

LOCAL BRIEFING

Union City Council to meet Monday

UNION — The Union City Council will meet Monday for its regular monthly meeting and a work session.

The work session will start at 6 p.m. and the city council meeting will begin at 7 p.m. The work session and meeting will both be at city hall.

Cove City Council holds special meeting this evening

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

College, Career & Military Fair is open to all

LA GRANDE — La Grande High School is hosting a College, Career & Military Fair March 12, which is open to all ages and any interested members of the community. The event will begin in the LHS Commons with a 6 p.m.

presentation by the Oregon Public Universities, after which attendees may visit the tables set up with information and ask questions of representatives until 8 p.m.

Translator district board meets Monday

LA GRANDE — The Blue Mountain Translator District Board of Directors will hold a regular meeting at noon March 11 in the meeting room of Umpqua Bank, 1215 Adams Ave., La Grande. The agenda and board packet will be posted at www.bmtd.org/public-notice.

LG City commissions meet, announce vacancies

LA GRANDE — The City of La Grande Community Landscape & Forestry Commission will meet March 12, the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission meets March 21, and the Arts Commission meets March 27. Each meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the Parks & Recreation Office in Pioneer Park.

There are vacancies on

the Arts Commission and Landscape & Forestry Commission. For more information or a volunteer commissioner applications, go to cityoflagrande.org or call Stu Spence, Parks & Recreation director, at 541-962-1348.

LG Rural Fire Protection Board meets Tuesday

ISLAND CITY — The La Grande Rural Fire Protection Board will meet March 12. The board meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at the La Grande Rural Fire Hall, 10200 S. McAlister Road. The La Grande Rural Fire Protection District Board oversees the operation of the La Grande Rural Fire Department. The department, based in Island City, provides emergency medical and fire service throughout Union County.

Retired educators group learn about Mt. Howard Tram

LA GRANDE — The Union County Retired Educators will meet at 11:30 a.m. March 13 at the Flying

J restaurant on Highway 30 near La Grande. Guest speaker Bill Wittemore will talk about the Mt. Howard Tram at Wallowa Lake.

La Grande School Board meets March Wednesday

LA GRANDE — The Board of Directors of the La Grande School District will have a regular board meeting beginning at 7 p.m. March 13 in the District Office Conference Room at 1305 N. Willow St., La Grande. At the end of the meeting, the board will convene an executive session to receive an update on labor negotiations and to hear a complaint brought against an employee.

OTEC conducts survey of its member-owners

BAKER CITY — Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative, which provides electricity across four counties in Eastern Oregon, wants to know what the member-owners think about the electric cooperative. Beginning the week of March

11, 250 randomly selected OTEC member-owners in Baker, Grant, Harney and Union counties will be contacted by phone and online to participate in a member satisfaction survey.

"OTEC strives to respect the time of its members. We know that you are busy, so when we decide to conduct or participate in surveys there are reasons," said Andrew Cutler, OTEC's manager of communications and public relations. "These surveys are our report card, showing us areas where we need to improve how we serve you."

MedQuest camp application deadline is March 14

LA GRANDE — MedQuest, an immersive week-long camp designed to expose high school students to the vast array of career options in health care, will be held June 16-21 on the Eastern Oregon University campus in La Grande. Applicants must be Oregon students in grades 9-12. The cost for the week is \$400, which covers all lodging, meals

and supplies. Scholarships are available. For more information or to access application materials, email bhargrove@neoahec.org or go to www.neoahec.org/programs/medquest. The application deadline is March 14.

Two gardening classes offered next week

ISLAND CITY — The OSU Extension Master Gardener Program's classes are open to community members for \$5. There will be two classes next week. On March 12, Oregon State University Professor Brooke Edmunds will give a class on Integrated Pest Management. On March 14, Weed Identification will be presented by Samantha Bernards and Brian Clapp from Tri County Weeds. Each three-hour class begins at 5:30 p.m. in the conference room at the Union County Extension Office, 10507 N. McAlister Road, Island City. For more information and to register, call the Extension Office at 541-963-1010 prior to the class.

OBITUARIES

Virginia I. Manning

Elgin
Virginia Irene Manning, 86, of Elgin, died Feb. 28 at her residence. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. March 15 at the Elgin Cemetery. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory is handling the arrangements.

Robert F. Hill

Formerly of La Grande & Cove
1934-2019
Robert "Bob" Fee Hill, 84, formerly of La Grande and Cove, died Feb. 12 in Yuma, Arizona, after a short illness. At his request there will not be a service.

Known as Bob, he was born Oct. 10, 1934, in Indiana County, Pennsylvania, to Curtis and Margaret (Brown) Fee. He was the fourth youngest of nine children. His mother died shortly after the birth of her last child, and the children were then placed in an orphanage. Bob was adopted at age 5 by Floyd C. and Margaret Hill. They moved to La Grande, where Floyd was an educator at what is now Eastern Oregon University.

Bob attended La Grande public schools and was active in FFA, football, basketball and track and field. He was honored as the Senior Athlete of the Year his last year of high school. Soon after graduating, Bob purchased and ran a small dairy farm outside Cove.

Bob married Jolita Kay Warnstaff on July 17, 1955. Later the dairy farm was sold and they moved to La Grande. Bob and Jolita had three daughters who were raised in La Grande and later in Cove, where the family lived after purchasing a second farm of 160 acres. They raised hogs and sheep, and Bob farmed by day and worked at the local sawmill at night until his retirement.

After retirement, Bob and Jolita traveled with their fifth-wheel RV throughout the United States and Mexico. They made many lasting friends throughout their travels, eventually settling in Yuma, Arizona, at Country Roads Village. They continued to spend their summers at Wallowa Lake at their cabin and winters in Arizona until the summer of 2018, when they began staying in Yuma full-time. Bob enjoyed watching

sports, fishing, traveling and, after his retirement, golfing. His faith was important to him, and he was a lifetime member of the United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Jolita of Yuma, Arizona; daughters, Vicki Hill Brown and husband, Mike, of Cove, Tracy Davidson and husband, Dan, of La Grande, and Randi DeMeerleer of Cove; and four grandsons.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a grandson, T.J. Tally.

Andrew M. Pinard

Formerly of La Grande
1975-2019

Andrew Michael Pinard, 43, of Oxbow and formerly of La Grande, died Feb. 17 at his home. A celebration of his life will be held at 6 p.m. March 15 at Wild Bills in Halfway. A social hour precedes the service, beginning at 5 p.m.

Known as Andy, he was born March 15, 1975, in Portland. He spent his first three years in Gresham before the family moved to Eastern Oklahoma. There Andy spent his younger years running barefoot and shirtless with his brothers through the open fields and wild places surrounding their rural homes.

Throughout his life, Andy was lovable, curious, adventurous and fearless. Those traits would follow him throughout his life and would often land him into trouble. Those who knew him admired the way he addressed adversity: loudly, boisterously and with comical fanfare.

Andy moved to La Grande, where he attended Greenwood Elementary School and La Grande High School. He was active in wrestling, football, choir and musical productions while attending LHS. After graduating high school, Andy attended the Western Culinary Institute. He loved sharing his culinary creations and quickly found that cooking was his gift.

After school Andy worked in Portland for a short period. In 2003, he moved to Pine Creek, where for more than a decade he helped run Thompson's Hells Canyon Inn with his family. Most recently Andy worked for Wild Bills in Halfway. Andy loved Hell's Can-

yon. It was the place he considered home. When not working Andy loved to fish and the thrill of the catch. It was when he was fishing with friends and family that he found his true happiness.

A dedicated uncle, Andy wore many bruises from play sessions in the backyard with his nieces and nephews. He will be remembered for his sense of humor that knew no boundaries and his genuine, kind, and playful spirit. As many will attest, Andy was a fierce and loyal friend. His loyalty to his friends was rivaled only by his devotion to the Oakland Raiders.

Survivors include his mother, Lynne Thompson; father, William Pinard and his wife, Bonnie; brothers Graham Pinard and Nathan Pinard; sister, Stacy Campbell; five nieces and nephews and uncles, Joe Langella and Bob Turk.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Theresa Langella and Ruth Pinard; stepfather, Stan Thompson; and brother, Mitchell Thompson.

Memorial donations may be made to help defray service expense in care of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834.

Online condolences may be shared at www.tamis-pinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Tanna J. (Griffin) Williams

Union
1949-2019

Tanna Jean Williams, 69, of Union, died March 3 at her residence.

A viewing will be held from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. March 9 at Loveland Funeral Chapel in La Grande, followed by a graveside service at the Union Victorian Cemetery at 11 a.m. The family prefers casual dress. A reception and meal will be held after the graveside service at the Union FFW Hall.

Tanna was born May 19, 1949, in Pendleton, to Earl and Mary Helen (Ryason) Griffin. She resided in Hermiston, Pendleton, La Grande, Portland and Union. She graduated from Hermiston High School and later from Blue Mountain Community College. She married Edward L. Williams on July 17, 1971.

Tanna was employed with collection agencies. She enjoyed camping, fishing, gardening, ceramics, painting, picking huckleberries, sewing, bowling, riding horses and spending time with her family at home and on vacations.

Survivors include her husband, Edward; children and their spouses, Jeffrey and Meriah Williams of Prineville and Sheryl and Justin Nash of Echo; sister and brother-in-law, Vickie and Michael Montgomery of Greenleaf, Idaho; three grandchildren; and seven nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Earl and Mary Helen.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice.

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

Charles N. Hewitt

Island City
1935-2019

Charles Nelson Hewitt, 83, of Island City, died Feb. 27 at Grande Ronde Hospital. No services are planned at this time.

Charles was born June 5, 1935, in Glasgow, Montana, to Clifford and Bertha (Pischke) Hewitt. He moved around the Pacific Northwest before settling in Richland to raise his family, and he spent his retirement years in La Grande. He married Dolores Vessel on April 12, 1969, in Springfield.

Charles served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Korea for the clean-up after the Korean War, from 1958 to 1960. As a civilian, he had various jobs before finding a career truck driving. He drove for a redmix company and long haul before retiring. Charles had a pilot's license and owned his own airplane for numerous years. He collected Corvair automobiles.

Survivors include his

wife, Dolores; daughter and son-in-law, Melonie and Craig Towell of Terrebonne; stepchildren and spouses, Tim Vessel of La Grande, Rebecca and Jim Butler of Baker City, Leila and Fred Bashans of Port Orchard, Washington, and Scott Vessel of Moses Lake, Washington; sisters and spouses, Mary Stone of Reedsport, Ellie and Dick Hawksworth of Boise, Idaho, Bertha "Sundae" Casey of Boise, Idaho, and Stella and Allen Kash of Oregon City; brother and spouse, Ray and Janet Hewitt of Corvallis; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; and seven nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clifford and Bertha, and brother, Clarence Hewitt.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Community Connection of Northeast Oregon, 2802 Adams Ave., La Grande, OR 97850.

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

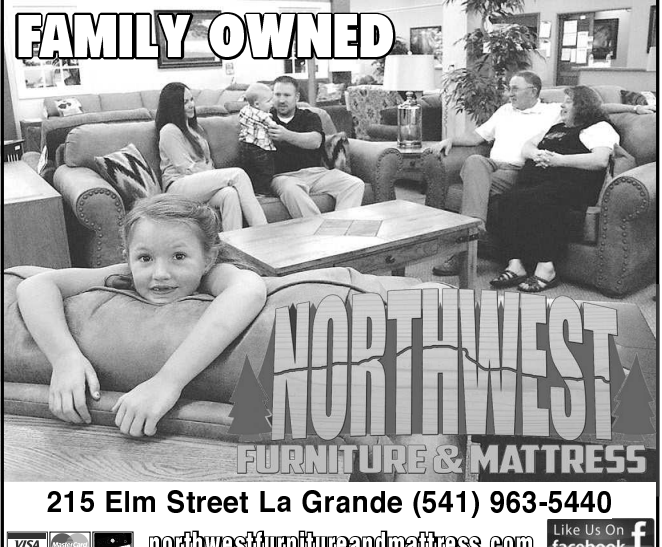
George 'Sherman' VanCleave Jr.

Baker City
1942-2019

George "Sherman" VanCleave Jr., 76, of Baker City, died Feb. 19 near Unity. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. April 13 at the Deschutes County Fairgrounds in Redmond.

Known as Sherman, he was born March 19, 1942, in Salem, to George Sherman VanCleave and Doris Winifred (Fox) Ricketts. He attended and graduated from Salem High School.

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