**Wednesday Night** 

Friendship Dinners

almonds, Jell-O, baked breads,

THURSDAY & FRIDAY: closed

for the Thanksgiving holiday.

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# LOCAL BRIEFING

warm. The following items

socks, hats, gloves, scarves,

blankets, twin-size sheets,

may be dropped of at

Nature's Pantry, 1907

Fourth St., La Grande:

snow suits, snow pants,

warmers, sleeping bags,

backpacks, coffee supplies,

breakfast food, non-perish-

able snacks, microwavable

food, bottled water, tents,

tarps, laundry soap, toilet

products and disinfectant

information is available at

www.facebook.com/union-

Light up a life with

LA GRANDE — Re-

membrance cards for the

Grande Ronde Hospice's

Lights are now available

The cards will be repre-

of Lights, which will be

annual fundraising Tree of

for a suggested \$5 donation.

sented by lights on the Tree

annual Tree of Lights

countywarmingstation.

paper, feminine hygiene

cleaning supplies. More

coats, hand and feet

#### will resume in 2019 LA GRANDE — The Wednesday Night Friendship Dinners at the Presbyterian Friendship Center in La Grande will resume on Jan. 16, 2019. The weekly dinners begin at 6 p.m. and the food is prepared by Merlyn's Catering. There is

### Celebrate nature rather than consumerism on 'Green Friday'

a suggested donation of \$3.

SALEM — Oregon Parks and Recreation Department invites people to play for free Nov. 23 in celebration of "Green Friday." The agency will waive day-use parking fees in 25 state parks the day after Thanksgiving with the aim of encouraging Oregonians to get outside and include a state park outing as part of their holiday tradition. A list of parks that require

**LA GRANDE FIRE** 

The La Grande Fire Depart-

ment responded to 10 calls for

medical on Friday, four calls for

**UNION COUNTY SHERIFF** 

Arrested: Jessy Feltus, 27,

Elgin, was arrested on a charge

of a restraining order violation.

Arrested: Douglas Charles

Haggard, 40, unknown address,

Arrested: Apkarty Sohs, 27,

was arrested on a charge of

LA GRANDE POLICE

**DEPARTMENT** 

first-degree theft.

medical on Saturday and four

calls for medical on Sunday.

**DEPARTMENT** 

 $From\ staff\ reports$ day-use parking permits is available at www.oregonstateparks.org.

### No tai chi classes this week at **Friendship Center**

LA GRANDE — The free Moving for Better Balance tai chi class will not be held the week of Thanksgiving. The free Tuesday and Thursday classes will resume on Nov. 27. The onehour classes are taught at 9 a.m. by a certified teacher at the Presbyterian Friendship Center, 1204 Spring Ave., La Grande. All ages are welcome.

### **Donations are** needed for UC **Warming Station**

LA GRANDE — The Union County Warming Station opened for the winter season on Nov. 15 at 1609 N. Willow St., La Grande. Items are being collected to help ensure that all residents stay

unknown address, was arrested on charges of fourth-degree

assault and strangulation.

**Public Safety** 

The Public Safety

Report is compiled

from police blotter

by local law

reports.

information supplied

enforcement agencies

and fire department

Report

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

lit during a remembrance ceremony at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 8 in Pat's Alley, downtown La Grande. The tree will remain on display throughout the holidays. The donations help GRH Hospice fulfill the needs of patients and their families throughout the year. Remembrance Cards are now available at Fitzgerald Flowers, Looking Glass Books and GRH Hospice. For details, call 541-963-CARE.

# for bazaar, parade

JOSEPH — The annual Jingle thru Joseph holiday bazaar will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 23-24 and Nov. 30-Dec. 1 featuring a variety of gifts, decorations and greenery, including fresh Christmas wreaths and swags. The bazaar takes place at the Joseph Community Center. The Jingle thru Joseph parade is set for Saturday at 5 p.m.

# Jingle into Joseph

Elvira D. Bussard Summerville

Elvira D. Bussard, 85, of Summerville, died Nov. 18. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the

Anna M. Gooder La Grande

Grande Ronde Hospital.

An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

The Observer publishes obituaries that conform to its obituary policy at no cost. Obituaries must be under 450 words and are edited for newspaper

# **O**BITUARIES

arrangements.

Anna Mae Gooder, 88, La Grande, died Nov. 17 at

#### **Local funerals** and visitations

# House passes bill to drop legal protections for gray wolves

**Bv Matthew Dalv** 

Associated Press WASHINGTON — The Republican-controlled House passed a bill Friday to drop legal protections for gray wolves across the lower 48 states, reopening a lengthy battle over the predator species.

Long despised by farmers and ranchers, wolves were shot, trapped and poisoned out of existence in most of the U.S. by the mid-20th century. Since securing protection in the 1970s, wolves have bounced back in the western Great Lakes states of Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin, as well as in the Northern Rockies and Pacific Northwest.

About 5,000 wolves live in the lower 48 states, occupying less than 10 percent of their historic range.

The Fish and Wildlife Service is reviewing the wolf's status and is expected to declare they've recovered sufficiently to be removed from protection under the Endangered Species Act.

The House bill would enshrine that policy in law and restrict judicial review of listing decisions. The measure was approved, 196-180, and now goes to the Senate, where prospects are murkier.

The bill's chief sponsor, Rep. Sean Duffy, R-Wis., said farmers in Wisconsin and other states are "one step closer to having the legal means to defend their live-

stock from gray wolves." States should be responsible for managing wolf populations, "not Washington bureaucrats," Duffy said.

Environmental groups and many Democrats slammed the bill as a last-ditch effort by Republicans to push a pro-rancher agenda after losing control of the House in this month's midterm elections.

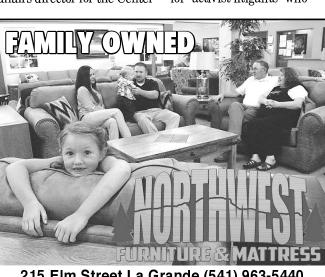
"This final, pathetic stab at wolves exemplifies House Republicans' longstanding cruelty and contempt for our nation's wildlife," said Brett Hartl, government affairs director for the Center for Biological Diversity, an tal group.

overwhelmingly support the the magnificent animals and plants it protects," Hartl said. disgraceful anti-wildlife votes next year under Democratic

Livestock industry associations representing ranchers who have to contend with wolves scaring and attacking cattle and sheep supported the bill. They said in a letter to Congress that wolf populations have recovered to the extent that the animal would have been removed from the endangered species list if not for "activist litigants" who

Arizona-based environmen-"The American people

Endangered Species Act and We don't expect to see these control of the House."



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"used the judicial system to circumvent sound science and restore full ESA protections to these predators."

A spokeswoman for the Fish and Wildlife Service said the agency is completing a review of the wolves' status in the lower 48 states and expects to make a recommendation in coming months. The agency did not take a position on the House bill.

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salad greens, bread, fresh fruit.

MONDAY: chicken pot pie,

soup, salad bar, fresh fruit,

WEDNESDAY: Thanksgiving

turkey dinner with dressing,

cranberries, mashed potatoes

and gravy, green beans with

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COMMERCIAL

TUESDAY: hearty fall

cornbread, desserts.

California blend vegetables,

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NOV. 19-23

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# What's Cooking? by Sandy Sorrels of

TEN DEPOT STREET



It's hard to believe that Thanksgiving week is here already. Ten Depot Street will be closed on Thanksgiving Day only. We will be open Wednesday, Friday and Saturday as usual. So if you need a break from preparing the big dinner, come on down to Ten Depot and enjoy a Prime Rib Sandwich or a Blue Plate Special.

Our Blue Plate Special this week, Lamb Marrakech, is a delicious way to prepare lamb. For this slightly spicy North African dish, we use our locally grown Sexton Ranch lamb, cooked with sautéed onions, garlic,, tomatoes, crushed chile, and a sweet touch of sherry soaked raisins. It is served over I rice and gamished with toasted hazel-I nuts and chopped parsley.

And to go with the Lamb Marrakech we, will be featuring a top from his heart and soul." The show notch Syrah from the Barnard Griffin starts at 8:00.

have been producing award winning wines for 30 years. As they describe their Syrah, "racy acidity dances around a core of plum and cherries." It | is also great with grilled meat or prime

Since pomegranates are in season right now, we have the delicious and beautiful Pomegranate Martinis on special as well as an Appetizer Pomegranate Salad this week with spinach, pomegranates, goat cheese and balsamic dressing.

For music this week, tomorrow Tuesday November 20, Colt Haney is doing his solo act called Elwood. Haney, a singer-song writer with roots in Eastern Oregon, plays folk, country and soul and writes "beautiful music



## Blue Plate Special \$10.95

Lamb Marrakech, rice, green salad, bread (served Monday through Friday)



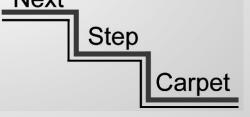


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