

LOCAL BRIEFING

From staff reports

Stop B2H meeting set for Thursday

LA GRANDE — A community meeting focused on stopping the proposed Boardman to Hemingway power line will be conducted Nov. 29. The meeting will start 6 p.m. in the Community Room at Cook Memorial Library in La Grande.

The meeting will begin with a short informational overview of the STOP B2H Coalition's goals and strategies. Those attending will then break into small groups to create and plan an outreach campaign.

Electricity outage caused by pole fire Tuesday

LA GRANDE — According to an OTEC press release, an outage affected more than 330 members in the La Grande district Tuesday afternoon. At

approximately 12:04 p.m., crews from Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative were dispatched to a pole fire on Fruitdale Lane, and power was restored to affected members on Fruitdale Lane at 4:35 p.m. Crews determined the fire was caused by a bird dropping a wire across the equipment on the pole. Anyone who lives in this area and is still without power should call OTEC's outage hotline at 1-866-430-4265.

Rimfire silhouette shoots offered on first Sunday of the month

LA GRANDE — Beginning Dec. 2, the La Grande Rifle and Pistol Club will be hosting a .22 rimfire silhouette shoot every first Sunday of the month through April at the club's river range on Highway 244 (I-84 exit 252, then 3 miles west on the

Ukiah-Hilgard Highway). The event is open to the public and begins at 9 a.m. Entry fee is \$5. Eye and ear protection is required. Rifles or pistols, with no restrictions on sights. Call Darrel at 541-428-9757 or Gary at 541-786-0809 or go to www.lgrpc.com for more information.

Assessor's Office will be taking photos for property reappraisal

UNION COUNTY — The Union County Assessor's Office will be reappraising properties in the southern portion of the county, including Union and North Powder, according to Cody Vavra, Union County Assessor/Tax Collector. The county is divided into six areas with one area scheduled for reappraisal each year to ensure equity in the real market value of all property. During the

reappraisal process, county appraisers in clearly marked county vehicles will take a picture of every property for reference when completing appraisals. If you have any questions, contact Vavra at 541-963-1002.

Series features local physician, med student

LA GRANDE — Eastern Oregon University and the Northeast Oregon Area Health Education Center invite EOU students, high school students and community members to a special Health Speaker Series presentation Dec. 4. Learn about rural surgery firsthand from Dr. Andrew Pearson, a general surgeon at Grande Ronde Hospital in La Grande. Also, third-year OHSU med student Daniel Stone, an AHEC scholar who is completing a rural surgery

rotation in La Grande, will discuss medical school and the AHEC Scholars program. The free talk begins at 5 p.m. in Huber Auditorium (Badgley Hall, Room 102), on the EOU campus. Contact Brittany Hargrove at 541-962-3422 or bhargrove@neoahc.org with any questions.

Free class offered to new forestland owners

ISLAND CITY, ENTERPRISE — OSU Extension is holding a free class in Union and Wallowa counties for new forestland owners (or those new to managing forestlands) next week.

"So You've Got a Forest... Now What?" will feature speakers from that session's county, the county's Extension Forester and the ODF Stewardship Forester who will provide an overview of

how forestland is assessed and taxed, the impact of zoning and land use planning rules, how to access cost-share for forest improvement and fire risk reduction, permits and notifications, and developing a forest management plan.

Each class runs from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. On Dec. 5 the Union County session will be held in the conference room at the Union County Extension office, 10507 NE McAlister Road, Island City. The Wallowa County session is planned for Dec. 6 at the Wallowa Resources Stewardship Center, 401 NE First St., Enterprise. Pre-registration is strongly advised. Use the registration link in the Events section at www.extension.oregonstate.edu/union or call the Union County OSU Extension Office at 541-963-1010.

Alice M. Cantrell

Formerly of Union County

Alice May Cantrell, 91, died Nov. 21 in Aloha. A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Dec. 12, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Baker City with Bishop Tom Isaacson officiating. Interment will follow at 2 p.m. that afternoon at Grandview Cemetery in La Grande. To light a candle in memory of Alice, visit www.grayswestco.com.

Anna M. (Detmer) Gooder

La Grande

1930-2018

Anna Mae Arlene Gooder, 88, of La Grande, died Nov. 17 at Grande Ronde Hospital. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Dec. 6 at Grace Community Lutheran Church in Union.

Anna was born Aug. 14, 1930, in Holyoke, Colorado, to Frank and Emma (Olson) Detmer. When she was 5 years old, the family moved to New Plymouth, Idaho, which the family felt was a paradise compared to Holyoke. They farmed at the outskirts of New Plymouth.

Anna completed high school in 1949 at Fruitland, Idaho. On Jan. 19, 1952, she married George Gooder at Oak Knoll Naval Hospital Chapel in Oakland, California. Anna and George had three sons: Paul, Perry and Jeff.

Anna worked as a nurse's aide for many years, and for the last 10 years before retirement she worked as an in-home care supervisor for Community Connection of La Grande. Anna loved the outdoors, to fish and camp, and she was a member of the Tri-Mountain Good Sams club. Anna was an expert at needlepoint embroidering and won many blue ribbons at the Union County Fair.

Survivors include her husband, George; sons, Paul Gooder of Maryland and Jeff Gooder of La Grande; sister, Josephine of Emmett, Idaho; and one grandson and one great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her parents and son, Perry.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com.

Betty L. (Bretz) Bowen

Island City

1932-2018

Betty Lou Bowen, 86, of Island City, died Nov. 8 at her residence. At her request, there will not be a service.

Betty was born May 24, 1932, in Lucas, Kansas, to John and May (Rose) Bretz. She

attended schools in Lucas, Kansas, and in Nyssa. In 1950, Betty graduated from Nyssa High School and met and married Robert "Blackie" Bowen.

Robert was a heavy equipment operator, and they traveled throughout much of Oregon and Idaho. When they reached La Grande, Betty decided she was staying. She raised her five kids in La Grande, where she was employed with Safeway for 30 years.

Betty enjoyed playing cards, especially Texas hold'em and cribbage. She volunteered at the hospital and for fundraising events for the La Grande Country Club. She also enjoyed watching her grandchildren play in sports. Betty was a member of the American Legion for 50 years and a longtime member of the Eagles, La Grande Country Club and Grande Ronde Hospital Pink Ladies.

Survivors include her children, and their spouses, Michael Jon Bowen of La Grande, Robert Dan and Honour Bowen of La Grande, Susan Marie and Delmer Hanson of Island City, Richard Kyle and Tina Bowen of La Grande, and Jerry Dee Bowen of Ontario; sister, Dorthea of Philomath; and 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband of 57 years, Robert "Blackie" Bowen; and brothers, Samuel, Jake and Marvin.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com.

Francis "Frank" X. Miller

Formerly of La Grande

1945-2018

Francis "Frank" Xavier Miller, 73, formerly of La Grande, died Oct. 29 in Weiser, Idaho, after a long illness. The burial was private. A memorial Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Dec. 8 at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church. Arrangements are entrusted to Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center.

Known as Frank, he was born on June 12, 1945, in La Grande, to Robert and Bessie Miller. Frank was a graduate of La Grande High School and Eastern Oregon University, a veteran of the Vietnam War and a retiree of the Union Pacific Railroad.

Frank loved sports, classical music, history (especially of the Civil War), fishing and visiting with old friends and colleagues. During his hospital care, he was touched by the numerous visits and gestures of support from his friends and family.

Survivors include his son, Jason Pierce, and his family; brother, Phil Miller, and his family; and sisters, Mary Kay Raftery and Roberta Borgonovo, and their families.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Oregon Public Broadcasting, 7140 SW Macadam Ave., Portland 97219, or to Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church or a charity of your choice.

Online condolences may be left at www.danielsknopp.com.

Marjorie M. Leddy

Imbler

Marjorie M. Leddy, 96, of Imbler, died Nov. 26 at her residence. A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Dec. 1 at the Summerville Cemetery. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory is handling the arrangements.

Michael L. Balluff

Medical Springs

1958-2018

Michael Lynn Balluff, 60, of Medical Springs, died Nov. 24 at his residence. A celebration

of his life, with a viewing to follow, will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 30 at Loveland Funeral Chapel.

Michael was born April 20, 1958, in Berwyn, Illinois, to Rex and Mary (Seebach) Balluff. He resided in Ohio and moved to Oregon in 2009. Michael thought Oregon was beautiful and loved living here. Camping and hiking on the mountain behind his home was his favorite way to spend time with his family. Michael's favorite hobby was flying remote control airplanes. He spent most of his personal time sharing about his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through an online ministry.

Survivors include his wife, Karen Deshiro-Balluff; children, Christopher Balluff and Jennifer Balluff, both of Reynoldsburg, Ohio; stepdaughters, Alicia Haberman and Sarah Huckins, both of Baker City; mother and stepfather, Mary Lou and Ronald Brenner of Naples, Florida; sister, Debra Justice of Columbus, Ohio; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Ashley Balluff; stepdaughter, Jessica Teeter; and birth father, Rex Balluff.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com.

Maurice E. Bales

Joseph

1939-2018

Maurice E. Bales, 79, of Joseph, died Nov. 17 in Enterprise. A graveside service was held Nov. 24 at Prairie Creek Cemetery. There will be a celebration of his life on June 2, 2019.

Maurice was born Feb. 22, 1939, in Joseph, at the very residence he still called home, to Robert M. and Marstella L. Bales. He graduated from Joseph High School. Maurice was a self-employed

business owner his entire life, both in retail and as a paint contractor. He was also a farmer/rancher and dedicated public servant. He would say he was most proud of the titles Father, Grandfather and Great-Grandfather. His grandchildren and great-grandchildren called him Papa.

As a young man Maurice was baptized at Joseph Methodist Church. He married his high school sweetheart, Lynne Anderson, in 1956. Together they had six children, whom they began raising in Idaho while he became the youngest manager of Blocks Clothing Stores. Maurice then became the owner of Double AA Western Wear in Salmon, Idaho. In 1973, he sold Double AA when he and Lynne decided to move back to Wallowa County to buy Lynne's family acreage at the base of Mt. Howard.

In 1985, Maurice went back into the retail business, proudly becoming the owner of Wagner's Men Store in Enterprise. In the 1990s, he sold the business and returned to the family contracting business. In 1991, he married Judi Moore and added three stepsons to his family.

Maurice was an avid hunter, fisherman and outdoorsman, which is why he loved living in rugged Idaho for many years, but his heart was always in his hometown of Joseph.

Survivors include his wife Judi; children, Kristopher M. Bales of Bend, Marc A. Bales of Bend, Lori L. Butterfield of Joseph, Gregory W. Bales of Enterprise and Jill E. Ledbetter of Stanfield; stepsons, Darin M. Biggs of Burns, Landon L. Moore of Missoula, Montana, and Deven E. Moore of Pensacola, Florida; siblings, Robert E. Bales of Joseph, Judith A. Bales of Mollala, and Janice S. Liddiard of Lewiston, Idaho; 18 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and daughter, Amy A. Graning of Craigmont, Idaho.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

UNION COUNTY SHERIFF

Arrested: Luke Allen Sauer, 30, unknown address, was arrested on a Union County warrant charging second-degree theft.

Accident: Nobody was injured in a traffic accident in Union at N. Cove Street and E. Ash Street on Friday. The accident was reported at 12:37 p.m.

Accident: Nobody was injured in a traffic accident at Fir Street and Jefferson Avenue on Saturday. The accident was reported at 11:39 p.m.

Arrested: Billy Wayne Lambert, 46, was arrested on a parole and probation detention warrant.

Arrested: Tyrel James Michael Hancock, 29, La Grande, was arrested on a charge of second-degree theft.

LA GRANDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Accident: Nobody was injured in a traffic accident on Willow Street Friday. The accident was reported at 6:05 p.m.

Arrested: Cynthia Louise Bradley, 60, unknown address, was arrested on a charge of hit and run.

Arrested: Alvin Rotobes Emwally, 33, unknown address, was arrested on charges of driving while suspended, misdemeanor; driving under the influence of intoxicants; reckless driving, and on a parole and probation detainer.

Arrested: Jeffery Wayne Eaton, 35, unknown address, was arrested by the Josephine County Sheriff's Office on a Union County Secret Indictment Warrant charging two counts of first-degree sexual abuse.

Thank You everyone who helped Harvey and I celebrate our **50th Wedding Anniversary**. It was so nice of each and everyone to take time to come. Thank you Mike, Misty and families for everything you did. *May God bless you all.*



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