

LOCAL BRIEFING

From staff reports

Union School Board to meet Wednesday

UNION — The Union School Board will meet Wednesday for its regular monthly meeting. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at the high school athletic complex.

Cove City Council convenes tomorrow

COVE — The City of Cove will hold a work session and special council meeting at 6 p.m. Feb. 12 at Cove City Hall, 504 Alder.

GRH Foundation hosts Business After Hours

LA GRANDE — The Grande Ronde Hospital Foundation is hosting this week's Business After Hours on Feb. 12 at the GRH Pavilion, 909 Adams Ave., La Grande. From 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., enjoy hor d'œuvres and learn about the theme and program for the upcoming GRH Foundation Gala.

LG School Board conducts evaluation

LA GRANDE — The Board of Directors of the La Grande School District will meet in executive session at 5 p.m. Feb. 13 in the superintendent's office at Willow School, 1305 N. Willow St., to review and evaluate the superintendent and to hear complaint(s) brought against employee(s). Following the executive session, the board

will have a regular board meeting at 7 p.m. in the District Office Conference Room.

Retired Educators group meets Wednesday

LA GRANDE — The Union County Retired Educators will meet at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 13 at the Flying J restaurant. There will be music by Blue Grass.

World-building game ties into Big Read

ENTERPRISE — The Range Rider Saloon, 107 NW First St., Enterprise, is hosting a Big Read 2019 Board Game Night from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Feb. 13. This year's Big Read title is Ursula K. Le Guin's "A Wizard of Earthsea." Before she wrote the classic tale, Le Guin created the world of Earthsea in her mind, drawing a map of all the islands and villages in the book. On Wednesday, come play the interactive board game "Settlers of Catan" and build your own world. Experienced players and newcomers welcome. Bring your own board if you have one, or join in on a game. The game is appropriate for ages 8 and older, but families are welcome to bring along younger siblings.

Watershed partnership meeting is open to public

LA GRANDE — The

Place-Based Integrated Water Resource Planning meeting for the Upper Grande Ronde River Watershed Partnership will be held at 4 p.m. Feb. 13 at the OSU Union County Extension Office, 10507 N. McAlister, Island City. The meeting is open to the public. To RSVP or for more information, call the Union County Planning Department at 541-963-1014.

Wildland Urban Interface Committee meets Wednesday

LA GRANDE — The City of La Grande announced a meeting of the new La Grande Wildland Urban Interface Committee at 1:30 p.m. Feb. 13 in the La Grande Fire Department Conference Room. This committee was formed by citizens who are concerned about the risk of wildfire in La Grande, especially on the west and south sides of town. All community members, especially those who own property on the edge of town, are encouraged to come participate, learn and discuss how this committee plans to take action. For more information, contact Teresa Gustafson, City of La Grande's urban forester, at 541-663-1952 or trees@cityoflagrande.org.

Rotary Club throws 'Friendraiser' Thursday

ENTERPRISE — The Rotary Club of Wallowa

County will host its second annual Rotary Friendraiser at 6 p.m. Feb. 14 at Cloverleaf Hall, on the Wallowa County Fairgrounds in Enterprise. The event will provide an evening of fun and food and a glimpse into the work of the Rotary Club. Tickets are \$15 for individuals with a maximum \$30 per family, and may be purchased at the Bookloft in Enterprise and Ruby Peak Realty in Joseph or from any Rotary member. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

Earn Red Cross certification

ENTERPRISE — Project Heartbeat is conducting an all-day First Aid/CPR/AED class Feb. 15 at Prairie Creek Center, 104 S. Litch St., Enterprise. The class, which runs from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., will train lay responders to assist those suffering medical emergencies, both minor and major, until the ambulance arrives. Upon completion of the course attendees will receive a two-year certification from the American Red Cross. The cost of the class is \$48. For more information or to register, call 541-432-0259.

Conference celebrates diversity

LA GRANDE — EOU's Celebrate, Educate & Appreciate Diversity Conference, to be held Feb. 16, is an opportunity for students,

staff and communities across Eastern Oregon to network and explore important issues around diversity and student leadership. This year's conference features diversity and inclusion workshops with an emphasis on social justice, leadership and empowerment. Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m., and all activities take place in Badgley Hall on EOU's campus in La Grande.

Online registration has already closed, but limited space is available on the day of the conference on a first come, first served basis. The conference is free for EOU students, \$15 for students from other institutions or high school and \$30 for faculty, staff, and community members. Visit eou.edu/mc/programs-services/cead-conference for more information.

Apply now for MedQuest Camp

LA GRANDE — High school students interested in health care are invited to jump-start their future career by attending Northeast Oregon Area Health Education Center's Med-Quest Camp. This year's camp will be held June 16-21 on the EOU campus and around the La Grande community. The camp will feature job shadows and unique networking op-

portunities with health professionals, in addition to an exciting array of other health-related activities. Applications are available at www.neoahec.org and are must be submitted by March 14. Call Brittany Hargrove at 541-962-3422 for more details.

Imbler School Board plans regular, executive sessions

IMBLER — The Imbler School District Board of Directors will have its February meeting at 7 p.m. Feb. 13 in Room 1 of the high school. The regular meeting will conclude with an executive session to discuss a personnel issue and the superintendent's evaluation.

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 and include the event name, date, time, location, cost and contact information.

OBITUARIES

Jennie (Harel) Raedeke

La Grande
1952-2019

Jennie Raedeke, 66, of La Grande and formerly of Enterprise, died Feb. 7 at a local care facility. A memorial service will be held in the future. Arrangements are entrusted to Bollman Funeral Home.

Jennie was born Aug. 27, 1952, in Walnut Ridge, Arkansas, into the Heral family, which grew to parent 10 children. In Arkansas at that time they struggled with poverty, and the family moved to Rockford, Illinois. Jennie attended schools in Rockford and graduated in the top 10 percent of her large high school class. Jennie met Jerry Raedeke in 1979, and they were married on Jan. 25, 1983. After living in Wisconsin, they came sight unseen to Enterprise, where Jerry served as pastor of the Community Church. Over the years, Jennie developed dementia and later was well cared for at Wildflower Lodge in La Grande.

Juanita Rose

La Grande
Juanita Rose, 60, of La Grande, died Feb. 8 at a local care facility. An obituary

is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

Raymond McVey

Formerly of Elgin
Raymond McVey, 90, of Hermiston and formerly of Elgin, died Feb. 8 at Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

LA GRANDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

Arrested: Chrissy Lynn Bracken, 37, La Grande, was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence of intoxicants.

Arrested: Casey Michael Robertson, 23, La Grande, was arrested on a charge of hit and run.

Accident: Nobody was injured in a traffic accident on the 200 block of Adams Avenue Sunday. The accident was reported at 10:57 a.m.

Arrested: Victor Marlitt, 31, unknown address, was arrested on a detainer.

UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Arrested: Kevin Gene Smith, 63, unknown address, was

arrested on a charge of interfering with making a report.

Arrested: Alyssa Casey Harvill, 20, unknown address, was arrested by a law enforcement department in Umatilla County on a Union County warrant charging failure to appear in court on a charge of possession of methamphetamine.

Oregon State Police

Accident: Nobody was injured in a traffic on Highway 82 in the Elgin area on Saturday. The accident was reported at 8:10 p.m.

LA GRANDE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The La Grande Fire Department responded to 13 calls for medical and one care fire on Friday, 11 calls for medical and one car crash on Saturday and four calls for medical and one fire alarm on Sunday.



Courtesy photo

Friday night, the La Grande Fire Department responded to a vehicle fully engulfed in flame on Island Avenue.

Pittsburgh synagogue shooting suspect pleads not guilty

Bowers faces dozens of charges

By Ramesh Santanam
The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — The suspect in the Pittsburgh synagogue massacre pleaded not guilty to dozens of charges Monday as his new lawyer, a prominent death penalty litigator who represented one of the Boston Marathon bombers, signaled he might be open to a plea deal.

Robert Bowers, a truck driver who authorities say gunned down 11 people at Tree of Life Synagogue, appeared in federal court with attorney Judy Clarke, who expressed hope the case will be resolved without a trial.

Clarke is known for negotiating plea deals that helped some of the nation's most infamous killers

avoid death row, including Unabomber Ted Kaczynski, Atlanta Olympics bomber Eric Rudolph and Arizona shooter Jared Lee Loughner, who killed six people and injured 13 others, including U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords. A jury sentenced marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, whom Clarke represented, to death.

A spokeswoman for federal prosecutors in Pittsburgh has said a decision about whether to pursue the death penalty against Bowers remains under review. Assistant U.S. Attorney Troy Rivetti said in court Monday that if Bowers does opt for a trial, it could last about three weeks, not including any potential penalty phase.

Bowers, who was shack-

led, said little, giving yes or no answers.

A grand jury on Jan. 29 added 19 counts to the 44 Bowers was already facing. The additional charges include hate crimes violations, obstruction of religious belief and the use of a firearm during crimes of violence.

Bowers, 46, of Baldwin, Pennsylvania, is accused of targeting worshippers from three Jewish congregations when he attacked Saturday, Oct. 27, during Sabbath services.

Seven people were wounded, including five police officers.

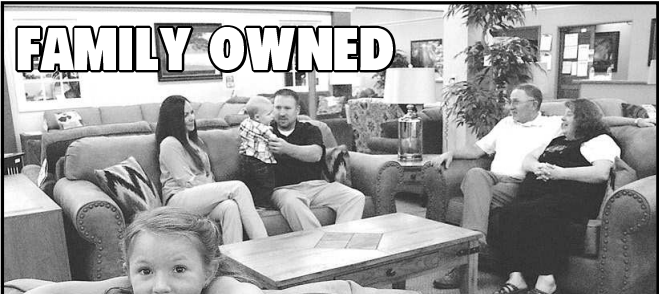
Donna Coufal, a member of the Dor Hadash congre-

gation that occupies space at Tree of Life, said she attended Monday's arraignment "to bear witness. It's been a painful time, but we remain strong as a community."

Investigators say Bowers posted criticism of a Jewish charity on social media before the attack, claiming the immigrant aid society "likes to bring invaders that kill our people." Authorities said he raged against Jews as he gunned down his victims, and told investigators "all these Jews need to die."

Bowers has been jailed in the Butler County Prison, about 35 miles north of the shooting scene.

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



As winter continues, it's another snowy week in LaGrande, so if you need a break from the snow outside, we have a lot going on inside at **Ten Depot Street**.

Thursday is **Valentine's Day!** We still have room at your favorite restaurant for a memorable dinner, complete with the ambience of piano genius **Matt Cooper** and the amazing **Sharon Porter**. They will be performing romantic music from 5:30 to 7:30, including tunes from George Gershwin, Cole Porter, Norah Jones and James Taylor and material from their recent album, **Two for the Road**.

Ten Depot's specials for Valentine's Day are **Mushroom Tenderloin** and **Lobster Tail** for \$34.95, **Dungeness Crab Stuffed Halibut** for \$28.95, and a **New York Steak** for \$25.95. We also create some great desserts for the occasion, this year a **Strawberry Swirl Cheesecake** and **Double Rich Chocolate Tart**. We also have our always available **Triple Layer Chocolate Cake** and our famous **Hot Fudge Sundae**. Call 541-983-8766 for reservations.

Monday is **Barbecue Night** at Ten Depot and tonight we are featuring a **Spicy Barbecued Quarter Chicken**, a complete dinner with choice of soup or salad for just \$11.95.

Tuesday night we have music by local musicians **Jeff Grammar** and **Curtis Carson** playing alt country from 8 until 10.

And Wednesday night is the **Ten Depot Ski Club** meeting in the bar, hosted by bartender, Kevin Boylan. Every other Wednesday throughout the winter the ski club meets in the bar for skiing and boarding movies and \$1 off pints of beer. So come join the fun.

BLUE PLATE SPECIAL \$10.95
Pork Tenderloin with Ginger Glaze, roasted red potatoes, fresh vegetables, bread
(served Monday through Friday)

