

LOCAL BRIEFING

From staff reports

Lower Valley Farmers Market opens Friday

WALLOWA — The Lower Valley Farmers Market begins April 26 and will be open from noon to 6 p.m. on Fridays, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Offering fresh local foods and crafts, this indoor market is set up in the old telephone building on Wallowa's main street. For more information, contact Deb Reth at 541-398-0137.

Little League season kicks off with parade Saturday

LA GRANDE — The La Grande Little League season opens April 27 with a parade on Adams Avenue. Adams will be closed to traf-

fic between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. The community is invited to cheer on this year's young athletes.

GRH offers free blood screenings in La Grande

LA GRANDE — Free community blood screenings will be offered at the GRH Pavilion at 909 Adams Ave. in downtown La Grande between 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. April 27. The screenings encompass more than \$150 worth of free blood testing. Screenings will be filled on a first come first served basis to the first 100 people. A 9-12 hour fast is required (participants should drink plenty of fresh water to stay hydrated). GRH pro-

vides this free health service once a year for the essential screenings that monitor cardiac health, glucose and red blood cell count. For more information, call 541-963-1418 or 541-963-1480.

Fundraising dinner supports football, wrestling

LA GRANDE — La Grande High School is hosting a football and wrestling fundraising dinner from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. April 25 in the LHS Commons. Tickets — which are still available at the door for the all-you-can-eat Mexican dinner and ice cream feed — cost \$20 for adults and \$10 for youth. A ticket purchase also in-

cludes a free car wash at Island Express. A silent auction will also be held at the event, with items including a Traeger barbecue, a house painting, a bed and breakfast opportunity, an 8,500-pound winch and more.

Survey seeks input on parking in downtown La Grande

LA GRANDE — La Grande Main Street Downtown's Business Development Committee is working with the City of La Grande to gather input and information regarding parking downtown. The committee will be distributing copies of the surveys to downtown businesses and their employees over the next few

weeks. The community is also encouraged to participate in the survey, which is available at www.lagrandemainstreet.org/parking-survey.

The survey will run until May 19. At the end of the survey period, the Business Development Committee will analyze and summarize the information and report the findings to the local media and the city.

LHS Class of '59 meeting changed to Monday

LA GRANDE — The La Grande High School Class of 1959's lunch meeting has been moved to April 29. Members will meet at noon at the Cock & Bull Restaurant in Pat's Alley.

UPCOMING FUNERALS AND VISITATIONS

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April 26

Mike O'Rourke: military services, 1 p.m., Joseph Cemetery.

April 27

Gary Baldwin: celebration of life, 2 p.m., Loveland Funeral Chapel.

May 4

Leyton Lindsey: memorial service, 2 p.m., North Powder School gymnasium.

Phillis Mardis: celebration of life, 2 p.m., 10801 Walton Road, Island City.

May 10

Donna Fuhrman: celebration of life, 2 p.m., Loveland Funeral Chapel.

May 14

Bernice Page: celebration of life and lunch, 11 a.m., Union County Senior Center.

May 15

Brandon Gorrell: graveside service, 10 a.m., Island City Cemetery.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

LA GRANDE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Firefighters responded to six calls for medical assistance on Tuesday and eight on Wednesday.

LA GRANDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Accident: At least one person was injured in a traffic accident Tuesday at Island Avenue and Riddle Road, reported at 12:22 p.m.

Accident: Nobody was injured in a traffic accident Tuesday at Island Avenue and Monroe Avenue, reported at 12:45 p.m.

Accident: Nobody was injured in a traffic accident Tuesday at Fir Street and Monroe Avenue, reported at 1:31 p.m.

Arrested: Kyle Taylor Bartram, 25, unknown address, was arrested on two Union County Circuit Court warrants. One warrant charged failure to appear in court on a charge of first-degree criminal trespassing. A second warrant was for order to show cause of why probation should not be received. The warrant was connected to an original charge of possession of methamphetamine.

Cited: A Union County juvenile was cited on a charge of

third-degree theft.

Arrested: Taylor Anthony Hunt, 24, unknown address, was arrested on a Henry County Georgia warrant charging armed robbery, terroristic threat and acts, and assault with intent to commit a crime.

OREGON STATE POLICE

Arrested: Justin Michael Lay, 35, unknown address, was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence of alcohol.

Arrested: Barbara Ann Wolfe, 56, Wenatchee, Washington, was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence of alcohol.

Arrested: Karl Anne Joseph, 47, La Grande, was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence of controlled substances.

Arrested: Darlene Kay Steele, 56, Union, was arrested on a charge of a parole violation.

Accident: Nobody was injured in a traffic accident Monday afternoon on Interstate 84 six miles east of La Grande.

Arrested: Julia R. Chittum, 18, Buriem, Washington, was arrested on charges of giving false information to a police, delivery of methamphetamine and possession of methamphetamine.

Arrested: Mauricio Rodriguez Ayalya, 25, Seattle, Washington, was arrested on charges of delivery of methamphetamine and possession of methamphetamine.

Arrested: Dustin David Sparks, 27, La Grande, was arrested on a charge of a probation violation.

Arrested: Thomas Jason Shadowen, 43, Albany, was arrested on charges of unauthorized use of a vehicle, unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle, possession of a stolen vehicle, second-degree theft, interfering with a peace officer, tampering with physical evidence and contempt of court.

Arrested: Danielle Lauren Sutton, 33, Albany, was arrested on charges of unauthorized use of a vehicle, unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle, interfering with a peace officer and second-degree failure to appear in court.

Arrested: Aaron Kristopher Whittecar, 38, unknown address, was arrested on a warrant charging failure to appear in court.

Arrested: Paul Gilbert Alcaez, 54, Fresno, California, was arrested on two warrants, both charging failure to appear in court.

Arrested: Cheryl Lee Douglas, 56, unknown address, was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence of alcohol.

UNION COUNTY SHERIFF

Accident: At least one person was injured in a traffic accident Tuesday at Island Avenue and Walton Road, reported at 12:41 p.m.

Arrested: Randy Lyle Hanberg, 53, was arrested by the Astoria Police Department on a Union County warrant charging failure to appear in court on a charge of driving under the in-

clude of intoxicants.

Arrested: Kirk William Roberts, 35, unknown address, was arrested by Baker County law enforcement officers on two Union County warrants. One warrant charged failure to appear in court, two counts and a second a warrant charged failure to appear in court on a charge of driving while suspended, felony.

Arrested: Brianna Dorise Wells, 29, was arrested on a charge of second-degree trespassing.

Arrested: Joshua Tyler Gunshore, 21, unknown address, was arrested while lodged in the Union County Jail on charges of fourth-degree assault and harassment.



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Three motor vehicle accidents occurred on Island Avenue within a 23-minute timespan — between 12:22 p.m. and 12:45 p.m. — Tuesday afternoon. The accidents were at the intersection with Riddle Road, in between 26th Street and Walton Road, and at the intersection with Monroe Avenue. At least one person was injured in the Riddle Road and Walton Road accidents.

OBITUARIES

Frances M. Votaw

La Grande
Frances M. Votaw, 90, of La Grande, died April 21 at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise, Idaho. An obituary is forthcoming. Arrangements are under the direction of Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory.

Patty L. Grimes

La Grande
Patty Lynn Grimes, 73, of La Grande, died April 20 at Grande Ronde Hospital. An obituary is forthcoming. Arrangements are under the direction of Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center.

Martina A. Bowler

La Grande
1949-2019
Martina Adele Bowler, 69, of La Grande, died April 21 at her residence. A viewing will be held from 1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. April 26 at Loveland Funeral Chapel, followed by a memorial service at 2 p.m. Martina was born June 25, 1949, in Cedar City, Utah, to James and Lula (Kurt) Bowl-

er. She resided in Utah; Turlock, California; McGehee, Arkansas; and in Spray and La Grande. She attended Enterprise Elementary School in Utah, Wakefield Junior High School in California, and Turlock High School in California. Martina married Donald W. Keeling and they later divorced. She later married Ronald Martin Peck.

In Arkansas, Martina worked in a sewing factory. In Spray, she worked at the Spray General Store, and in La Grande, she worked for New Day Enterprises. Martina enjoyed crocheting, sewing and all kinds of crafts. Her favorite things to do were to volunteer and help people.

Surviving relatives include her children and their spouses, Susan Keeling of Mt. Vernon, Dennis and Kathy Keeling of La Grande, Dexter and D.D. Keeling of Pendleton, Steven and Kate Peck of Pendleton, Lance and Heather Peck of Weiser, Idaho, Randy Peck of Eugene and Lori Morgan of Eugene; sisters, Nellie Duran of California, Peggy Benedict of California, Rose Dail of California

and Betty Bracken, Utah; brothers, Bruce Bowler of Oregon and Brent Bowler of California; and 20 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Ronald Peck; brothers, Wallace Bowler and Kay Bowler; sisters, Velda Schell, Edith Carter and Lolly Pierce; and granddaughter, Shyanne Nicole Keeling.

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

Bernice Page

who passed away March 18 will be celebrated in a gathering of friends and family for lunch on

May 14th, 2019

at 11:00 a.m. at the Union County Senior Center on Cove Avenue in La Grande, Oregon.



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Julia Kay (Krupp) Dick

January 1, 1941 - April 17, 2019



Anyone born on the first day of the year is bound to be special and Julia Kay (Krupp) Dick lived up to that expectation. Born in Lorenzo, Idaho on January 1, 1941, Kay was swept up into a 60 year love story when she married Doug Dick on March 5th, 1959. She then graduated from Bonneville High School in May of 1959. They welcomed their first child, John, on February 11th, 1960; their daughter Joan followed on October 29th,

1961; and lastly, Connie was born on February 13th, 1963. They all resided in Idaho Falls until they moved to La Grande, Oregon in 1965. Kay then began working at Hyde's Market where she started in the bakery before moving to the meat department and later became a checker. She then went to work at Albertsons where she worked for a short time before going to Terry Trailer Factory and then returned to Albertsons where she remained for 21 years.

Anyone who knew Kay knew that family was the most important part of her life. She stopped working at Albertsons so her daughter, Connie, could return home with her husband and daughter to take her place at the store. She then worked at Emporium until moving to Community Bank where she worked until retirement in 2002. She then was able to enjoy spending her extra spare time in her flower garden tending her beloved roses and other vibrant flowers or taking walks with her family, rain or shine.

It was common to hear "she knows everyone" when talking about Kay. Through her many years working at various jobs in the public, she impacted the community in an amazing way. She joined the Grande Ronde Auxiliary where she worked as a devoted and loved pink lady for nearly 20 years and was president for two terms. She was also elected to the Island City Council and Cemetery Board for almost two years. You couldn't walk through a store with her without stopping to talk to the many people that she knew.

Kay was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. Kay and Doug's first grandchild, Julie, was born on June 14th, 1982; followed by Joseph on July 9th, 1983; Michael on May 22nd, 1984; Christopher on June 18th, 1986; Amber on February 5th, 1988; and lastly, McKayla on December 12th, 1997. Her grandkids knew her as a second mother. Grandma's house never lacked a laughing kid, a bite of cookie, or cup of coffee.

Soon enough they were joined by the laughing, smiling faces of their great grandkids whom she loved dearly: Cole in 2006, Tessa in 2007, Zion in 2007, Aidyn in 2008, Brookelyn in 2009, Esme in 2013, Ely in 2017 and Payton in 2018.

Kay was known to be a strong, resilient woman and was the center of her family. After a brief fight with cancer, Kay passed away peacefully on April 17th, 2019, surrounded by her family who love her so dearly. Her favorite place to be was sitting on the Oregon Coast with a book in one hand and coffee in the other, while her children and grandchildren played around her. We like to think that where she is now, just waiting for all of us to join her again someday.

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

In lieu of flowers, memorial contribution can be made to the Grande Ronde Hospital Oncology Department for the making of comfort bags. Please send donations to Grande Ronde Hospital, 900 Sunset Drive, La Grande, OR 97850.

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