

LOCAL BRIEFING

From staff reports

RSVP for next week's Cove senior meal

COVE — The next senior meal in Cove will be held Feb. 5 at the Ascension School's Founder's Hall. The Tuesday lunch will feature beef stroganoff, egg noodles, peas and carrots, green salad and rolls, plus apple crisp for dessert. 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 Arnsen at 541-568-4902 by Jan. 31.

Families welcome at LMS honor roll assemblies

LA GRANDE — Families of students named to the La Grande Middle School's honor roll for the second quarter of 2018-19 are invited to attend assemblies Jan. 30-31 and Feb. 1 in the LMS gym. Each assembly begins at 8:25 a.m. The sixth-grade assembly will be held Wednesday. Thursday's assembly is for seventh- and eighth-grade stu-

dents with these advisory teachers: Bedolla, Carson, Fritz, Leavitt, McIlmoil, Patrick, Remily, Singer, and Thurman. Friday's assembly is for seventh- and eighth-grade students with these advisory teachers: Bisenius, Benson, Foggia, Kretschmer, Lair, Nickerson and Schow.

Learn about saving money on natural gas bills

LA GRANDE — The Energy Trust of Oregon and Union County Progressives are co-hosting an informational program on saving money on natural gas bills, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 31 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 1001 O Ave., La Grande. Susan Badger-Jones, Eastern Oregon outreach manager for Energy Trust of Oregon, will give an overview of energy saving tips, natural gas efficiency, and new technical services and financial incentives available to customers of Avista Natural Gas for new and existing homes, businesses

and industry. The event is free and open to the public. More information is available at www.energytrust.org or by calling 541-663-6468.

Sign up now for free adult GED prep workshops

LA GRANDE — The Eastern Oregon Workforce Board and Training Employment Consortium will be offering free evening adult GED preparation services beginning Jan. 31. Services will include individualized instruction, study materials, testing fees, links to studying tools and resources. Those interested must call and reserve a space for orientation and registration before you can access the GED services. The first orientation will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday at 1901 Adams Ave., La Grande. An additional orientation is planned for 4 p.m. Feb. 5. Call soon to reserve your spot for orientation. For more information, call Lynn at 541-963-7111, ext. 233.

EOU Trustees meet twice this week

LA GRANDE — The Eastern Oregon University Board of Trustees is splitting its regular meeting between two days this quarter. Trustees will convene for work sessions Jan. 30 and then return Jan. 31 for a regular meeting. The work sessions commence Wednesday afternoon with discussions on strategic planning and online partnership. The regular meeting opens Thursday morning with President's Remarks and other public comments. On the agenda is a presentation on the statewide higher education strategy and a proposal to add an accounting major to EOU's curriculum. The board will also consider amendments to its presidential evaluation process and discuss collective bargaining in an executive session.

La Grande School Board meets Thursday

LA GRANDE — The Board of Directors of the

La Grande School District will hold a special board meeting/work session beginning at 5:30 p.m. Jan. 31 in the District Office Conference Room, 1305 N. Willow. The board will also be meeting in an executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(b) to hear complaints brought against employees.

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.

Buy books and baked goods Saturday

WALLOWA — The Friends of the Wallowa Library will hold its annual Book and Bake Sale from

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 2 at the Wallowa Senior Center. Books and baked goods, including pie by the slice, will be available. For questions call Sally at 541-886-4012.

MENUS

UNION COUNTY SENIOR CENTER

1504 N. ALBANY ST., LA GRANDE

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Jan. 7-11
MONDAY: Swedish meatballs over rice, steamed vegetables, cabbage slaw, rolls, dessert.

TUESDAY: fish and chips, coleslaw, baked beans, dessert. (Alternate meal: chicken strips.)

WEDNESDAY: chicken noodle soup, salad bar, fruit, rolls, dessert.

THURSDAY: hoagie sandwiches, pasta salad, fruit slices, dessert.

FRIDAY: Not available at press time

OBITUARIES

Hope A. Paslay

La Grande
1996-2019

Hope A. Paslay, 22, of La Grande, died Jan. 19 at her residence. A viewing



will be held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Feb. 1 at Loveland Funeral Chapel.

A celebration of life will begin at 2 p.m. Feb. 2 at the Island City Lighthouse Pentecostal Church.

Hope was born Feb. 29, 1996, in Anaheim, California, to Mark Paslay and Tamara Culver. She resided in Orange, California; Las Vegas, Nevada; and Cove and La Grande. She graduated from Cove High School.

Hope was employed with Verizon. She was an exceptional salesperson and was loved by her many customers. Hope loved to spend time with family and friends, and she raised two dogs, Chance and Molly. The biggest love of her life was her nephew.

Survivors include her parents, Mark Paslay of Oklahoma and Tamara Culver of La Grande; siblings, Ryan Paslay and Sierra Paslay and

partner, Kevon Bailas, all of La Grande; one nephew; and aunts and uncles, Amber Kapturkivich, Randy Paslay, Chris Paslay, and Dirk, Steve, Michelle, Julie and Kyle Culver.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Randy Paslay; great-grandmother, Frances Paslay; grandfather, Donald Culver; and grandmother, Carol Culver.

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

Joyce A. Huey

Union

Joyce A. Huey, 66, of Union, died Jan. 25 at Grande Ronde Hospital. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

June E. Webster

Formerly of La Grande

June E. Webster, 101, of Gaston and formerly of La Grande, died Jan. 25 at a care facility. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crema-

tory will be handling the arrangements.

Ralph E. Simonson

Elgin
1928-2019

Ralph Emil Simonson, 90, of Elgin, died Jan. 23 at his residence. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Jan. 31 at Highland Cemetery in Elgin, followed by a potluck at the Elgin Community Center at 2:30 p.m.

Ralph was born Oct. 12, 1928, in Oregon City, to Emil and Ethel (Jubb) Simonson. He resided in Seneca; Smith River, California; Gladstone and Eagle Creek; Alaska and Arizona; and Elgin since 1968. He attended Oregon City schools. Ralph married June Rose in 1949, and they had three children. In 1987, he married Mavis Elling, who had three children.

Ralph was employed as a shipyard welder and was a logger for many years. He owned Eagle Creek Logging, then he went on the adventure of being a gold miner in Alaska. He and Mavis were

snowbirds, going to Arizona when they weren't in Alaska.

Ralph loved Nascar racing and won many car race trophies himself. He enjoyed playing cards, four-wheeling, hunting, camping, and being with his family. He liked to watch the Seattle Seahawks and the Oregon Ducks. Ralph was an active member of the Imbler Christian Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mavis; children and their spouses, Judy and Steve Morton of Union, Terry and Jan Simonson of Kennewick, Washington, Melody and Jim Huitt of Union, Gary and Kathy Martinson of Elgin, and Theresa Tishmack of La Grande; 25 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Emil and Ethel; sister, Vina McArthur; stepson, Verle Martinson; and son-in-law, David Tishmack.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contribution may be made to the Elgin High School Ag Department, 1400 Birch St. Elgin 97827. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com.

Vancouver-area measles outbreak up to 34 people, one case in Portland

By Fedor Zarkhin

The Oregonian

Three new cases of measles have been confirmed in Clark County, public health officials said Sunday, bringing the total tally of the four-week outbreak to 34.

The newly-diagnosed cases all involve unvaccinated children 1 to 10 years old. That brings the number of measles to 30 cases involving unvaccinated people, according to Clark County Public Health.

Washington Gov. Jay Inslee declared a state of emergency due to the outbreak on Friday, three days after officials in Clark County declared a public health emergency. The outbreak spread to Oregon

Friday, with one confirmed measles case in Multnomah County.

Health officials listed an additional six places in Vancouver where people could have been exposed:

Kaiser Orchards Medical Office, 7101 NE 137th Ave., Vancouver from 1:55 to 6:10 pm Monday, Jan. 14. The Vancouver Clinic Salmon Creek, 2525 NE 139th St., Vancouver from 8:15 a.m. to noon Friday, Jan. 18 and 4:30 to 9:30 pm Wednesday, Jan. 23. Vancouver Division of Children, Youth and Families, 907 Harney St., Vancouver from 12:15 to 5:15 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18. Golden Corral, 11801 NE Fourth Plain Blvd., Vancouver from

4 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19. Vancouver Women, Infant and Children (WIC) office, 5411 E. Mill Plain Blvd., Vancouver from 2:50 to 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23. Tower Mall public areas (entrances, hallways), 5411 E. Mill Plain Blvd., Vancouver from 2:50 to 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23.

Measles is highly contagious, spreads through the air, and kills about one of every thousand infected. Before the vaccine was introduced in the U.S. in 1963, measles killed about 500 per year.

About one third of the Vancouver area's population was unvaccinated in 2017.

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What's Cooking ?

by Sandy Sorrels of

TEN DEPOT STREET

Even though we have no music scheduled for this week, we have lots of other things going on this week at Ten Depot Street.

On Wednesday night this week, bartender Kevin Boylan hosts the Ten Depot Street Ski Club, which is basically open to anyone with an interest in skiing or boarding. We feature \$1 off on all pints of beer and classic ski movies. The fun starts at 8:00. This year we are holding ski club every other Wednesday and this is the other Wednesday.

Tonight, Monday, is Barbecue Night at Ten Depot Street. This week's featured Barbecue is a Barbecued Prime Rib Sandwich for \$14.95.

Starting this week Kneads Bakery will be making the baguettes for Ten Depot Street. We use baguettes for our delicious Prime Rib Sandwiches and this week it will be served with our Appetizer Specials. This week as an appetizer, we will be serving a Spanish Cheese Plate with Manchego Cheese, Salami, Olives and Artichokes, and with a Roasted Garlic Spread made with locally grown garlic. Also chef Bill will be preparing Cajun Calamari.

We had some amazing jazz at Ten Depot Street last Thursday. Special thanks to Greg Johnson and the other members of the Greg Johnson Quartet, Matt Cooper, Luke McKern, Andy Steele and singer Calendra. We look forward to their return.

It is just a couple of weeks until Valentines Day so be sure to include Ten Depot Street in your plans. This year we will again feature our Mushroom Tenderloin Steak and Lobster Tail for just \$34.95 as well as other specials and our regular menu. Call 541-963-8766 for reservations.

BLUE PLATE SPECIAL \$10.95

Baked Penne Pasta with Chicken and Mushrooms, Green Salad, Bread
(served Monday through Friday)

