

LOCAL BRIEFING

From staff reports

Annual shooting event offers non-shooting games

COVE — The Cove Sportsman Club will hold its annual Turkey Shoot Dec. 2. Shooting begins at 9 a.m. There also will be non-shooting games for all attending. Lunch will be hamburgers and chili with pie for dessert. All are welcome. For more information, call Marilyn at 541-568-4879.

WC Commissioners will meet Monday

ENTERPRISE — The Wallowa County Board of Commissioners will hold an executive session at 8:30 a.m. Dec. 3 to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed. The commissioners will then meet in regular session at 9 a.m. in the Thornton Conference Room of the Wallowa County Courthouse in Enterprise. The public may attend the regular meeting. The subject matter of the executive session will not be discussed.

Cancer survivors discuss 'Fight of Your Life'

LA GRANDE — Nature's Pantry is hosting a panel discussion with cancer survivors Bill Oliver and Melinda McGowan, plus Sei Mee Tea's Kiyomi Koike, Naturopathic Physician Kate Spangler and Certified Nutritionist Linda Clayville. The discussion will cover different treatments from conventional medicine to natural therapies. "Fight of Your Life" begins at 6 p.m. Dec. 6. Cost is \$10, which includes tea samples. Registration is open; stop by Nature's Pantry, 1907 Fourth St., La Grande, or call 541-963-7955.

Warm hearts lead to toasty toes

LA GRANDE — La Grande's local Icon Credit Union is having a sock drive. The need for warm, new socks is often overlooked for families in shelters and assisted programs. The community is encouraged to drop off new socks or a cash donation through Jan. 4, 2019, at any Icon Credit

Union branch.

Volunteers welcome to cut and split firewood

LA GRANDE — A workday at the Neighbors Together emergency woodlot is planned for Dec. 8. Volunteers are welcome to help cut and split firewood between 9 a.m. and noon at 3309 N. Umatilla St., La Grande. For more information call 541-963-9126 or go to www.neighbors-together-of-union-county.org.

Children's books sought for Santa Mall

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

Blue Mountains Forest Plan meeting is tomorrow

LA GRANDE — The U.S. Forest Service is hosting

objection resolution meetings regarding the Revised Forest Plans for the Malheur, Umatilla, and Wallowa-Whitman National Forest to help the reviewing official better understand the objection issues. The La Grande meeting will run from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 1 at the Gilbert Event Center in Eastern Oregon University's Ackerman Hall. These meetings are open for the public and media to observe, but only qualified Objectors and Interested Persons may participate in discussions.

Cove City Council convenes next week

COVE — The City of Cove will hold a regular council meeting on Dec. 4. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at Cove City Hall, 504 Alder.

Help your Art Center grow with end-of-year giving

LA GRANDE — Art Center East is a donor- and member-funded non-profit organization. Because of its supporters, ACE is able to offer more than 500 classes,

unique gallery exhibits, community music ensembles, artist residencies and many other free community-oriented programs and activities. There are several ways to help ACE continue growing, including three end-of-year fundraising campaigns: to bring cultural dance and musical groups to town for a summer 2019 performance series; to give the building's 50+ windows a professional washing; and to begin replacing the old pottery wheels with professional-quality electric wheels.

To donate or for more information, stop by ACE at 1006 Penn Ave., La Grande, open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays and noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays, call 541-628-2800 or visit the Giving page at www.artcentereast.org. These particular campaigns end Dec. 31. All donations are tax-deductible.

Cove senior lunch served Tuesday

COVE — The Dec. 4 senior meal in Cove will feature sweet and sour chicken with

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UNION COUNTY SENIOR CENTER

1504 N. ALBANY ST. LA GRANDE

LUNCH MENU DEC. 3-7

MONDAY: pulled-pork sandwiches, potato salad, coleslaw, cookies.
TUESDAY: sweet-and-sour meatballs, rice pilaf, steamed winter blend veggies, sliced tomatoes, fresh fruit.
WEDNESDAY: honey-glazed ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, Jell-O, rolls, cake.
THURSDAY: fish and chips, coleslaw, baked beans, fruit, dessert.
FRIDAY: Swiss patty melts on rye bread, potato salad, garden veggies, fresh fruit, cookies.

white rice, stir-fry veggies, green salad and rolls with chocolate pudding parfait for dessert. The meal is held in Founders Hall at the Ascension School. There is a \$5 charge per meal. Coffee and tea are available at noon, and the meal is served at 12:15 p.m. RSVP by calling Imie Bristow at 541-568-4545 or Betsy Arnson at 541-568-4902.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

LA GRANDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Arrested: Scott William Devin, 18, La Grande, was arrested on a Union County warrant charging failure to appear in court on a charge of harassment.

Accident: Nobody was injured in a traffic accident on the 2000 block of Adams Avenue Tuesday. The accident was reported at 5:38 p.m.

Arrested: Charlene Danielle Haggard, 29, unknown address, was arrested on a Union County warrant charging first-degree theft, two counts.

Arrested: Taylor Alan Wilson, 27, La Grande, was arrested on a Union County warrant charging failure to appear in court on charges of driving under the influence of intoxicants and reckless driving.

Accident: Nobody was injured in a traffic accident at Penn Avenue and Fifth Street Thursday. The accident was reported at 7:45 a.m.

UNION COUNTY SHERIFF

Arrested: Brandon James Campbell, 38, unknown address, was arrested on two warrants. One warrant charged trespass and a second warrant, from Idaho, charged failure to appear in court on a charge of obstructing police.

Arrested: Victor Salinas Jr., 29, unknown address, was arrested on a Union County warrant charging failure to appear in court on a charge of driving under the influence of intoxicants.

Arrested: Madison Kate Hilton, 24, unknown address, was arrested on a Union County warrant charging failure to appear in court on a charge of driving under the influence of intoxicants.

Arrested: Matthew Ray Barrett, 30, unknown address, was arrested by the Curry County Sheriff's Office on a Union County warrant charging failure to appear in court on charges of fourth-degree assault and driving under the influence of intoxicants.

OREGON STATE POLICE

Arrested: Zach Scott Harmon, 37, Summerville, was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence of intoxicants.

Arrested: Kyle John Michael Olsen, 24, unknown address, was arrested on charges of possession of methamphetamine, unauthorized use of a vehicle and fugitive from other state.

Cited: James Nancett, 28, Denver, Colorado, was cited on a charge of reckless driving.

Accident: Nobody was injured in a traffic accident on Interstate 84 Monday, seven miles east of La Grande. The accident involved

a driver who hit a deer and was reported at 1:28 a.m.

Arrested: Ronald Dean Lytle, 45, Battle Ground, Washington, was arrested on charges of manufacture of marijuana, delivery of marijuana, import/export of marijuana items and was cited on a charge of giving false information to a police officer.

Arrested: Anthony Eugene Walter, 33, Portland, was arrested on charges manufacture of marijuana, delivery of marijuana, import/export of marijuana items and driving while suspended.

Arrested: Theron Earl Huthings, 44, unknown address, was arrested on a charge of second-degree failure to appear in court.

Arrested: Michael James Brockamp, 37, unknown address, was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence of intoxicants-alcohol.

LA GRANDE FIRE DEPARTMENT

La Grande Fire Department responded to five calls for medical on Friday, seven calls for medical on Saturday, two calls for medical on Sunday, nine calls for medical on Monday, four calls for medical and one fire at the Woodgrain Mill on Tuesday, eight calls for medical on Wednesday and 11 calls for medical on Thursday.

Homicide investigation continues in Cove

Observer Staff

The homicide investigation continues in Cove, as detectives and deputies for the Union County Sheriff's Office and partnering agencies are making solid progress, according to Sheriff Boyd Rasmussen.

"We are also working closely with the District Attorney's office, and every day our understanding of what happened and who was involved increases," Rasmussen said.

On Nov. 17, Sixty-two-year-old Loretta Williams called 911 to report a man in her backyard in Cove at approximately 1:40 a.m. The dispatchers heard her confront the man and then heard a loud noise.

Deputies and troopers arrived within minutes and found Williams dead of one or more apparent



Dick Mason/The Observer

Loretta Williams, a 62-year-old Cove woman, was murdered at her residence in Cove on Nov. 17.

gunshot wounds. Rasmussen said when Williams was talking to dispatchers she told them "she might know who it was."

Now, Rasmussen said law enforcement is looking to gather evidence that proves the case "beyond a reasonable doubt."

"We are determined to find justice for Loretta

and her family," he said. "That means moving forward carefully to build that solid foundation and case for conviction. A great deal of forensic evidence has been recovered, which could prove crucial. Our crime lab partners have made its analysis a high priority, but it does take time."

OBITUARIES

Alice M. (Weimer) Cantrell

Formerly of Union County
1927-2018

Alice May Cantrell, 91, formerly of Union County, 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.

Alice was born March 27, 1927, in Cove, to Jonas and Texy Weimer, and grew up in Hilgard. She met her future husband, Jerry Cantrell, in junior high school, and they were married the day after their high

school graduation in 1945. They were happily married for 70 years.

Alice and Jerry soon moved to Portland, where Jerry worked in the shipyards for several years. They then returned to the La Grande area to run the family-owned 5 Points Auto Camp near Hilgard, selling groceries, gasoline and lodging until they were bought out by the state to make way for the new freeway.

The family moved to Haines in 1958, where they ranched for many years. Alice also worked at the Haines Telephone Company, the Haines library and as secretary for Haines elementary and North Baker elementary schools. She liked to be busy and also was an Avon representative for many years. Alice was a lifelong member of the

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and loved the church and serving others. According to her family, Alice will be remembered by those who felt and knew her kindness.

Survivors include her children and their spouses, Mike Cantrell, Tony and Debbie Cantrell, and Kathy and Marlin Rogers; nine grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jerry, in 2015.

To light a candle in memory of Alice or to leave a condolence for the family, visit www.grayswestco.com.

Marjorie M. (Cobb) Leddy

Imbler
1922-2018

Marjorie May 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.

Marjorie was born Feb. 21, 1922, in Newberg, to Warren and Violet (Yarnell) Cobb. She graduated from Union High School and later attended Draper Business College. On Sept. 22, 1941, Marjorie married John Leddy in Boise, Idaho.

Marjorie was a book-keeper for a local utility office. She enjoyed ceramics, crocheting and crafts. She liked gardening and having a nice yard and enjoyed watching song birds.

Survivors include three grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John; son, Larry Leddy, sisters, Doris Miller and Louise

Baker; and four stillborn infants.

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

Russel A. Hunt

Summerville

Russel Alec Hunt, 67, of Summerville, died Nov. 9 at Grande Ronde Hospital. A celebration of his life with military honors will be held

at 2 p.m. May 18, 2019, at the Baker City Christian Church. 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 for Russ or to leave a condolence for his family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

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