

LOCAL BRIEFING

From staff reports

Help Baker City win grant for playground

BAKER CITY — Starting today, Baker City will be competing for a grant to help build an all-abilities playground at Geiser-Pollman Park. The Moda Assist program, in conjunction with the Portland Trail Blazers, will donate \$20 for every assist the Blazers have this season.

With 25 games left in the regular season, the Blazers have 1,302 assists, bringing in \$26,040 so far. The recipient of the grant will be determined by online voting between Feb. 20 and March 20. Baker City is competing against two other communities

— Prineville and Independence. Previous grant recipients include La Grande's Birnie Park. Voting is allowed once a day. To vote, go to www.nba.com/blazers/assist.

Live well despite chronic pain

LA GRANDE — Living Well with Chronic Pain, a six-week workshop, will begin Feb. 22 at the Community Connection Transit Hub, 2204 East Penn Ave., La Grande. The free series will be held on Fridays from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. and is open to anyone age 18 and older who either lives with chronic pain or cares for someone who does.

The sessions will cover topics such as problem

solving, relaxation techniques, dealing with difficult emotions, managing medications, healthy eating and working with a health care team.

For more information or to register, email kdgaung@yahoo.com or call 541-963-3186 ext. 1019. The series is sponsored by Community Connection Northeast Oregon, Inc.

Joseph Branch Trail efforts continue

ENTERPRISE — The Joseph Branch Trail Consortium, a nonprofit group made up of community members from Union and Wallowa counties, is moving forward with plans to build a trail alongside the railroad tracks within the six miles

of publicly owned railroad right-of-way between Enterprise and Joseph. This trail will be available to residents and visitors for walking, jogging, biking and horseback riding. JBTC has worked carefully with community members, local governments and landowners over the past five years to address concerns and develop a plan for construction and maintenance that works for everyone. Recently, JBTC submitted an application for a conditional use permit that would allow JBTC to proceed with the development of a pilot trail segment starting at Marr Pond and ending in Joseph.

The conditional use permit application will go before the Wallowa County

Planning Commission for approval at a 7 p.m. meeting on Feb. 26 at Cloverleaf Hall on the Wallowa County Fairgrounds in Enterprise. Anyone interested in supporting trail development is encouraged to attend or express support in writing.

For more information on the project, visit www.JosephBranchTrail.org.

LG School Board meets twice Feb. 27

LA GRANDE — The Board of Directors of the La Grande School District will be meeting in executive session at 5 p.m. Feb. 27 in the superintendent's office to review and evaluate the superintendent and to hear complaint(s) brought against employee(s).

Following the executive session, the board will begin a regular board meeting at 7 p.m. in the District Office Conference Room, 1305 N Willow St.

Grant available for tourism projects and events

LA GRANDE — The Union County Chamber of Commerce will be accepting applications for the 2019 TRT Grant until March 1. The purpose of the TRT Grant program is to assist in the promotion or development of events or attractions that increase the economic impact of tourism in Union County.

For more information, call the Chamber at 541-963-8588 or stop by 207 Depot St., La Grande.

OBITUARIES

Stephen A. Harris

Imnaha
1948-2019

Stephen Alexander Harris, 70, of Imnaha, died Feb. 13 following an extended battle with cancer. He will be laid to rest at the National Cemetery in Sturgis, South Dakota, joining his father, mother and numerous other family members who served their country with honor. Arrangements are entrusted to Bollman Funeral Home of Enterprise.

Known as Steve, he was born Dec. 3, 1948, in the Black Hills of South Dakota, where he spent part of his childhood before the family moved to Elmira when his father took a teaching/coaching position at the Veneta grade school. In 1967, Steve graduated from Elmira High School, where he was a four-year letterman. He was a standout athlete in football, basketball and track.

Upon graduation, Steve and his best friend, Butch, joined the U.S. Marine Corps. Steve served from 1967 to 1969. He graduated boot camp as Series Honor man and went on to serve in the Vietnam Conflict. He was wounded twice and received the Purple Heart ribbon.

The greatest passions of Steve's life were the Lord Jesus Christ and his wife, Carolea, whom he married on July 13, 1974. Throughout his life, Steve was a champion of the underdog, the weak and the less fortunate. He had a loving and compassionate heart.

Survivors include his wife, Carolea; brother and sister-in-law, Doug and Denise; sons and spouses, Stacey and Josie and Chad and Teresa; daughters and spouses, Selah and Larry and Tamara and Randy; daughter-in-law, Gloria; and 18 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Everett and Norma, and son, Troy Dean Harris.

Joseph 'Paul' Ercolin

La Grande
1939-2019

Joseph "Paul" Ercolin, 80, of La Grande, died Feb. 3 at St. Alphonsus Medi-



cal Center in Boise, Idaho. A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Feb. 22 at the Union Methodist Church.



Known as Paul, he was born Jan. 29, 1939, in Bellingham, Washington, to Michael and Dorothy (Holland) Ercolin. He resided in Florida, Utah, Portland and La Grande. Paul graduated from Vero Beach High School in Florida and attended Utah State University and Portland State University.

Paul served in the U.S. Army and was employed with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Oregon public schools. He enjoyed photography, woodworking, rock hounding and gold mining. He was the president of Eastern Oregon Miners and Prospectors for a couple of years.

Survivors include his wife, Patty; daughter, Shauna Boles of La Grande; one grandchild; and several nieces and nephews and aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, James, Charlie and Patrick.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Blue Mountain Humane Association, 3212 Highway 30, La Grande, OR.

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

Luelle 'Jean' Landers

Formerly of La Grande
1917-2019

Luella "Jean" Landers, 101, formerly of La Grande, died Feb. 6 in Wilsonville. A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Feb. 22 at Loveland Funeral Chapel.

Known as Jean, she was born March 13, 1917, in Salt Lake City, Utah, and grew up in La Grande. On Feb. 12, 1940, she married Wilbur "Paul" Landers, her friend and constant companion.

A faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Jean was sealed for time and all eternity to her husband and her children — Darcia, Sherry and David — on June 8, 1949, in the Salt Lake Temple. She left an exemplary

life of love and kindness for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren to follow.

Survivors include her daughter, Darcia Hing of Beaverton; son, David Landers of Hemet, California; and 13 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul, and daughter, Sherry.

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

Charles J. Mariani

La Grande

Charles Julius Mariani, 89, formerly of Portland,

died Feb. 12 at the home of his daughter, Cindy Jo DeLong, in La Grande. A service will be held at 2 p.m. Feb. 25 at the Willamette National Cemetery in Portland. An obituary is forthcoming. Arrangements are entrusted to Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center.

Laurel 'Joyce' Madsen

La Grande

Laurel "Joyce" Madsen, 87, of La Grande, died Feb. 15. A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Feb. 23 at the Hermiston Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Burial will follow at

the Hermiston Cemetery. Memories of Joyce may be shared at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Burns Mortuary of Hermiston.

Michael A. Strickland

Elgin

Michael Allen Strickland, 27, of Elgin, died Feb. 13 at his residence. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Feb. 23 at the Elgin Stamped Hall. Casual dress is

preferred by the family. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory is handling the arrangements.

Kenneth M. Frank

Cove

Kenneth M. Frank, 88, of Cove, died Feb. 19 at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise, Idaho. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

Alcie Rae Steinborn

December 19, 1937 - February 11, 2019

On the evening of February 11, 2019, Alcie Rae Steinborn completed her earthly journey. Alcie was born December 19, 1937, to Roscoe Ray and Hazel Pearl Burford Hartley on a snowy day in their home on Antles Lane in Cove, Oregon.

Mom loved school and at Cove had a perfect attendance all 12 years. She was a cheerleader and active in drama. Soon after graduation, she married her high school sweet heart, Gailon Davis, and gave birth to their two daughters. In 1960, Mom moved to Yakima and later married John Steinborn and had their two sons.

Nursing was the profession she truly loved and her presence enhanced that vocation. She worked over 30 years at Toppenish Memorial Hospital and she lovingly cared for her patients and their families.

Mom loved adventure, taking multiple trips with friends to Hawaii and Alaska as well as an East coast fall leaves railroad tour. In 2008 Mom joined her two daughters and granddaughter Nichole, on a trip of a lifetime to Italy. It was a fun filled 12-day trip, destinations included the Italian Alps, Verona, Venice and Rome. In the Alps, they had to wait out a hurricane that unexpectedly came directly in front of the lodge where they were eating; they stood and watched as it stormed across the lake.

Yearly reunions with her children and family were at Sam and Cindy's pool. In fact, she would house sit for them and would have her friend Connie come swim with her. The running joke was that Sam and Cindy had to leave more often so she could house sit and swim. The other yearly reunion Mom never missed was with The Cunningham Clan, enjoying her many nieces, nephews and their families.

Mom was our own cheerleader; she championed each of us in our endeavors and taught us her strong work ethic. She truly was one of a kind and we are so fortunate to have had this loving, disciplined and hilariously funny woman as our mother, grand and great grandmother, sister, aunt and friend.

Alcie is preceded in death by parents Ray and Hazel, sisters Pearl, Georgia, Cleah and Dona, ex-husband Gailon, husband John, and nephews Duane and Dennis. She leaves behind daughter Terry Davis and grandchildren Nichole Hixon, Tommy Dekker (partner Gregg Charcas) and Cory Hixon (Amie Onica-Hixon); daughter Tammy Hileman (John) and grandchildren Jennifer Ritchie and Danny Dregger; son Samuel Steinborn (Cindy) and grandson Ryker; son Troy Steinborn (Jes) and granddaughter Carissa Layton; and eight great grandchildren: Kyler and Ashton Ritchie; Bella and Quinn Dekker, JJ Hixon-Stuart and Mya, Elizabeth and Madeline Hixon. Alcie also left behind hundreds of nieces and nephews who she loved like her own.

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Larry W. Dickerson

January 19, 1951 - February 9, 2019

In Loving Memory

Larry W. Dickerson, 68, passed away at his home on February 9, 2019. A Memorial service will be at the Seventh-day Adventist Village Church, 715 SE 12th Street, College Place, WA 99324 at 4:00pm on Saturday, February 23, 2019.

Larry was born on January 19, 1951 in Enumclaw, WA. Larry attended Seventh-day Adventist schools in Enumclaw, Auburn, and Walla Walla. When he was a teen he moved to College Place, WA. Larry was an accomplished musician, belonging to several music groups, including Handpicked, The Blarney Cats of the Walla Walla Valley, and The Condors of La Grande, Oregon. He had a keen interest in politics, being a city councilman, first in Goldendale, and then 18 years in College Place. Larry was interested in many hobbies besides music including windsurfing, photography, hiking, sailing, and just enjoying nature.

Larry is survived by two sisters; Carleen (Ross) Jones of Mossyrock, WA, Rosalie Dickerson of College Place, WA, 5 nieces and nephews: Randy (Diana) Jones, Shelly (Terry) Fritz, Patrick (Athea) McMackin, Catherine McMackin, and John McMackin. He was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and LaVolla Dickerson.

Memorial contributions may be made to Blue Mountain Television at www.bmtv.org or Grande Ronde Overlook Wildflower Institute at www.growiser.net

Friends and family may share memories and sign the online guestbook at www.mountainview-colonialdewitt.com



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