christmas Bazaar at the La Grande Middle School from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event benefits the eighth-grade trip to Philadelphia. Across the street, the Our Lady of the Valley Christmas Bazaar will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parish hall, via the entrance on K Avenue.

Kids Night Out planned for Saturday

LA GRANDE — Kids Night Out will run from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Nov. 17 at Quinn Coliseum on the EOU campus in La Grande. Sponsored by the EOU women's basketball team, the event is open to children in kindergarten through eighth grade and will feature indoor activities such as basketball, soccer, scooter bowling, bingo, movies, dancing and rock climbing. All areas will be well supervised, and professionals certified in first aid and CPR will be on-site. Cost is \$10 per child. Concessions will be available. Registration at the door will be open from 5:40 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Participants may leave early but cannot return. For more information contact Anji Weissenfluh, women's head coach, at 541-962-3236 or aweissen@eou.edu.

Old-Time Community Dance features live music and caller

JOSEPH — Old-time dances will be called and taught at Saturday's community dance at the Hurricane Creek Grange Hall outside Joseph from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Nov. 17. Squares, circles, reels, contras and waltzes will be accompanied by a live band of local musicians and a caller to walk you through the moves. No experience, partner or special clothing is needed, and

all ages are welcome. Bring snacks to share if you are able. Coffee and hot tea will be provided. Admission is \$5, \$10 for a family, and children younger than 12 are free. For more information call Laura Skovlin at 541-398-0800.

GRH Auxiliary meets Monday, holds bake sale Tuesday

LA GRANDE — Grande Ronde Hospital Auxiliary's November meeting will be held at the Island City Hall Nov. 19. Refreshments are available at 9 a.m., and the meeting begins at 9:30. Teresa Leddon-Minch will speak to the group about the hospital's Financial Assistance Program. Members are reminded to bring their items for Tuesday's bake sale to the meeting or to the hospital between noon and 3 p.m. Monday.

'Holiday Carol Gram' fundraiser benefits youth actor trip

ELGIN — The Elgin Opera House Youth Actors are selling Holiday Carol Grams to raise funds for members to attend the Junior Theater Festival in California. For \$30, send OHYA! to sing at someone's home in La Grande, Elgin or Imbler to celebrate the holiday season. The number of Carol Grams is limited. Call the Opera House at 541-663-6324 for more information and to place orders.

Children's books sought for Santa Mall

LA GRANDE — Mountain Valleys Reading Council is asking for donations of new or gently read children's books to be given to children at the annual Santa Mall in December. To make donations, email president@oregonread.org or leave a message at 541-962-3557.

OTEC will begin tree trimming soon

LA GRANDE — Crews from the Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative's tree trimming contractor, The Tree Service, are expected to begin rotational trimming soon. The process will take 60 to 90 days, as weather permits, according to an OTEC press release. In La Grande, the crews will work on the west edge of town near the campus of Eastern Oregon University.

OTEC removes only trees that pose a serious threat to safety and electric service. Trees that grow too close to power lines can cause outages, start fires or create other hazardous conditions. Not only does this work help maintain electric safety and service reliability, it is required by state and federal regulations. For questions about OTEC's tree trimming program, call 541-523-3616.

Eastern Oregon arts organizations receive operating support grants

SALEM — More than 120 Oregon nonprofit arts organizations have been awarded Operating Support Grants from the Oregon Arts Commission for fiscal year 2019. "We often hear that these are the most important

grants we award," said Arts Commission Chair Christopher Acebo. "They alleviate some of the economic pressure and allow Oregon arts organizations to focus on their missions."

In Union County, the Eastern Oregon Regional Arts Council, La Grande, was awarded \$3,000. In Wallowa County, Fishtrap of Enterprise will receive \$7,533 and the Joseph Center for Arts and Culture of Joseph will receive \$3,000.

Operation Christmas Child accepting donations through Monday

LA GRANDE — This is National Collection Week for Operation Christmas Child, which collects gift-filled shoeboxes to be sent to children all around the world. In La Grande, filled boxes may be dropped off at Calvary Chapel, 1433 Jefferson Ave., through the 19th. The drop-off center will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday through Sunday, and from 9 a.m. to noon Monday. For more information and packing instructions, call Dawn at 541-910-1106 or visit www.samaritanspurse.org.

OBITUARIES

Russel A. Hunt

Summerville

Russel Alec Hunt, 67, of Summerville, died Nov. 9 at Grande Ronde Hospital. A celebration of his life will be held in the spring. Memorial contributions may be made to the Blue Yesterdays (a local Big Band Russ played with), the Navy Musicians Association or Cove Christian Camp in care of Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City 97814. To light a candle in memory of Russ or to leave a condolence for his family, visit www.gray-swestco.com.

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LA GRANDE FIRE DEPARTMENT

La Grande Fire Department responded to three calls for medical and one odor check on Friday, 14 calls for medical on Saturday, seven calls for medical on Sunday, five calls for medical and one burn complaint on Monday and eight calls for medical on Tuesday.

LA GRANDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Arrested: Aaron Kyle Borgerding, 20, unknown address, was arrested on a Union County warrant charging a probation violation connected to an original charge of driving under the influence of intoxicants.

Arrested: Larry Dale Bush, 56, unknown address, was arrested while lodged in the Umatilla County Jail on a Union County warrant charging failure to appear in court on a charge of unlawful possession of a meth.

Arrested: Sharlene Ann Devine, 49, unknown address, was arrested on a Union County Circuit Court warrant charging menacing constituting domestic violence and an order and affidavit to terminate diversion.

Arrested: Austin Mark Insko, 22, unknown address, was arrested on charges of first-degree theft by receiving, conspiracy to commit second-degree burglary and conspiracy to commit first-degree theft.

Arrested: Michael Vincent Massi, 29, La Grande, was arrested on charges of second-degree burglary and first-degree theft.

Arrested: Victoria Ann Delgado, 33, unknown address, was arrested by Seaside police on a Union County warrant charging order to show cause on an original charge of unauthorised use of a motor vehicle.

Arrested: Curtis Dean Cox, 53, unknown address, was arrested on charges of reckless burning and criminal mischief.

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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 Glen 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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