

## LOCAL BRIEFING

From staff reports

### Elgin School Board meets Monday

ELGIN — The Elgin School Board Budget Committee will meet at 6 p.m. May 20 in Room 17 of Stella Mayfield School. A regular session of the school board follows at 6:30 p.m.

### R&C Family Store celebrates reopening Saturday

LA GRANDE — The new owners of R&C Family Store on Bearco Loop in La Grande are hosting an open house and ribbon cutting May 18 to mark the changeover. The event will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with the official ribbon cutting at noon. The date of the celebration has been changed to Saturday.

### Dance to live fiddlers at senior center

LA GRANDE — The Blue Mountain Old Time Fiddlers is putting on a show

beginning at 6 p.m. May 18 at the Union County Senior Center, 1504 N. Albany St., La Grande. Admission to the evening of music and dancing is \$5 for age 13 through adult. All are welcome, with those 12 and younger getting in free.

### Class covers wine, yoga and other self-management techniques

LA GRANDE — A "Wine & Yoga" event hosted by Colleen McIntosh's Hol-Impact Wellness will be held from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. May 25 at Wine Down's new location, 115 Depot St., La Grande. Attendees will enjoy wine and snacks, connect with others and learn self-management techniques. Space is limited. Pre-registration is \$35; registration the day of (space allowing) will be \$50. The cost includes essential oil attendee gifts. Those who pre-

pay will also be entered in a drawing to win a prize package from McIntosh. Pre-pay through Friends and Family PayPal to holimpactwellness@gmail.com; to pay by cash or check, contact McIntosh at 541-663-6404 or holimpactwellness@gmail.com.

### Attorney to speak on copyright and intellectual property law

JOSEPH — The Joseph Center welcomes Bert Krages II, Attorney at Law, May 23 to speak about copyright and intellectual property law. Writers, musicians, photographers and artists could learn more ways to protect their art at the 7 p.m. presentation. The event is free but donations are welcome.

Krages' visit to the Joseph Center came about through artist MC Reardon, a visual

artist who last year discovered an art print company was selling her images on their website without her consent. Krages, who specializes in intellectual property and copyright law, helped her understand what she needed to do to protect herself and her creative work. Reardon co-sponsored the event so that other artists could benefit from Krages' legal advice.

### Imbler School Board reviews budget

IMBLER — The Imbler School District Budget Committee will meet for a regular session at 6:30 p.m. May 21 in Room 1 of Imbler High School. The committee will discuss and review the 2019-20 proposed budget. A regular board meeting will immediately follow the budget meeting. The public is welcome to attend all open sessions of the Im-

bler School District Board of Directors.

### LHS Baccalaureate honors students' hard work

LA GRANDE — Baccalaureate at La Grande High School is a nondenominational celebration to honor the accomplishment of earning an academic degree. The celebration recognizes the graduates' hard work and reminds them of their responsibilities as educated citizens. This ceremony for the graduates of the LHS Class of 2019 will be held at 6:30 p.m. May 22 in the La Grande High School Auditorium.

### Registration open for concealed handgun class

LA GRANDE — The Union County Sheriff's Office will be offering a Concealed Handgun Class June

1. The Saturday class starts promptly at 8 a.m. at the Union County Sheriff's Office, 1109 K Ave., La Grande. The cost of the class is \$50, and pre-registration is required. For more information and to register, contact the sheriff's office at 541-963-1017, option 2 and 3.

### UPCOMING FUNERALS AND VISITATIONS

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May 18

Raymond

Addleman:

graveside service, 2 p.m., Grandview Cemetery Veterans Circle; followed by 3 p.m. celebration of life at Riverside Park Pavilion.

Robert Brummel

Jr.: 2 p.m., Elgin

Community Center.

Blake Hines:

celebration of life, 2 p.m., La Grande Church of Christ.

Russel Hunt:

celebration of life,

2 p.m., Baker City

Christian Church.

Arthur Stockton:

celebration of life,

2 p.m., La Grande

Seventh-day Adventist

Church.

Donald "Biden"

Tippett: memorial

service, 11 a.m.,

Enterprise First Baptist

Church, followed by a

dinner.

May 25

Marolyn Smith: 10

a.m., memorial service,

La Grande Valley

Fellowship Church.

# Oregon OKs \$40 million expansion of federal public school free lunch program

By Sarah Zimmerman  
The Associated Press

SALEM — Oregon is spending \$40 million to dramatically expand its federal free breakfast and lunch program, ensuring that more than 60% of its 400,000 public school students will be included, the largest statewide effort in the country.

The program is based on providing free meals to any child whose family lives at up to three times the poverty level, which is \$75,000 for a family of four.

The meals expansion program is tucked away in a new tax package for

schools, a sweeping \$1 billion annual investment explicitly dedicated to boosting student performance. It will be paid for through a new half a percent tax on business.

Chicago and New York City are among some major cities that offer free breakfast and lunch to all students, but this is the only statewide program according to Partners for a Hunger Free Oregon.

"Hungry kids don't think about education nearly as much as having something in their stomach," said Sen. Arnie Roblan, a Democrat from Coos Bay who helped craft

the legislation.

Oregon will allow 761 schools to provide free lunch and breakfast to approximately 345,000 students.

One in seven households is "food insecure," according to the Oregon Center for Public Policy, meaning that families have trouble putting food on the table and often don't know where they'll get their next meal.

At least 174,000 children have limited access to food, more than the population of Oregon's second largest city, Eugene.

At least 62% of stu-

dents attend a school with high federal poverty rates. These schools can get federal assistance to provide free meals to all their students no matter their income levels under the 2011 Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act, a policy championed by former first lady Michelle Obama.

But even though these schools may qualify for assistance, not all of them take advantage of it because of low federal reimbursement rates. The reimbursement rate is different for each school, depending on the school's poverty level. ■

## MENU

UNION COUNTY SENIOR CENTER  
1504 N. ALBANY ST.,  
LA GRANDE

### LUNCH MENU

MAY 20-24

Served 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

First-time visitors age 60 and older eat free

MONDAY: chicken quesadillas,

Mexi-rice, salad greens, chips,

dessert

TUESDAY: cheeburgers, steak

fries, coleslaw, fruit, double-

fudge cake

WEDNESDAY: chicken cordon

bleu, rice pilaf, steamed

vegetables, Jell-O, rolls,

dessert

THURSDAY: hand-crafted

pizza, salad greens, fresh fruit,

cookies

FRIDAY: fish & chips, baked

beans, coleslaw, fruit,

dessert

## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

### UNION COUNTY SHERIFF

Accident: Nobody was injured in a traffic accident Saturday on Highway 203 in the La Grande area. The accident was reported at 7:11 p.m.

Cited: A Union County juvenile was cited on charges of second-degree theft and fraudulent use of a credit card.

Cited: A Union County juvenile was cited on a charge of minor in possession of marijuana.

Arrested: Kyle Ryan Bork, 19, unknown address, was arrested on a charge of furnishing alcohol to a minor.

Arrested: Joshua Gunshore, 21, unknown address, was arrested on a parole and probation detainer while lodged in the Union County Jail.

Arrested: Tyler Lee Hopwood, 19, La Grande, was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence of intoxicants.

Arrested: Jeremiah Gibbons, 21, La Grande, was arrested on a parole and probation detainer.

Arrested: Caleb Robert Nelson, 26, La Grande, was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance and felon in possession of a firearm.

Arrested: Michael Duane Lee, 31, Union, was arrested on a charge of fourth-degree assault-domestic violence.

Arrested: Billy Wayne Lambert, 46, unknown address, was arrested on a Union County Community Corrections parole detainer. The parole detainer was connected to an original charge of possession of methamphetamine.

Arrested: Tyson Arthur Hancock, 44, unknown address, was arrested on two Union County warrants. One warrant charged contempt of court violation of a release agreement, eight counts. A second warrant charged tampering with a witness, two counts.

Arrested: Eugene Michael Paul, 34, unknown address, was arrested on charges of second-degree burglary and second-degree disorderly conduct.

Cited: Weiwing Yu, 41, Boise, Idaho, was cited on a charge of reckless driving.

Arrested: Dylan Douglas Greene, 26, unknown address, was arrested on a charge of a probation violation.

Arrested: Marc Clint Dion, 45, unknown address, was arrested by the Coos County Sheriff's Office on a Union County warrant charging failure to appear in court and an order forfeiting

release. The warrant was connected to an original charge of first-degree trespassing.

### OREGON STATE POLICE

Arrested: Guillermo Medina Lopez, 24, Jerome, Idaho, was arrested on charges of import/export of marijuana items, manufacture of marijuana and delivery of marijuana.

Arrested: Carlos Yeraldo Rojas Morales, 28, Jerome, Idaho, was arrested on charges of import/export of marijuana items, manufacture of marijuana and delivery of marijuana.

Arrested: Natalie Rose Kereczman, 25, Newberg, was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence of intoxicants-alcohol.

Arrested: Justice John Clark, 40, La Grande, was arrested on charges of driving under influence of intoxicants-alcohol, reckless driving, reckless endangering another person, violation of a release agreement and refuse to take a breath test.

Arrested: Curtis Dean Cox, 52, unknown address, was arrested on a charge of a parole violation.

Arrested: Latrisha Maureen Williams, 27, unknown address, was arrested on a charge of third-degree theft.

Arrested: Cooper John Pierce, 27, unknown address, was arrested on charges of driving under the influence of intoxicants-alcohol, reckless driving and resist arrest.

### LA GRANDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Arrested: Tyler John Sheridan, 28, unknown address, was arrested on a Union County warrant charging possession of a controlled substance, heroin.

Arrested: Heath William Browne, 22, North Powder, was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence of intoxicants.

Cited: Adrianna Jewel Gockley-Fine, 18, was cited on a charge of being in a minor in possession of intoxicants.

Arrested: Christopher Columbia Cade, 41, unknown address, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Arrested: Felicia Anne Lavimodiere, 26, unknown address, was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine.

Arrested: Hanna Elizabeth Volter, 28, unknown address, was arrested on a Multnomah County warrant charging failure to appear in court on a charge

of trespass. Volter was also arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance, heroin.

Accident: Nobody was injured in a traffic accident Thursday at Adams Avenue and Fir Street. The accident was reported at 9:54 p.m.

Accident: Nobody was injured in a traffic accident at Island Avenue and Interstate 84 on Thursday. The accident was reported at 7:27 p.m.

### LA GRANDE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Firefighters responded to five calls for medical assistance on Sunday, seven on Saturday, 10 on Friday, four on Monday and two on Tuesday.

### Teddy "Ted" Delmer Atkinson

December 16, 1947 - May 1, 2019



Teddy "Ted" Delmer Atkinson, 71, of La Grande, passed away on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at his residence. A celebration of life will be held later this summer where his ashes will be spread at his favorite timber property.

Ted was born on December 16, 1947 in Baker City, Oregon to John and LaVelle (Givens) Atkinson. He resided in Hereford, OR; Fossil, OR; Baker

City, OR; Prineville, OR and La Grande, OR. He attended school in Fossil and Baker City and was a multi-sport athlete in high school. He attended the University of Idaho, where he played football and joined ROTC. In 1967, he transferred to Eastern Oregon University, where he played football and completed his Masters Degree, in 1970. In 1996, he earned his Doctorate Degree from Southwestern University.

Ted worked for Boise Cascade; Prineville School District and Eastern Oregon University. Ted's first priority was his family, he and Patty were married for 51 years. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, huckleberry picking, mushrooming, traveling, playing golf, coin collecting, working to improve his timber property and following grandson Logan's baseball games. He played on the Adult Softball League and with the City League Basketball, and coached Little League Baseball. His other favorite things to do were to watch Mariners Baseball, Portland Trail Blazers and the Seattle Seahawks. He was awarded the Sam Walton Fellow award for his involvement in SIFE 2000-2002, was a Professor Emeritus (Tenured), and received the National Guard's "Being a Pro" award as a supervisor of Guardsman employees. He was a member of the Prineville Elks, La Grande Optimist Club, National Wildland Firefighters Association and was a proud member of the Northern Cherokee Nation and a descendent of the Osage Nation.

Ted is survived by his wife, Patty; son Lee Atkinson of La Grande; daughter Lisa Atkinson (Robert Aguirre) of Seattle, WA and Hawaii; brother, Laine (Vicki) Atkinson of Caldwell, ID; sister, Rhonda (Herb) Hickman of Bend, OR; 2 grandchildren, Logan Atkinson and Brittany Seavert of La Grande; sister-in-law, Terri Hocker (Gayle), brother-in-law, Charles Fisher (Mardell) 12 nieces and nephews, numerous great nieces and nephews, and his aunt Evelyn and uncle Bob Wells. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and LaVelle and grandparents, Elmer and Ethel Graven, and sister-in-law, Larae Hocker and brother-in-law, Michael Fisher and Patty's parents, Bill and Macel Fisher.

The family requests that memorial donations be made to the charity of your choice or to the Eastern Oregon University Foundation, One University Blvd, La Grande, OR 97850, the ALS Association, Oregon & SW Washington Chapter, 310 SW Fourth Avenue, Suite # 630, Portland OR 97204 or to the Alzheimer's Foundation, Oregon Chapter, 1650 Northwest Naito Parkway, Suite 190, Portland OR 97209.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com](http://www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com).

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## Preston Ashlock

The family of Preston Ashlock would like to express our thanks and gratitude for every display of kindness shown over this last year or so, to our beloved husband and father.

We cannot possibly acknowledge everyone by name, for the food, cards, facebook posts, phone calls, flowers, visits etc., but know that we are very grateful and so was he. Thanks to Dr. Bump and nurse Lynn, who provided great medical care over the years. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you to the team at Heart and Home Hospice Care. Amber Larrau, Cheri Fitzgerald-Scott, Maleri Larson, Sandy Rock and Mark Loudermilk, you are all so good at what you do. Your interactions with Pres and the family were professional and compassionate. At our request, Mark officiated a beautiful Celebration of Life service for Preston. We are so appreciative.

Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, provided everything necessary for an excellent service and we want to thank them as well.

A very special thank you to our church family at Amazing Grace Fellowship for your love, prayers, visits with Pres in Cove, and your kindness. He dearly loved the church and each one of you.

To those who attended the Celebration of Life service, your presence, love and honor for him were and will remain a source of comfort.

**2 Corinthians 5:8** We are confident, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth. See you soon.