

LOCAL BRIEFING

From staff reports

Gene Rose Memorial Chamber Concert held in Haines

HAINES — The Grande Ronde Symphony Association and the Leo Alder Foundation invite the community to the first annual Gene Rose Memorial Chamber Concert March 2 at the Haines United Methodist Church, 721 Roberts St. The concert begins at 7 p.m. and will feature two unique groups: the Kupenga Marimba band and the Blue Plate Special bluegrass band. Tickets for non-Chamber Series pass-holders are available at the door for only \$10 per person.

Alice Trindle, GRSA president, said, "For us to be able to honor Gene's memory with this robust combination of musical styles is truly in honor of Mr. Rose's unique character. We look forward to making this an annual event and a great collaboration with the other four Chamber Series concerts held in La Grande."

Rimfire silhouette shoot on first Sunday

LA GRANDE — The La Grande Rifle and Pistol Club is hosting a .22 rimfire silhouette shoot every first Sunday of the month through April at the club's river range on Highway 244 (I-84 exit 252, then 3 miles west on the Ukiah-Hilgard Highway). The next event, which is open to the pub-

lic, begins at 9 a.m. March 3. Entry fee is \$5. Eye and ear protection is required. Rifles or pistols, with no restrictions on sights. Call Darrel at 541-428-9757 or Gary at 541-786-0809 or go to www.lgrpc.com for more information.

Cattlemen hear about USDA water pollution project

ISLAND CITY — The Union County Cattlemen will meet at 7 p.m. March 4 at the Ag Service Center in Island City. Curtis Martin, chair of the OCA Water Committee, will discuss the Department of Agriculture's new project to address agriculture contributions to water pollution on private property through the 1010 plans. A business meeting will follow. The meeting is open to the public.

Tree trimming begins Monday in Union

UNION — Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative's contracted tree trimming service, The Tree Service, will begin trimming work within the Union city limits March 4. The work is expected to last up to four weeks, though that could be dependent on weather. OTEC removes only trees that pose a serious threat to safety and electric service. Trees that grow too close to power lines can cause outages, start fires or create other hazardous conditions. This work helps maintain electric safety and

service reliability and is required by state and federal regulations.

Get ready for spring with eight-week yoga series

ISLAND CITY — The La Grande Country Club and Yoga Dawn Studio have partnered to offer an eight-week Yoga Spring Conditioning Class on Monday evenings beginning next week. The classes will run from 6 p.m. to 7:20 p.m. March 4-April 29 on Mondays at the Country Club, 10605 S. McAlister Road, Island City. Teens and older and welcome, and no experience is required. The cost for those who pre-register for the series is \$56; call Dana at 541-963-4241 to pay and reserve your spot. Individual classes are \$10 (cash) at the door.

Meetings set to plan OK Theatre centennial

ENTERPRISE — The OK Theatre turns 100 this year. Darrell Brann is planning a major event on the theater's anniversary with music, short films and plays. Informational meetings are set to gather potential sponsors, event coordinators and volunteers of all types. Meetings will be held at the Tomas Conference Room, 309 S. River St., Enterprise, at 7 p.m. on the first and third Mondays from March to July. The first meeting is this Monday, March 4. All those interested in learning

more about the centennial are welcome.

Cove City Council meets Tuesday

COVE — The City of Cove will hold its regular council meeting at 7 p.m. March 5 at Cove City Hall, 504 Alder. The meeting will include an executive session to discuss hiring a public works director.

Tickets are on sale for Angel Fund dinner

LA GRANDE — A spaghetti feed fundraiser for the Angel Fund will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. March 5 in the La Grande High School Commons, 708 K Ave. RE/MAX Real Estate Team hosts the annual dinner and silent auction to support the Angel Fund, which provides assistance to the homeless and unaccompanied youth in the La Grande School District. Tickets are \$6, \$4 for age 11 and younger. Pre-ordering tickets is highly encouraged. To purchase tickets, call RE/MAX at 541-963-1000 or stop by the office at 2106 Island Ave., La Grande, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

InterMountain ESD sponsors tech expo

LA GRANDE — InterMountain ESD is sponsoring a tech expo March 7 on the Eastern Oregon University campus. The free event is open to students

in grades 8-12 who go to school within IMESD's service region. The expo will feature a variety of exciting STEM sessions and activities, including an EOU College of STM & Health Sciences Career Fair, hosted in part by EOU's Northeast Oregon Health Education Center.

Learn about vegetable gardening from a master

ISLAND CITY — The OSU Master Gardener classes are open to the public for \$5 per class. The next class will be "Vegetable Gardening," presented by Cindy Edwards of Cove's Folly Farm. The class will run from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. March 5 in the conference room at the Union County OSU Extension office, 10507 N. McAlister Road, Island City. For more information and to RSVP for classes call the Union County Extension office at 541-963-1010.

Film explores 'biology of stress'

LA GRANDE — A free film screening of "Resilience: The Biology of Stress and the Science of Hope" will begin at 6:30 p.m. March 6 in the La Grande High School auditorium. Directed by James Redford, the award winning one-hour documentary delves into the science of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) and the birth of a

new movement to treat toxic stress. The screening will be followed by a panel discussion and a time for questions and answers. Enter LHS via the Second Street doors near the gym.

Class of 1959 plans reunion

LA GRANDE — The La Grande High School class of 1959 will hold a planning meeting for its 60th class reunion at noon March 4 at the Cock and Bull Restaurant in Pat's Alley. All classmates are invited to attend and bring ideas and contact information of other classmates.

— MENUS —

UNION COUNTY SENIOR CENTER**1504 N. ALBANY ST., LA GRANDE****LUNCH MENU****MARCH 4-8**

MONDAY: lemon-almond chicken, rice pilaf or egg noodles, steamed vegetables, baked rolls, fresh fruit.

TUESDAY: southwestern chili, hearty vegetable salad, carrot-raisin salad, corn bread, lemon tarts.

WEDNESDAY: meatloaf, mashed potatoes & gravy, steamed vegetables, Jell-O, rolls, cake.

THURSDAY: honey-glazed ham, scalloped potatoes, tomato-cucumber salad, Italian bread, dessert.

FRIDAY: spaghetti & meatballs, salad greens, steamed vegetables, garlic bread, fruit.

OBITUARIES

Martha L. (Callahan) McMahon

Formerly of Union

1931-2019

Martha Loucinda McMahon, 87, of Chico, California, and formerly of Union, died Feb. 10 at her residence. She was buried next to her husband at Willamette National Cemetery on Feb. 19.

Martha was born March 3, 1931, in Rome, Georgia, to John and Mary (Whitener) Callahan. Her mother, Mary Jane Callahan, was of the Creek, Cherokee and Choctaw Indian Nations. Martha resided in Rome and Calhoun, Georgia; Boise, Idaho; Portland and Union; and Chico, California.

Martha married Dennis McDonald. Later she was married to Walter Bottorff Jr. for 13 years. In 1977, Martha married James "Jim" Willard McMahon, a World War II veteran. Jim passed away Oct. 29, 2006. They were married for 28 years and the marriage was sealed in the Temple of Latter-day Saints in Boise, Idaho. She remained a member of the LDS Church.

Martha was a caregiver, homemaker and waitress. She enjoyed being in the wilderness with her husband, Jim, cutting firewood and hunting mores. She also enjoyed gardening, sewing, cooking, hunt-

ing and spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a member of the TOPS and of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Survivors include her children, Dennis Bottorff and his wife, Gail, of La Grande, and Victoria Woodward of Chico, California; sisters, Myrtle Davis and Mary Ann Bell, both of Calhoun, Georgia; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; daughters, Patricia Bottorff and Donna Gail Bottorff; brothers, J.W. Callahan, and Paul Callahan; and sisters, Doris Bell, Barbara Phipps and Betty Suggs.

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

Carolyn K. (Hartley) Partridge

Elgin

1946-2019

Carolyn Kay Partridge, 72, of Elgin, died Feb. 26 in Ada, Oklahoma. No services are planned at this time.

Carolyn was born Sept. 16, 1946, in La Grande, to Alford G. and Leone Fay (Simmons) Hartley. She was a nurse's aide and had also worked as a housekeeper until her retirement.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Cynthia and Larry Delozi-

er of Ada, Oklahoma; son, Daren Partridge of Park Hill, Missouri; brother, Gene Hartley; and sisters, June Travis and Fay Winterton.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Donald Partridge; and son, Steve Matheny.

Dorothea A. Dixon

Union

Dorothea Anna Claudine Dixon, 88, of Union, died Feb. 23 at her home. An obituary is forthcoming. Arrangements are under the direction of Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center.

Jack S. Warren

La Grande

Jack Sherman Warren, 62, of La Grande, died Feb. 23. Cremation is under the direction of Cremation Society of Idaho.

Judy Perkins

Union

Judy Perkins, 80, of Union, died Feb. 27 at her residence. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

Virginia Manning

Elgin

Virginia Manning, 86, of Elgin, died Feb. 28 at her home. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

Police ask for help from to solve crime

By Chris Collins

WesCom News Service

The Baker County Mounted Posse is asking community residents to help police solve a crime that will make it difficult for them to provide their annual Youth Trail Ride this summer.

But the ride will go on, Posse Capt. Jodie Radabaugh assures everyone who is looking forward to the annual event.

Radabaugh is hoping witnesses might be able to provide police with information that will help solve the crimes of theft and arson.

The theft took place about Feb. 19, according to Baker City Police. A 16-foot cargo trailer belonging to the posse was taken from the parking area of Step Forward Activities Inc., 3720 10th St., where it has been stored when not in use for more than 10 years, Radabaugh said.

Radabaugh, who works as director of operations/production supervisor at Step Forward, was home sick when the trailer when missing and its disappearance went unnoticed.

Radabaugh said she learned about the theft when she received a call from the Baker Dispatch center at 3 a.m. on Feb. 21 notifying her that the Posse's trailer had been found in the 1200 block of Broadway Street and it

was on fire.

The loss is estimated at about \$10,000, which includes the \$4,000 trailer, a \$4,000 generator that was taken and other items collected over the years for the annual Youth Trail Ride.

There were two 10-by-20-foot awnings, a pop-up awning, folding chairs, five resin folding tables, six wooden tables, donated cowboy boots, a spare tire, five 10-person tents, coolers and other items.

Radabaugh said some of the supplies were destroyed in the fire, but she believes many were stolen before the trailer was burned.

The trailer was covered by liability insurance only.

"We have the funds to replace it," Radabaugh said of the loss, but that's not the point, she emphasizes.

"It's the posse, it's the kids, it's the community. Everything bought was from the community or from us cooking around with the chuckwagon," she said.

Volunteers work tirelessly throughout the year to raise money to fund the trail ride and to keep the cost at \$2 each for participants ages 12 to 15. The ride was first established in 1964, and this year's event will not be hampered by the criminals who took the equipment that the volunteers have

worked so hard to acquire over the years, Radabaugh said

"Insurance and the horses are our major expenses," she said. "Even if it takes every last penny, we will have the trail ride in June.

"It just will be a lot more extra work for all the volunteers," she said.

Posse volunteers can be found in their chuckwagon selling hamburgers during events such as the Hells Canyon Motorcycle Rally, the Baker City Bronc & Bull Riding events during Miners Jubilee and the Demolition Derby. They solicit donations from businesses throughout the county during the year and most years they also sponsor a gun show during the Thanksgiving weekend.

Radabaugh said the organization has even considered writing to talk show host Ellen DeGeneres, who is known for funding charitable causes, to see if she'd be willing to help the posse out of its financial hardship this year.

Anyone with information about the theft or the fire is asked to email Baker City Police Officer Jared Wood at jwood@bakercity.com or call Baker Dispatch at 541-523-3644 and leave a message for Wood, who is the investigating officer.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

LA GRANDE FIRE DEPARTMENT

La Grande Fire Department responded to six calls for medical on Wednesday and six calls for medical and one odor check on Thursday.

LA GRANDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Arrested: Damon Alan Preuss, 26, unknown address, was arrested on two Union County warrants. One warrant charged second-degree criminal mischief and third-degree criminal mischief. A second warrant charged failure to appear in court on charges of second-degree criminal mischief and first-degree criminal trespass.

Arrested: Destiny Kay Payne, 30, was arrested on a Union County warrant charging failure to appear in court on original charges of identity theft and third-degree theft.

Cited: Heidi Haney, 32, Union, was cited on a charge of second-

degree criminal mischief.

Accident: Nobody was hurt in a traffic accident at 6th Street and N Avenue Wednesday. The accident was reported at 10:46 a.m.

Accident: Nobody was hurt in a traffic accident at M Avenue and Second Street on Wednesday. The accident was reported at 7:29 a.m.

Accident: Nobody was hurt in a traffic accident at 18th Street and Gekeler Lane Wednesday. The accident was reported at 5:06 a.m.

UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Arrested: Jefferson Eli Cole Sharp, 24, unknown address, was arrested on a Baker County warrant charging second-degree theft.

Arrested: Dillan James Fuepstenberg, 25, unknown address, was arrested on Jackson County warrant charging a parole violation connected to an original charge of assault.

Arrested: Roy Vincent Aliff, 58, unknown address, was arrested

on a Union County warrant charging possession of a controlled substance, heroin, possession of a schedule II controlled substance and giving false information to police.

Accident: Nobody was hurt in a traffic accident on Pierce Road and Highway 82 on Wednesday. The accident was reported at 6:17 a.m.

OREGON STATE POLICE

Arrested: Stephaine Jean Kuperus, 39, unknown address, was arrested on a Baker County warrant charging negotiating a bad check.

Arrested: Cassandra Gerva Peterson, 20, Hermiston, was arrested on a charge of being a minor in possession of a marijuana item via possession or consumption while operating a motor vehicle.

Arrested: David C. Nelson, 54, Scappoose, was arrested on charges of a probation violation and being a felon in possession of a firearm.