

LOCAL BRIEFING

From staff reports

Newspaper delivery may be late

Due to the inclement weather, The Observer's carriers are having trouble delivering to areas in Cove, Union, Elgin and Wallowa County. The Observer will do its best to deliver the paper in a timely manner while keeping the carriers as safe as possible. If your paper has not arrived by 5 p.m., expect carriers to attempt delivery the next morning. If you do not receive your paper the next day, please call 541-963-3161 between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., or leave a message at 541-975-1690 after business hours.

Origin of Hells Canyon is focus of Pub Talk

ENTERPRISE — Range Rider Saloon, 107 NW First St., Enterprise, is hosting "The Incision of the Hells Canyon," a Feb. 20 Pub Talk, at 5:30 p.m. The public is welcome to

join in the discussion at this free event. Matthew Morris, a PhD student at the University of Oregon, will be discussing the origin of Hells Canyon, North America's deepest canyon, and will update Wallowa County residents on an active research project being undertaken by the University of Washington, Indiana University and the University of Oregon. This scientific team seeks to unravel the mysteries of the landscape in Northeast Oregon, from lava flows to river-carved canyons. Local geologist Ellen Morris Bishop will also weigh in with some interesting information.

IMESD Board meets Wednesday

PENDLETON — The Board of Directors of the InterMountain Education Service District will meet for an executive session Feb. 20 to discuss the superintendent evaluation.

The meeting begins at 5 p.m. at the IMESD, 2001 SW Nye Ave., Pendleton. A regular meeting will follow

Help kids cope with divorce, separation

LA GRANDE — Learn how divorce or separation impacts your children and what you can do to help them at a workshop offered from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Feb. 28 in the Misener Conference Room, 1001 Fourth St., La Grande. The workshop is facilitated by Mary Lu Pierce and sponsored by the Family Law Advisory Committee. Cost is \$30 per person (cash or check only). The fee may be waived by prior order of the court, or if attendance occurs prior to or within 45 days of filing for custody, dissolution, separation or modification. Support persons and community members may attend free of charge. Please do not bring your children. Child care is not provided. For

more information call 541-962-9500 ext. 42.

Nominees for 2019 OTEC Board of Directors announced

BAKER CITY — The nominating committees for Baker and Union counties have met and nominated candidates for the upcoming OTEC Board of Director elections. The Union County nominating committee has nominated Greg Howard for position No. 7. Howard is the incumbent in the election. The committee has nominated David Baum for position No. 8. Baum is also the incumbent. The nominating committee for Baker County nominated Charlene Chase for position No. 9. Chase is also an incumbent. All candidates are running to serve a three-year term.

Additional nominations may be made by petition filed with the secretary of the cooperative no less than 60 days before the

annual meeting, which will be held May 4 in John Day at the Grande County Fairgrounds. For more information and petition forms, call 541-524-2831.

Scholarship open to Union County female students

UNION COUNTY — Applications for the P.E.O. Chapter DK Memorial Scholarship are now available. Eligible applicants must be women who have graduated from a Union County high school, will have sophomore or higher college standing by the fall of 2019 and have a GPA of 3.0 or higher. This is a \$1,000 scholarship to be used for educational expenses at the accredited college of the recipient's choice. To request a scholarship application, contact Teresa Gustafson at tkgustafson@outlook.com. Applications must be postmarked by April 1 to be accepted for consideration. P.E.O. is a

philanthropic educational organization dedicated to the advancement and education of women.

LHS Class of '57 meets for lunch

LA GRANDE — The members of the La Grande High School Class of 1957 will gather for lunch at noon Feb. 20 at the Flying J restaurant. For more information, call 541-963-2796.

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OBITUARIES

Joseph P. Ercolin

La Grande

Joseph P. Ercolin, 80, of La Grande, died Feb. 3 at St. Alphonsus Medical Center in Boise, Idaho. A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Feb. 22 at the Lutheran Church in Union. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory is handling the arrangements.

Luella 'Jean' Landers

Formerly of La Grande

Luella "Jean" Landers, 101, of Wilsonville and formerly of La Grande, died Feb. 6 at a care facility. A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Feb. 23 at Loveland Funeral Chapel. An obituary is forthcoming.

Mildred B. Davis

La Grande

Mildred B. Davis, 92, of La Grande, died Feb. 16. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland

Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

Erin L. Endicott

Cove

Erin L. Endicott, 76, of Cove, died Feb. 15 at a local care facility. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory is handling the arrangements.

Raymond L. Read

Formerly of Union and Wallowa counties

1937-2019

Raymond Leon Read, 81, of Stices Gulch and formerly of Wallowa and La Grande, died Feb. 2. A celebration of his life will be held in May in Stices Gulch.

Known as Ray, he was born May 6, 1937, in Wallowa, to Clyde Raymond and Aetna (Breshears) Read. He was joined by a sister, Phyllis, while the family lived on



a farm on Jim Town Road. They later moved to La Grande, where a second sister, Kathleen, was born.



Ray was always adventurous. He put up a Tarzan swing, caught crawdads and hooky-bobbed. He loved cars and became a knowledgeable mechanic working in a local garage. Ray graduated from La Grande High School in 1955.

Shortly after graduation, Ray enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served from January 1956 to December 1960. Ray married Cherin Lay, and while in the Navy they lived in San Diego. To this union four children were born: son, Tony; daughter, Sheri Rae; her twin sister, Terri Dawn, who died at birth; and son, Raymond, who died while a toddler. After his discharge from the Navy, Ray and his family moved to La

Grande and then to Emmett, Idaho, where he worked for Albertson's. Ray and Cherin divorced.

In 1970, Ray married Ronda Griner, and added her daughter, Shelley, to the family. They moved to Stices Gulch on Dooley Mt. out of Baker City and built a home that displayed Ray's artistry with nature. Rocks of all sizes were incorporated, forming walls and other features. They later moved up on Stices Gulch, where Ray had many friends who enjoyed each other's company in work and play. Ray was always ready to help.

Ray loved to commune with nature — feeding birds and deer, fishing, hunting, snowmobiling and hiking. His family has many fond memories of hikes into Bucket Lake.

After Ray and Ronda divorced, he continue to live in Stices Gulch. He reacquainted with a friend from high school, Sylvia, and they developed a special friendship. He en-

joyed grooming his property and until his death always welcomed visitors. It was his heaven on earth.

Survivors include his children and their spouses, Tony and Nadya Read of Oak Harbor, Washington, Sheri Rae Read of Bellingham, Washington, and Shelley and John Dollar of Baker City; sisters, Phyllis Rhodig and husband, Russ, of Caldwell, Idaho, and Kathleen Smith of Baker City; and six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clyde and Aetna Read.

Memorial contributions may be made to Best Friends of Baker City in care of Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City 97814.

To light a candle in memory of Ray, visit www.grayswest-co.com.

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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

LA GRANDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Accident: Nobody was injured in a traffic accident at Adams Avenue and Depot Street Friday. The accident was reported at 1:07 p.m.

Accident: Nobody was hurt in a motor vehicle accident on Island Avenue in La Grande Friday. The accident was reported at 8:37 p.m.

Arrested: Maximillion Hearld, 33, unknown address, was arrested on a Umatilla County warrant charging failure to appear in court on a charge of larceny.

Accident: Nobody was hurt in a traffic accident on Fir Street Saturday.

Arrested: Robert Thomas Fox, 29, La Grande, was arrested on a Union County warrant charging failure to appear in court on charges of driving under the influence of intoxicants and reckless driving.

UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Accident: No injuries were suffered in a traffic accident on Hunter Road in the Summerville area Friday. The accident was reported at 7 p.m.

Arrested: Makaela Rian Dougherty, 20, unknown address, was arrested on a Baker County parole and probation detainer.

Arrested: James William Barlett, 22, unknown address, was arrested on a parole and probation detainer.

Accident: No injuries were suffered in a traffic accident on Highway 203 in the La Grande area Sunday. The accident was reported at 11:59 p.m.

Arrested: Joshua Tyler Gunshore, 21, unknown address, was arrested on a parole and probation detainer.

LA GRANDE FIRE DEPARTMENT

La Grande Fire Department crews responded to three calls for medical assistance on Sunday, seven on Saturday and seven on Friday. On Sunday firefighters also responded to a small cooking fire at about 8 p.m. in a La Grande home. The cooking fire caused no damage.

OREGON STATE POLICE

Accident: Nobody was injured in a motor vehicle accident Sunday morning on Interstate 84 about 12 miles east of La Grande.

Truck fire near La Grande closes I-84 Eastbound for several hours Saturday



Photo Courtesy of Carissa Hosey

A semi-truck caught fire going east on Interstate-84 on Saturday near milepost 257, 4 miles east of La Grande. The truck caused I-84 eastbound from MP 216 through La Grande to be closed from approximately 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. Saturday. Reader Carissa Hosey sent The Observer this photo of the truck taken at 12:30 p.m.

What's Cooking ?

by Sandy Sorrels of

TEN DEPOT STREET



Hope you are enjoying President's Day! Ten Depot Street is open for this holiday so come on down for a delicious dinner tonight or any other evening this week. Tonight is **Barbecue Night** and we have **Cajun Barbecued Ribs** with our special homemade Barbecue Sauce, all you can eat, for just 15.95.

Also Chef Bill will be preparing **Wild Grilled Gulf Shrimp with Herb Butter**, Monday through Thursday. Try one of the regional wines from our wine list or one of our many rotating micro-brews to go with your dinner.

And we have some great music this week. Tomorrow night, Tuesday, **Jezebel's Mother** is playing. Straight out of Wallowa County, **Jezebel's Mother** blends the beautiful harmonious voices of singer-songwriters Janis Carper and Carolyn Lochart. Both

have a unique sound and style. Together they are even more amazing.

And then Thursday evening come dance to **Standard Deviation**. This is an exceptional band that has been playing at Ten Depot and around Eastern Oregon for a couple of decades now. They play blues and classic rock. The music starts at 8:00.

We have another **Wine Tasting** on Wednesday, February 27, with the **L'Ecole 41 Winery**, one of the early established wineries in the Walla Walla Valley. We will be tasting 4 wines with food pairings to go with each wine. The cost for the wine and food is \$30. Make reservations by calling 541 963-8766.

Special thanks to musicians **Matt Cooper and Sharon Porter** for making Valentine's Day Dinner at Ten Depot memorable.

BLUE PLATE SPECIAL \$10.95

Parmesan Chicken Breast, buttered noodles, spinach salad, bread
 (served Monday through Friday)



Central School would like to send a huge thank you to members of our school community and our La Grande community for the generous gifts they provided to twenty families within our school who were in need over the holidays. Twenty families received a food box that included a turkey with all the trimmings, gifts for the children and a \$25 Papa Murphy's gift card. This tremendous act of kindness brought the families a sense of peace and hope, which was evident by the smiles on their faces and the many hugs. It takes a loving, caring and serving community to raise a child. We are so thankful for the members of our community.

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