

LOCAL BRIEFING

From staff reports

**WURA Board meets tomorrow**

ELGIN — The Wallowa/Union Railroad Authority Board will meet at 5 p.m. Jan. 8 in the Elgin Depot. The call-in number is 888-520-8955, code 89625#.

**Senior center hosts foot clinics**

LA GRANDE — The Union County Senior Center, 1504 Albany St., hosts a foot clinic three times a month. In January, clinics will be held on the 8th, 15th and 22nd. To schedule an appointment or for more information, call 541-963-7532.

**Retired Educators group hears from Arts East**

LA GRANDE — The Union County Retired Educators will meet at 11:30 a.m. Jan. 9 at the Flying J restaurant. There will be an Arts East presentation. Members are reminded to bring their recorded service project hours for Pat.

**Members of class of '54 gather Thursday**

LA GRANDE — The La Grande High School Class of 1954 will meet for lunch Jan. 10. The gathering gets underway at 11:30 a.m. at the Flying J restaurant.

**Volunteers welcome to help split, stack firewood**

LA GRANDE — A workday at the Neighbors Together Emergency Woodlot is planned for Jan. 12. 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-togetherofunioncounty.org](http://www.neighbors-togetherofunioncounty.org).

**Women and teen daughters invited to Ladies Night**

LA GRANDE — Ladies Night will be held Jan. 11

at La Grande's Church of the Nazarene, 109 18th St. Meeting from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., women and their teen daughters will share a devotion, activity and potluck dinner. Ladies Night is led by Candy Blackman the second Friday of the month. For more information, call 541-963-3402 or go to [www.lagrandenazarene.com](http://www.lagrandenazarene.com).

**Expand your gardening knowledge in 2019**

ISLAND CITY — The 2019 Master Gardener Program offered by OSU Union County Extension begins Jan. 15, offering a variety

of classes and workshops. Classes will be held Tuesday evenings from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The cost for the full course is \$155, and individual classes are open to community members for \$5 per class (\$10 for weekend workshops). Classes are held in the conference room at the Union County Extension office, 10507 N. McAlister Road, Island City.

For a Master Gardener course application, go to [www.extension.oregonstate.edu/union](http://www.extension.oregonstate.edu/union). For more information and to RSVP for individual classes, call the Extension office at 541-963-1010.

**Submit an event**

Tell us about events, meetings and children's activities in Union and Wallowa counties. Service clubs, support groups and other nonprofit organizations are encouraged to notify us of regular meeting times.

Email news@lagrandeobserver.com or fax a letter to 541-963-7804 and include the event name, date, time, location, cost and contact information.

OBITUARIES

**Dorothy N. Keltz**

Formerly of La Grande  
Dorothy Norma Keltz, 92, formerly of La Grande, died Jan. 1 at her home in Warren. A celebration of her life will be held in the spring. An obituary is forthcoming. Arrangements are entrusted to Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center.

**Eric Walling**

La Grande  
Eric Walling, 19, of La Grande, died Jan. 1. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

**Judith King**

North Powder  
Judith "Judy" King, 77, of North Powder, died Jan. 5 at her home. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home of Halfway. Online condolences can be shared at [www.tamis-pinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamis-pinevalleyfuneralhome.com).

**Robert P. Brummel**

Elgin  
Robert P. Brummel, 53, of Elgin, died Dec. 23, 2018, at his residence. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

**Shana L. Constance**

Union  
Shana L. Constance, 46, of Union, died Dec. 26, 2018, 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.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

**UNION COUNTY SHERIFF**

Arrested: Christopher Cox, 34, unknown address, was arrested on a parole and probation detainer.

Arrested: Jeremy Michael Fulton, 37, unknown address, was arrested by the Pendleton Police Department on a Union County warrant charging failure to appear in court on a charge of second-degree theft.

Arrested: Donald LaPrelle, 58, a transient, was arrested on a parole and probation detainer.

**LA GRANDE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Arrested: Robert Lee King, 22, Union, was arrested on charges of third-degree theft, two counts, and second-degree theft.

Arrested: Shane Allen Sain, 32, La Grande, was arrested

on a Union County warrant for order to show cause charging fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer, driving under influence of intoxicants and second-degree criminal mischief.

Arrested: Amber Garcia, 36, unknown address, was arrested on a parole and probation warrant. The warrant was connected to an original charge of delivery of meth. Garcia was also arrested on a Umatilla County circuit court warrant charging failure to appear in court on a charges of possession of methamphetamine and second-degree-theft. Garcia was also arrested on a charge of unlawful possession of methamphetamine.

Accident: Nobody was injured in a single-vehicle accident on Oak Street Friday.

The accident was reported at 6:04 p.m.

Arrested: Nickolas Rey Arguello, 24, was arrested by the Lincoln City Police Department on a Union County warrant charging a probation violation. The alleged probation violation was connected to original charges of fourth-degree assault-domestic and resisting arrest.

Cited: Klamath Lee Walker, 30, unknown address, was cited on a charge of fourth-degree assault.

**LA GRANDE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The La Grande Fire Department responded to two calls for medical and one fire at the particle board plant on Friday, seven calls for medical on Saturday and four calls for medical on Sunday.

**New Year's Baby welcomed at Grande Ronde Hospital**



Courtesy Photo

LA GRANDE — Jessie Pierce and Nick Smith welcomed baby boy Atlas Reign Smith at 12:50 a.m. Jan. 3 at the Grande Ronde Hospital Family Birthing Center. Atlas was the first baby born in the hospital this year, making him the 2019 New Year's Baby. He weighed eight pounds, seven ounces. To honor his special arrival, Atlas was gifted a one-of-a-kind white stocking handmade by the GRH Auxiliary Sewing Committee, a handmade quilt from the Quilt Questers, as well as diapers and a gift basket filled with supplies from the GRH Auxiliary. Atlas and his parents were presented with their gifts on the afternoon of Jan. 4 by Auxiliary President Kay Dick and Gift Shop Manager Diane Higley who congratulated the family on behalf of the auxiliary and Grande Ronde Hospital.

**Crews work to restore power after Pacific Northwest windstorm**

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Crews worked Sunday to restore power after windstorms pummeled parts of Washington state and Oregon over the weekend and left hundreds of thousands of people without electricity, officials said.

Puget Sound Energy said Sunday that since the peak of the storm it had restored

electricity to 147,000 customers. As of 2:30 p.m. Sunday, about 148,000 customers remained without power, it said.

The utility reported downed power lines and poles and substation outages. A statement on its website, said some customers could be without power for "multiple days" due the damage to its system.

Other utilities in the two states were working to get the power back on for others.

Thousands had been without power Sunday morning in parts of Oregon after strong winds downed trees, KOIN-TV reported.

A power failure was blamed for triggering a sewage spill in Clark County that officials said was contained, the outlet reported.

The storm brought winds that registered gusts of about 60 mph at Sea-Tac Airport in Washington, the National Weather Service in Seattle said.

Alaska Airlines said it grounded all its flights between 4:20 a.m. and 5:15 a.m. Sunday after a power outage in the Seattle area, where its operations are based.

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**What's Cooking ?** by Sandy Sorrels of **TEN DEPOT STREET**



Happy New Year! Hope you all had a pleasant holiday. We had a good turn out for our New Year's Eve Party at Ten Depot Street. The Holly Sorensen Band provided amazing music and kept everybody dancing until just before mid-night and the downtown ball drop. Thanks to all of our customers and friends and exceptional employees, Ten Depot is looking forward to another great year.

Tonight is Rib Night, the first Monday of the month at Ten Depot Street, and we have plenty of our Cajun Prime Beef Ribs, coated with our own Cajun Barbecue Sauce. Also this week, Chef Bill Monda is making his famous Parmesan Cod Tuesday through Thursday. And since we have some amazing bay shrimp from the Oregon coast, we are featuring a Shrimp Stuffed Avocado Salad Appetizer this week.

We are starting off the New Year with music this Tuesday night by Tyler Brooks. Brooks, who has deep roots in rural Eastern Oregon, is a singer-songwriter who produces a blend of country, punk, and rock n roll. In his original work you can hear influences from the Rolling Stones to Waylon Jennings.

We are cutting down somewhat on our music schedule in the new year. As more and more establishments are providing music, attendance at our events has been sporadic. Still we are having music usually at least once per week either Tuesday or Thursday.

We want to thank all of our musicians for the amazing events of last month, the Adam Lange Trio for top notch jazz and Brent Smith and Friends for a thoroughly enjoyable Christmas music show.

**BLUE PLATE SPECIAL \$10.95**  
Honey Dijon Chicken Breast, roasted red potatoes, steamed vegetables, bread (served Monday through Friday)



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February 23<sup>rd</sup>  
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Tickets are \$30 ea. available at the Shelter office or call (541) 963-7226



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