

Commissioners and DA sworn into office



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Union County commissioners R. Matthew Scarfo (left) and Paul Anderes (right) along with Union County District Attorney Kelsie McDaniel (center) each took an oath of office Monday, beginning their terms after the November 2018 election. This is McDaniel's second term as DA. McDaniel's, Scarfo's and Anderes' terms end in 2023.

La Grande lawyer takes seat on the bench



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From left, Oregon Supreme Court Justice Thomas Balmer shakes the hand of Wes Williams after swearing him in as circuit court judge, as Wes' wife, Jennifer Williams, and senior circuit court Judge Thomas Powers look on. "You've placed a lot of trust in me, and I want you to know I take it seriously," Williams said after he was sworn in.

LOCAL BRIEFING

From staff reports

Regional DAR chapter meets this month in Baker City

BAKER CITY — The Lone Pine Tree chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet Jan. 11 at the Sun-ridge Restaurant in Baker City. Lunch is at 11 a.m. and the meeting begins at noon. The meetings of the regional chapter are open to the public.

For more information, call Betty Milliman at 541-523-5732, Roberta Morin at 541-446-3385 or Joan Smith at 541-963-4861.

Breakfast raises funds for UHS Robocats competition

UNION — The Veterans of Foreign Wars High Valley Post 4060 in Union is sponsoring a breakfast Jan. 12 to help Union High School's robotics team, the Robocats, raise funds to go to competition.

The Robocats will be cooking and serving, and all are encouraged to come support their efforts between 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. Saturday at the Post, 518 Main St. Pancakes, scrambled eggs with sausage plus milk, juice, coffee or tea will be served for \$7, \$5 for those younger than 18. Donations will also be accepted.

Take a class, pay less for car insurance

LA GRANDE — There will be an AARP Smart Driver class Jan. 19 at Grande Ronde Hospital on Sunset Drive in La Grande. The class runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with an hour break for lunch. The cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for nonmembers. The class is open to all, and completion can earn you a break on your auto insurance premiums. Call the instructor, Fred Moore, at 541-910-9797 to sign up or for more information.

UCSO teaches concealed handgun course Jan. 26

LA GRANDE — The Union County Sheriff's Office is offering a concealed handgun class Jan. 26. The all-day Saturday class will begin promptly at 8 a.m. The class will be held in the conference room at the Union County Sheriff's Office, 1109 K Ave, La Grande. Cost is \$50 (cash or check, due at the time of class), and pre-registration is required. To register or find out more, call 541-963-1017 option 2, then 3.

Arts Commission meets next week

LA GRANDE — The La Grande Arts Commis-

sion will meet at 5:30 p.m. Jan. 16 in the Parks and Recreation Office, 2402 Cedar St. (inside Pioneer Park). All questions may be directed to Parks and Recreation Director Stu Spence at sspence@cityoflagrande.org or 541-962-1348.

Jan. 22 is Pharmacy Night at health series

LA GRANDE — The public is invited to join EOU and NEOAHEC for Pharmacy Night at the Health Speaker Series beginning at 6 p.m. Jan. 22. Those who attend the free event will get the inside scoop on a leading pharmacy program in Oregon and learn about rural pharmacy practice from a local industry expert. All ages are welcome at the presentation in Huber Auditorium. A hot cocoa bar will also be provided. The OSU College of Pharmacy will have a table outside of Huber Auditorium for those who want to learn more about the program. NEOAHEC says to come early to ask questions and "grab some free swag."

Mother Son Gym Jam planned

LA GRANDE — La Grande Parks and Recreation invites moms and their boys to a Mother Son Gym Jam from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 19 at the

Riveria Activity Center, corner of Y Avenue and Second Street in La Grande. The gym jam includes Nerf gun range, hoop shoot, food crafts, building pit, music and more. Cost is \$15 per family. Register at www.la-grandeparks.org, or contact Recreation Supervisor McKayla Nitz at 541-962-1352 or mnitz@cityoflagrande.org.

Observer consolidates community calendars

LA GRANDE — The Observer is no longer publishing a community calendar in the Friday edition. The calendar in the GO magazine has been

expanded to accommodate happenings throughout Union, Wallowa and Baker counties. Continue to send meeting and event announcements for the briefly section to news@lagrandeobserver.com. Longer press releases and in-depth content on arts and entertainment events for GO should be emailed to gonortheastoregon@gmail.com.

The deadline for the GO calendar is noon on the Thursday before the next publication. For more information, email news@lagrandeobserver.com or call The Observer at 541-963-

3161 and ask for Cherise or Lisa.

Ceramic creations must be claimed by Feb. 1

LA GRANDE — Art Center East, 1006 Penn Ave., La Grande, is in the process of its annual studio shelf cleaning. Ceramics students or studio renters have until Feb. 1 to claim their pieces. Un-fired or un-glazed pieces may be finished during the Ceramics Open Studio hours in January: from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

LA GRANDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Accident: Nobody was injured in a traffic accident at Sixth Street and L Avenue on Tuesday. The accident was reported at 1:03 p.m.

Arrested: Victor Edward Marlitt, 31, La Grande, was arrested on a parole and probation detainer.

Arrested: Lee-Onid Sikt Meresebang, 36, La Grande, was arrested on a charge of violating a restraining order.

UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Arrested: Johnathan Russell Hains, 35, Imbler, was arrested on a charge of fourth-degree assault. Hains was arrested while

lodged in the Union County Jail.

LA GRANDE FIRE DEPARTMENT

La Grande Fire Department responded to eight calls for medical on Monday and four calls for medical, two motor vehicle crashes and one carbon monoxide alarm on Tuesday.

OREGON STATE POLICE

Cited: Mark Everett Rohrbaugh, 40, Omaha,

Nebraska, was cited on charge of import/export of marijuana.

Cited: Christopher James Moses, 30, Crowley, Texas, was cited on a charge of possession of marijuana in a commercial motor vehicle.

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OBITUARIES

Eric Walling Jr.

La Grande

Eric Walling Jr., 19, of La Grande, died Jan. 2. A celebration of his life will be held at 10 a.m. Jan. 12 at Loveland Funeral Chapel. An obituary is forthcoming.

Evelyn 'Norene' Camden

La Grande

Evelyn "Norene" Camden, 70, died Dec. 30 at the home of her great-niece in La Grande. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services

of Halfway. Online condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Ruth M. Tuski

Enterprise

Ruth M. Tuski, 87, of Enterprise and formerly of Wallowa and La Grande, died Dec. 17. A funeral will be held at 10 a.m. March 23 at St. Katherine's Church in Enterprise, followed by a graveside service. A dinner for family and friends will be served afterward at the Enterprise VFW Hall. An obituary is forthcoming.

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.

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