

LOCAL BRIEFING

From staff reports

Class teaches life-saving techniques

LA GRANDE — The La Grande Fire Department will host a free Stop the Bleed/hands-only CPR class at 6 p.m. March 25 at the station house, 1806 Cove Ave. The class provides training for properly applying a tourniquet as well as how to perform hands-only CPR.

The total class time is approximately an hour to 90 minutes and both the LGFD and Grande Ronde Hospital are willing to teach it wherever and whenever.

A similar class has been hosted at area organizations including the local school districts, Union County Search and Rescue and the Union County Sheriff's Office. This is a valuable class for anyone who wants to keep their loved ones safe. Registration is required by calling the La Grande Fire Department at 541-963-3123.

ACE awarded Soroptimist Community Grant

LA GRANDE — Art Center East was one of 13 local organizations to receive funding recently from the Soroptimist International of La Grande. ACE's \$5,000 award will go toward youth programming, including ACE's youth scholarship program and free activities such as the center's Art at the Market booth, which offers free art activities throughout the La Grande Farmers Market season.

Required wildland fire refresher course scheduled

BAKER CITY — Eastern Oregon Training Group will hold the RT-130 Wildland Fire Refresher beginning at 8 a.m. April 13 at the 5J School District Building,

2090 Fourth St., Baker City. All participants should bring gloves for the practice shelter deployment. Pre-registration is requested and can be done at oregon-firetraining.com for a cost of \$100. The cost will be \$120 at the door. This is a required class for all federal and state contractors. For more information, call Laurel Goodrich at 541-403-0907 or Jeff Sherman at 541-519-6213.

OTEC offers scholarship for conference

BAKER CITY — Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative is funding a new scholarship opportunity for high school sophomores to spend a week on the campus of the College of Idaho developing leadership and team-building skills.

Up to six sophomores from Baker, Grant, Harney and Union counties will have an opportunity to attend the 32nd annual Idaho Consumer Owned Utilities Association's Youth Rally July 15-20 in Caldwell. OTEC will pay all expenses for students. As in all other OTEC scholarships, the program is funded from interest earned on unclaimed capital credits.

Participants experience a week of classes and activities that promote positive relationships, learn more about how our government works, receive drug and alcohol awareness training and discuss changes in the electric/energy industry, all that along with developing teamwork and communication skills.

The program includes a tour of the Idaho State Capitol, guest speakers, team-building activities and a visit to the Roaring Springs Water Park. The leadership

conference is open to qualified high school students whose parent or guardian is a current member of OTEC. For more information and to apply, go to www.otecc.com/community/youth-rally. Application deadline is April 15.

Registration is open for July's Fiddle Camp

WALLOWA — The 15th annual Wallowa Tunes Fiddle Camp will be held at the Wallowa School July 8-13. Sponsored by the Wallowa Valley Music Alliance, the week-long day camp is a small, inexpensive and family-oriented music workshop focused on traditional string instruments. Week-long classes are \$200. There is a discount for families of four or more. Classes are held in the elementary wing of the Wallowa School, core classes from 9 a.m. to noon and electives in the afternoon, Monday through Friday. There will be plenty of time for practice and jam sessions.

Classes are now accepting registrations. For non-fiddlers, class choices include morning music class for kids age 5-11. Non-fiddle classes will give mandolin, banjo, upright bass, beginning and intermediate guitar instruction as well as a vocal class. For more information or to register, call Carla Arnold, Fiddle Camp director, at 541-663-0776 or visit www.wvmusicalliance.org.

ACE Writing Project kicks off Wednesday

LA GRANDE — The new ACE Writing Project will feature local authors and a community open mic at a monthly gathering beginning March 20. The featured reader will be Donna Evans

of La Grande, the author of creative non-fiction, cozy mysteries and several collections of poetry. Her work has appeared in Cascade Reader, Burns Times-Herald and LandEscapes. She will read excerpts from her mystery, "Hunter on the Sly."

Following the featured reading, writers of all genres are welcome to read original work during an open mic session. The free literary gatherings will run from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month at Art Center East, 1006 Penn Ave., La Grande.

Public welcome at transportation advisory meeting

ENTERPRISE — Community Connection of Wallowa County will hold a Transportation Advisory Council meeting March 28. The meeting will begin at 3 p.m. at Community Connection, 702 NW First St., Enterprise. The meeting is open to the public. Input, comments and questions concerning public transportation are welcome. For more information, contact David Ross at 541-426-3840 or david@ccno.org.

Joy Ruth Jones

June 22, 1951 - March 13, 2019



On Wednesday, March 13, 2019, Joy Ruth Jones, loving mother and grandmother, passed away at age 67 surrounded by family. A Memorial Service will be held at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 2819 W 10th, The Dalles, OR on Friday, March 22nd, 2019 at 1:00pm. Joy was born on June 22, 1951 in Pendleton, Oregon

to Virginia Ruth (Warlick) Medhaug. She grew up in Hood River and graduated from Marshall High School. Eventually she moved to Portland, OR where she met her future husband, Victor Bruce Jones. On March 5, 1979, they were married and together they raised two children, Adam and Stephanie, until Bruce's passing. For the last two and a half decades Joy has lived in Elgin, OR where she worked as a Manager for Elgin Food Town and as a cook for Elgin Head Start.

Although her name was Joy, to most, she was simply "Nana". A warm and loving woman whom all adored. As a self-professed introvert, nana enjoyed the simple things; reading and discussing her favorite romance or mystery novels, watching old shows and movies such as Golden Girls, I Love Lucy, or anything with Doris Day. Eating rootbeer floats and hiding treats that she wasn't supposed to have because she was diabetic. Nana was at times a conundrum, she loved watching it snow but hated the cold, she loved being in the sun but only with an umbrella. Her quirks are what her family will remember the most, many of which have been passed on to her grandchildren. Nana lived for her family, especially her grandkids. She invested all of her time to being present in their lives, supporting them at sporting events, going to school musicals, and teaching them important life lessons.

Joy was preceded in death by her husband Bruce in 1999. She is survived by her mother and father, Ruth and Ed, her two children, Adam and Stephanie, five grandchildren, Susan, Rachael, Gavin, Tristan, and Samantha, her siblings, Dan, Michael, Tom, Debbie, Mary, and Darlene, aunts and uncles, and by numerous nieces and nephews.

Special thanks to the Doctors and Nurses of The Grande Ronde ICU for all of their hard work and support over the last few weeks. We know that she couldn't have been in better hands.

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

OBITUARIES

UPCOMING FUNERALS AND VISITATIONS Sponsored by



April 6

Dorothy N. Keltz, formerly of La Grande; 2 p.m. celebration of life; La Grande American Legion Hall.

Rene Stevens, of North Powder; 2 p.m. memorial service; Summerville Baptist Church.

OBITUARIES

Jeri L. (Dersch) Gilliland

La Grande 1956-2019

Jeri Lynn Gilliland, 62, of La Grande, died March 12 at Grande Ronde Hospital. A memorial service will be held in Enterprise in June.

Jeri was born June 16, 1956, in Terre Haute, Indiana, to Gareld and Mary Ellen (Schwab) Dersch. She resided in Terre Haute and in Hermiston, Portland, Enterprise and La Grande. Jeri graduated from Terre Haute North Vigo High School. She served in the U.S. Air

Force as a military police officer. Jeri married Jon Gilliland and they were married for 32 years.

Jeri was employed at Pendleton Woolen Mills, Terry Trailers and Department of Human Services, where she counseled disabled couples. She enjoyed photography and horseback riding. Jeri's greatest achievement was finding her husband, Jon, and having two children after breaking her neck and becoming paralyzed and doctors telling her she would never have children.

Survivors include her husband, Jon; children and their partners, Erik and Taylor Gilliland of Athena, Kirstin Gilliland and Ian Buzbee

of La Grande, and Jillian Tye of La Grande; sisters, Beth DeFrance and husband, John, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Sue Weger of Terre Haute; brothers, Gary Dersch and Jack Dersch, of Terre Haute; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Gareld and Mary Ellen; sisters, Bonnie England and Kay Jones; and brother, Wayne Compton.

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

Bernice A. Page

La Grande

Bernice A. Page, 102, of La Grande, died March 18

at Grande Ronde Hospital. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory is handling the arrangements.

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John Wesley Eastland Sr.

September 3, 1940 - February 21, 2019



John Wesley Eastland Sr. 78, of Sparks Nevada, and formerly of La Grande, OR went to sleep in Jesus, on February 21, 2019. John leaves behind, his wife, Gloria, and four children. John Eastland Jr., James Eastland/Dawn Wheeler, Sherri Manning/Clint Bower & Ted Manning, all from Sparks Nevada. He also raised Gloria's brother, Kelly Herrod. Brothers Ernest

Eastland/Deloris, San Diego California & Leroy Eastland/Twyla of Fletcher, Oklahoma. Grandchildren Brandy Lutu/Herbie, Mariah Eastland, Jaicee Eastland, Tyler Eastland, Alexandra, Christian, A'layah & Alani Lutu. And many nephews, nieces and cousins.

He was born in Green County, Missouri, and lived between Missouri and California before joining the military at 17. In the service he learned to drive truck which he turned into a lifelong career, owning several tractor/trailers and even mobile truck tire repair businesses over the years. Many of his kids favorite memories were of joining dad out on the road traveling the country and seeing the sites. John Jr. "Johnny" was with his dad out on the road when they stopped in Kansas City to see John's dad, Clarence on his 12th Birthday. Johnny, a lifelong Royals fan got to see his childhood idol George Brett hit a game winning home run that night. A trip with his dad he will never forget. The same for James & Sherri. They both have fond memories of travels with their dad.

After he retired, he and his wife Gloria bought a house in Oklahoma and lived there until he first became ill at which time they moved back to Sparks to be near the children and grandchildren. His family was the light of his life, and he was the light of theirs.

John never knew a stranger, loved and helped people, some of whose name's he never even knew. He was "Uncle John" to hundreds. John was also known for nicknaming just about everyone with his special sense of loving humor.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Ruth, his daughter Lennie Rae, a sister Evelyn, and his brother Herbert.

A small grave side service will be held at the Veteran's Cemetery in Fernley, NV at a future date. Also a celebration of his life will be held at his grand-daughter, Jaicee's home at a date to be announced.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

UNION COUNTY SHERIFF

Arrested: Joseph Richard Panek, 55, unknown address, was arrested on a charge of violation of a release agreement.

Accident: Nobody was injured in a traffic accident on Blackhawk Trail Lane on Tuesday night. The accident was reported at 9:57 p.m.

LA GRANDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Arrested: Cody Tanner Colton, 22, unknown address, was arrested on a Union County warrant while lodged in the Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution. The warrant was connected to original charges of supplying contraband and unlawful possession of a schedule IV controlled substance.

OREGON STATE POLICE

Arrested: Ryan Dean Mingus, 52, unknown address, was arrested on a charge of contempt of court.

Arrested: Logan Gardner Nielson, 35, unknown address, was arrested on charges of driving under the influence of intoxicants-alcohol and reckless driving.

Arrested: Duane Ray Irvin, 41, unknown address, was arrested on charges of driving under the influence of intoxicants-cannabis and reckless driving.

Arrested: Joel James Rade, 33, unknown address, was arrested on charges of driving under the influence of intoxi-

cants-controlled substances, reckless driving, reckless endangering a person and possession of a schedule 1 controlled substance.

Arrested: Andrew A. Hettinger, 38, La Grande, was arrested on a charge of a parole violation.

LA GRANDE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Firefighters responded to four calls for medical assistance on Monday and eight on Tuesday.

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