

LOCAL BRIEFING

From staff reports

Body found near train tracks

A Salem man was found dead on Friday near the train tracks approximately one mile west of Upper Perry.

According to a press release from the Union County Sheriff's Office, Rex Pointer, 22, of Salem, was spotted by Union Pacific Railroad employees. The cause of death is likely from environmental conditions.

Pointer was reported missing Feb. 28.

Foul play is not suspected in the death, according to the release, though the case remains under investigation by the UCSCO and the State Medical Examiner's Office.

UCSCO was assisted by the Oregon State Police, OSP Crime Lab, Union County District Attorney's Office, Union County Search and Rescue, Union County Public Works and the UP Railroad.

Historical society meets Saturday

LA GRANDE — The Union County Historical Society will meet March 9 in the log cabin at the Union County Fairgrounds in La Grande. There will be a potluck at noon. Members are encouraged to bring pictures and historical items to share.

Elgin School Board meets tonight

The Elgin School Board will meet tonight in the library at Stella Mayfield Elementary School. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Fruit tree pruning workshop offered

ISLAND CITY — The Master Gardener program is offering a fruit tree pruning workshop March 9. The public may attend for \$10. The workshop will begin at 9 a.m. at the Union County Extension Office, 10507 N. McAlister Road, Island City.

The morning portion of the class will be held in the conference room at the Extension

office. The afternoon portion of the class will be at a local fruit tree orchard for hands-on pruning experience.

Participants should dress for the weather and bring a lunch or snack. The class ends at 3 p.m. To RSVP call the Extension office at 541-963-1010.

Purchase tickets for OHA banquet by March 11

LA GRANDE — The Oregon Hunters Association Union/Wallowa Chapter will hold its annual banquet March 16 at the Blue Mountain Conference Center, 404 12th St., La Grande.

Proceeds from the event fund local wildlife conservation and youth education projects. Guests will be served dinner and will have a chance to bid on auction items and win a variety of raffle prizes while supporting hunting and wildlife conservation.

Ticket packages for adult singles and groups range

from \$40 to \$1,500 and include dinner and a variety of raffle tickets. Youth packages, which include dinner, tickets for youth raffles and a free gift, are \$20.

One OHA membership is required per couple or group. A one-year membership is \$35 for individuals and \$45 for families. Tickets must be purchased by March 11 or until the banquet limit of 300 is reached. Buy ticket packages by calling Jed Farmer at 541-562-6267 or Morgan Olson at 541-786-1283.

Smart Driver class offered in March

LA GRANDE — There will be an AARP "Smart Driver" class March 16 at Grande Ronde Hospital in La Grande. The Saturday class will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with an hour break for lunch.

Cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. The class is open to all, and those who complete the course are eligible for a discount on their auto

insurance. Call Fred Moore at 541-910-9797 for information and to sign up.

Wallowa Lake Lodge seeks lodging for interns

JOSEPH — Wallowa Lake Lodge is entering into an internship program for students in hospitality programs and is looking for seasonal housing for potential interns.

The goal is to hire more individuals trained in the hospitality industry and to provide area residents with opportunities to improve their skills by working alongside people currently training to fill hospitality positions. Hospitality programs require participation in 400 hours of paid internships in order to graduate with a degree.

Wallowa Lake Lodge is considering hiring up to four interns for this summer season, from mid-May into August or September.

The biggest impediment to implementation of this

process is availability of appropriate, available seasonal housing.

Anyone who has a room available and would like to support the Lodge is asked to call Daniel Leonard, president of Wallowa Lake Lodge, at 509-332-8211. Compensation for the room would be either by the intern, the Lodge or a combination of both.

Submit an event

Tell us about events, meetings and children's activities in Union and Wallowa counties. Service clubs, support groups and other non-profit organizations are encouraged to notify us of regular meeting times.

Email news@lagrandeobserver.com or fax a letter to 541-963-7804 and include the event name, date, time, location, cost and contact information.

OBITUARIES

Juanita L. (Hickerson) Rose

La Grande
1958-2019

Juanita Larie Rose, 60, of La Grande, died Feb. 8 at her residence.

No service is planned at this time.

Juanita was born May 26, 1958, in Baker City, to Beverly (Houge) Hickerson. She resided in Elgin and La Grande and graduated from Cove High School. Juanita married Kelly Matott. They divorced, and she later married Donald Rose.

Juanita was a waitress at the Flying J Restaurant. She enjoyed barrel racing and making crafts using stained glass.

Survivors include her children, Amanda Garcia of Emmett, Idaho, Joshua Matott of Walla Walla, Washington, Mariah Rose of La Grande, Danielle Rose of Pendleton and Jim Rose of Twin Falls, Idaho;

sisters, Theresa Taylor of Washington and Brenda Brown of Monmouth; 13 grandchildren; and seven nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Rose; ex-husband, Kelly Matott; mother, Beverly; and sister, Teana Hickerson.

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

Dorothea A. (Roberts) Dixon

Union
1930-2019

Dorothea Anna Claudine Dixon, 88, of Union, died Feb. 23 at her home. As she requested, there will not be a public service. Interment will be at the Union Cemetery. Arrangements are entrusted to Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center.

Dorothea was born July 9, 1930, at the French Hospital in Los Angeles,

California, to Emmanuel and Laura Eleanor Christine (Hoffman) Roberts. She graduated from George Washington High School in Los Angeles in 1949.

On Nov. 14, 1952, Dorothea married Albert Bruce Dixon at the Florence Avenue United Presbyterian Church in Los Angeles. They lived in various places including Lancaster/Quartz Hill, California, and Southern Idaho. They moved to Union in 2006. Dorothea had a great love of family, dogs and Jesus. Her greatest joy was raising three grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband, Albert Dixon of Union; daughter and son-in-law, Diane and Mike Eslinger of Watertown, South Dakota; son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Stacey Dixon of Union; and nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her children,

Linda Dixon and Bruce Dixon.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38105, or to Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, 1 Billy Graham Parkway, Charlotte, NC 28201.

Darlene L. Hendon

La Grande

Darlene L. Hendon, 71, of La Grande, died March 1 at a local care facility. A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. March 8 at the La Grande First Christian Church. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory is handling the arrangements.

Lloyd F. Clark

Elgin

Lloyd F. Clark, 89, of Elgin, died March 1 at his residence. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crema-

tory will be handling the arrangements.

Local funerals and visitations

The Observer publishes obituaries that conform to its obituary policy at no cost. Obituaries must be under 450 words and are edited for newspaper style. Paid advertising space is also available for those who want additional information included. For more information, call The Observer at 541-963-3161.

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Happy Anniversary
Doug and Kay

Doug and Kay Dick, of Island City, will celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary March 5. They were married in Idaho Falls, Idaho, in 1959. Happy Anniversary, Mom and Dad! from John, Joan & Connie.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Public Safety Report

The Public Safety Report is compiled from police blotter information supplied by local law enforcement agencies and fire department reports. Individuals named as arrested and/or charged with crimes in this report are presumed innocent until proved guilty in a court of law.

LA GRANDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Arrested: Trevor Alan Nichols, 22, unknown address, was arrested on a charge of driving while suspended, misdemeanor.

Arrested: Edward Leon Henning, 56, unknown address, was arrested on a charge of first-degree trespassing.

Arrested: Robert Lee King, 23, unknown address, was arrested on five Union County warrants. One warrant charged failure to appear in court on a charge of first-degree criminal mischief; a second warrant charged failure to

appear in court on a charge of first-degree theft; a third warrant charged failure to appear in court on a charge of third-degree theft; a fourth warrant charged failure to appear in court on a charge of second-degree theft and a fifth warrant charged failure to appear in court on a charge of third-degree theft.

UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Arrested: Savanna Ann Whipple, 32, unknown address, was arrested on a Union County Community Corrections Detainer and a State of Washington Department of Corrections warrant charging

escaping community custody.

Arrested: Dillan James Fuerstenberg, 25, unknown address, was arrested on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and possession of a stolen vehicle.

Arrested: Amber Suzanne Glaze, 37, unknown address, was arrested on charges of first-degree burglary and second-degree theft.

Accident: At least one person was injured in a traffic accident at Buchanan Lane and McAlister Road on Friday. The accident was reported at 5 p.m.

Arrested: Anthony Morgan

Mailman, 34, unknown address, was arrested on a parole board warrant charging a parole violation connected to an original charge of assault.

Arrested: Benjamin Ralph Buchee, 55, North Powder, was arrested on charges of driving under the influence of intoxicants and driving while suspended, misdemeanor.

LA GRANDE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Firefighters responded to seven calls for medical assistance on Friday, 11 on Saturday and 7 on Sunday.

What's Cooking ?

by Sandy Sorrels of

TEN DEPOT STREET



Mardi Gras is one of our favorite holidays at Ten Depot Street, the food, the drinks, the costumes, the people, the music... and it's happening tomorrow night, Tuesday, March 5. If you want a little taste of what it would be like on Bourbon Street right here in La Grande, come to Ten Depot. Dress up if you like and enjoy the upbeat music of *The Depot Street Syncopators*.

Back for the eleventh year, *The Depot Street Syncopators*, an all star group of La Grande's most talented jazz musicians, play New Orleans style jazz with all of the excitement and enthusiasm that you would find at a Mardi Gras celebration in New Orleans.

Ten Depot is serving some great specials that night, including *Gumbo, Cajun Pan Fried Oysters, Jambalaya, and warm New Orleans Bread Pudding*.

Then Thursday night we have a band from Idaho, *Taylor and the Train Robbers*, who play a unique blend of gritty Americana-honky tonk. Raised in Helix, Oregon, both singer-songwriter Taylor and his younger brother Jason played at Ten Depot Street in their early teens as the *Bushman Brothers*.

Jerry Smith, long term day chef at Ten Depot Street, retired last week after doing an amazing job for us for the past 30 years. Also a talented musician and guitar player who played many times at Ten Depot Street with various bands, he will be missed. We wish him great joy in this next phase of his life.

Another successful *Anthony Lakes Ski Patrol Seafood Buffet* fundraiser at Ten Depot last night. Special thanks to the many hardworking volunteers who made it possible.

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