

LOCAL BRIEFING

From staff reports

Union City Council to meet Dec. 10

UNION — The Union City Council will conduct a work session and meeting on Monday.

The work session will start at 6 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Both meetings will be at Union's city hall.

Union School Board to meet Dec. 12

UNION — The Union School Board will meet for its regularly monthly meeting on Dec. 12. The meeting will start at 7 p.m. at the high school athletic complex.

Drop in and make a holiday wreath Saturday

LA GRANDE — Art Center East is offering a holiday wreath-making workshop Dec. 8 at the art center, 1006 Penn Ave., La Grande. Instructors will be available between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. to help you make an evergreen wreath from scratch. Wreath-making supplies and ribbons will be provided, and participants may bring any unique flair to add to their wreaths. The event is open to adults and

children age 10 and older. Cost is \$25 (\$20 for ACE members). Drop-ins are welcome, but registration is appreciated. Call 541-624-2800 or go to www.artcenter-east.org.

Wallowa County commuter shuttle bus returns

ENTERPRISE — Community Connection of Wallowa County announces the return of its Commute to Work Bus. There is now a shuttle bus that runs Monday through Thursday between Wallowa and Enterprise. The bus leaves the Wallowa Senior Center at 7:20 a.m., leaves Lostine at 7:30 a.m., and arrives in Enterprise before 8 a.m. At 5 p.m., the bus begins its return to Wallowa from Enterprise. The shuttle is open to all. Call Community Connection at 541-426-3840 for more information or to make a reservation

Don't let the winter weather keep you on the couch

UNION — Indoor walking is now being offered at the Union LDS Church, 702 N. Main St., at 7:30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays

and Fridays. There is no charge. All are welcome to take advantage of the warm and dry opportunity to keep moving while it's cold outside.

EOLS Directors hold December meeting

UNION — The December meeting of the Directors of the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show is scheduled for Dec. 11. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the EOLS Clubhouse located on East Delta Street, Union.

Parks & Rec commission meetings scheduled

LA GRANDE — The La Grande Community Landscape and Forestry Commission will have its regular monthly meeting Dec. 11, the La Grande Arts Commission will meet Dec. 12, and the La Grande Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission will convene Dec. 13. Each meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. and will be held in the Parks and Recreation office at 2402 Cedar St. (near the basketball courts in Pioneer Park). Any comments or questions can be directed to Parks and Recreation

Director Stu Spence at sspence@cityoflagrande.org or 541-962-1348.

Open house focuses on health care for all

LA GRANDE — Last year, the United Nations declared Dec. 12 as International Universal Health Coverage Day. Oregon Rural Action's Health Care Reform Action Team is hosting an open house from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 12 at the Oregon Rural Action office, 1119 Washington Ave., La Grande. This is an opportunity to learn more about both global and Oregon-based efforts toward ensuring everyone has access to health care, regardless of income level or employment status. There will be volunteers on hand who can answer questions, share information about Health Care for All-Oregon and provide resources. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, call 541-663-6468.

Blood pressure, foot clinics offered in Wallowa County

ENTERPRISE, WALLOWA — The Enter-

prise Senior Center, 702 NW First St., will host a blood pressure clinic from 11 a.m. to noon Dec. 12. The same day, a foot care clinic will be offered from noon to 3 p.m. at the Wallowa Senior Center, 204 Second St. For more information, call Community Connection of Wallowa County at 541-426-3840.

LG School Board meets next week

LA GRANDE — The Board of Directors of the La Grande School District will conduct a regular board meeting Dec. 12. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the District Office Conference Room at Willow School, 1305 N. Willow.

Tree of Lights to be lit at remembrance ceremony

LA GRANDE — Grande Ronde Hospice's annual fundraising Tree of Lights event will culminate with a tree lighting and remembrance ceremony at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 13 in Pat's Alley, on Adams Avenue in downtown La Grande. Remembrance cards are available for a suggested \$5 donation. The cards will

be represented by lights on the Tree of Lights, which 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 available at Fitzgerald Flowers, Looking Glass Books and GRH Hospice. For details, call 541-963-CARE.

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UNION COUNTY SENIOR CENTER

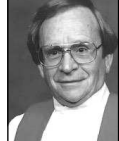
1504 N. ALBANY ST. LA GRANDE LUNCH MENU DEC. 10-14
MONDAY: cheeseburgers, fries, cottage cheese, fruit.
TUESDAY: ravioli, spinach salad, steamed veggies, garlic bread, dessert.
WEDNESDAY: fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, steamed green beans, Jell-O, rolls, cake.
THURSDAY: hearty minestrone soup, tomato-cucumber salad, carrot-raisin salad, broccoli-bacon salad, rolls, dessert.
FRIDAY: mac and cheese (with or without ham), steamed veggies, broiled tomatoes, rolls, fruit.

OBITUARIES

Roger L. Patrow

Formerly of La Grande
1928-2018

Roger Lamoine Patrow, 90, of Spokane, Washington, and formerly of La Grande, died Nov. 27.



A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Dec. 15 at St. Luke Lutheran Church, Spokane, Washington. Arrangements are under the direction of Heritage Funeral and Cremation of Spokane.

Roger was born March 24, 1928, the only child of Glenn and Mattie (Jarosch) Patrow. Roger grew up in Chippewa

Falls, Wisconsin, which he felt was the most wonderful place to grow up. There he had special memories of living near Irvine Park, swimming, fishing and playing with friends. It was an idyllic childhood.

In 1946, Roger graduated from Chippewa Falls High School, where he played football, basketball and tennis. He loved sports and continued to enjoy them as a spectator until his last days. He was commissioned into the U.S. Army and served in Korea.

Roger attended the University of Wisconsin and graduated with a master's in education and counseling. Throughout his life he felt a

call to ministry, causing him to attend the Lutheran Bible Institute, where he met Arlette Larson, whom he married in 1959. They were blessed with three children: Ruth Ann, Kristin Joy and David Roger.

In 1961, Roger graduated from Luther Seminary with a master's in divinity. At that time he felt called to the mission field and served in Ethiopia, Africa. He worked at the Ethiopia Evangelical College, where he was a teacher and then became director. He always held a great love for Ethiopia and her people in his heart. In 1981, the family welcomed Taddese Desta into their lives.

Roger served congregations in Escanaba, Michigan; Connell, Washington; La Grande; and Conway, Washington. He enjoyed all his congregations and was well liked by his parishioners.

A small-town Wisconsin boy who traveled the world, Roger was a pastor who wanted people to know God's great love for them.

Survivors include his wife, Arlette; children and their spouses, Ruth Ann and Greg, Kristin and Mike, and David and Jennifer, as well as Taddese and Emebet Desta; and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two infant grandchildren. Memorials donations may

be made to the St. Luke Lutheran Church building fund or to Water to Thrive (www.watertothrive.org).

Verda K. Harmon

La Grande

Verda K. Harmon, 72, of La Grande, died Dec. 4 at Wildflower Lodge. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

Gloria Spears

La Grande

Gloria Spears, 88, of La Grande, died Dec. 5 at her residence. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland

Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

Local funerals and visitations

The Observer publishes obituaries that conform to its obituary policy at no cost. Obituaries must be under 450 words and are edited for newspaper style. Paid advertising space is also available for those who want additional information included. For more information, call The Observer at 541-963-3161.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

LA GRANDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Accident: Nobody was injured in a traffic accident Wednesday at Island Avenue and Pine Street. The accident was reported at 2:28 p.m.

Accident: One person was injured in a traffic accident at Adams Avenue and Fir Street on Thursday. The accident was reported at 11:15 a.m.

Cited: Carla C. Snapp, 49, unknown address, was cited on a charge of third-degree theft.

Arrested: Julie Ann Cracraft, 23, unknown address, was arrested on a warrant charging failure to appear in court. The warrant was connected to an original charge of second-degree theft.

UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Arrested: Maggie E. Schirack, 34, La Grande, was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence of intoxicants.

Cited: Three Union County juveniles were cited on charges of unlawful possession of marijuana.

Cited: A Union County juvenile was cited on a charge of unlawful possession of marijuana and unlawful delivery of marijuana within 1,000 feet of a school.

Arrested: Jessey James Thomas O'Quinn, 22, unknown address, was arrested while lodged in the

Union County Jail for order to show cause on original charges of unlawful possession of meth.

Arrested: Eric Lee Wyatt, 29, unknown address, was arrested on a Community Corrections parole/probation detention warrant.

LA GRANDE FIRE DEPARTMENT

La Grande Fire Department responded to three calls for medical and one fire alarm on Wednesday and eight calls for medical and one fire alarm on Thursday.

Public Safety Report

The Public Safety Report is compiled from police blotter information supplied by local law enforcement agencies and fire department reports. Individuals named as arrested and/or charged with crimes in this report are presumed innocent until proved guilty in a court of law.

Oregon Legislature to release sexual harassment records

By Andrew Selsky

Associated Press

SALEM — After losing an appeal, leaders in the Oregon Legislature said Wednesday they'll obey a judge's order to turn over documents to the state's labor commissioner, who is investigating sexual harassment at the Capitol.

Senate President Peter Courtney and House Speaker Tina Kotek said they would do so only reluctantly. Their decision came just hours after the Oregon Appeals Court dismissed their appeal of a lower court's ruling that they comply with Labor Commissioner Brad Avakian's bid to get the materials. Courtney and Kotek had said they were worried about protecting the anonymity of those who came forward and didn't want to be identified.

The #MeToo campaign that swept the nation felled one lawmaker in the

Oregon statehouse, Sen. Jeff Kruse, who was accused of inappropriate behavior by several female lawmakers and interns. The Republican senator announced his resignation in February, after an independent investigation verified many of the complaints.

Avakian, the commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries, known as BOLI, sent shock waves into the Capitol during the summer when he accused Courtney and Kotek — both fellow Democrats — of allowing a sexually hostile environment and of being slow to protect women from Kruse. Courtney and Kotek denied Avakian's accusations and said his investigation would have a chilling effect on others to come forward when they face harassment.

"I worked as hard as I could to protect those who had come forward about working conditions,"

Courtney said in a statement Wednesday. "Sadly BOLI and the courts have ordered the Legislature to hand over all confidential records of these individuals."

Kotek said she hopes Avakian can protect the confidentiality of all those who are identified in the records and who want to remain anonymous. Labor agency lawyer Nena Cook earlier said the alleged victims' information would be kept private under a protective order.

James Nass, a state appeals court commissioner, late Tuesday terminated a temporary stay on a Multnomah County Circuit Court judge's decision that the lawmakers deliver the documents, and he tossed their

appeal.

"The court vacates the order granting a temporary stay and denies appellants' motion for stay pending appeal," Nass wrote. "Appeal dismissed."

Kotek said the Legislature will comply with the court order.

Multnomah County Judge Christopher Marshall in Portland had ruled on Nov. 19 that Oregon legislative leaders must comply with BOLI's subpoenas for documents and testimony, saying they were reasonable and had been issued lawfully. He also found the Legislature's top officials initially had cause to object, rejecting the labor agency's request for a contempt order and \$1,000-a-day fines.

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