

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: cheesburgers, 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

UPCOMING FUNERALS AND VISITATIONS
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May 25
Marolyn Smith: 10 a.m., memorial service, La Grande Valley Fellowship Church.

OBITUARIES

Molly Murrill
 Enterprise
 Molly Murrill, 88, of Enterprise, died May 17 at Wallowa Memorial Hospital. An obituary is forthcoming. Bollman Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements.

Thelma L. (Marquis) Ansell
 La Grande
 1931-2019
 Thelma Louise Ansell, 87, of La Grande, died May 11 at her residence. A memorial service will be held at a later date.



Thelma was born July 4, 1931, in La Grande, to Clarence and Gladys (True) Marquis. She was raised in La Grande and graduated from La Grande High School. She married her one and only love for more than 70 years, Richard M. Ansell.

Thelma was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. As one of Jehovah's Witnesses of more than 66 years, she enjoyed talking to people about God's word and the hope of everlasting life in perfect health on a perfect earth. Thelma enjoyed learning about God's word, sewing, gardening, crocheting, knitting and many more arts and crafts, including sketching and painting.

Surviving relatives include her daughters, Linda J. Albrecht and Diana S. Lantz, both of La Grande; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Loveland Funeral Chapel, 1508 Fourth St., La Grande 97850, to help with funeral expenses.

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

Daryl A. Thompson
 Formerly of La Grande
 Daryl A. Thompson, 83, formerly of La Grande, died May 16 at his home in Milton-Freewater. Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home of Milton-Freewater is in charge of the arrangements.

Gerald 'Jerry' Raedeke
 Enterprise
 Gerald "Jerry" Raedeke, 86, died May 13 at his home in Enterprise. An obituary is forthcoming. Bollman Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements.

Police ID teen tackled after bringing gun to Oregon school

By Gillian Flaccus
 The Associated Press

PORTLAND — Police released the identity Saturday of an 18-year-old student who was tackled after reportedly bringing a gun into classroom at an Oregon high school.

Angel Granados Dias had been booked into the Multnomah County Detention Center on suspicion of possessing a firearm in a public building, attempting to shoot a gun at a school and reckless endangerment, the Portland Police Bureau said.

He is a student at Parkrose High School, where he brought the shotgun Friday, authorities said. Witnesses told The Oregonian/OregonLive that he appeared distraught when he appeared at the door to their government class and pulled the weapon from beneath a long black trench coat, and that a football and track coach who also works security at the school, Keanon Lowe, tackled him before anyone

got hurt. Lowe is a former football standout at the University of Oregon.

It wasn't immediately clear if Granados Dias had a lawyer. He was being held on \$500,000 bail and was scheduled to appear in Multnomah County Circuit Court on Monday. There were no other suspects.

In a letter to families Friday evening, Parkrose School District Superintendent Michael Lopes Serrao said two students had informed a staff member of "concerning behavior" by the student who brought the gun. Security staff then responded, found him and quickly disarmed him, he said.

"Thanks to their heroic efforts all students and staff are safe," Lopes Serrao wrote.

Lowe posted on Twitter Saturday that he was thankful the students were safe, and that he hopes to be part of the solution to gun violence in schools.

"When confronted with

the test the universe presented me with, I didn't see any other choice but to act," Lowe wrote. "Thank God, I passed. I've spent the last 24 hours being more appreciative of my family and realizing we have a serious problem."

Police spokesman Sgt. Brad Yakots declined to confirm Lowe's reported involvement.

Yakots said the first responding officers found the gunman being detained by the staff member in the hallway. A firearm was recovered at the school, he added.

Parkrose was evacuated, and a nearby middle school was on lockdown for several hours as the investigation unfolded. The high school students were bused to a nearby parking lot where they were reunited with their parents.

The outcome was "the best-case scenario, absolutely," Yakots said. "The staff member did an excellent job by all accounts, (and) our officers arrived within min-

utes and went right in."

Students recounted how the student entered their government class in the school's fine arts building — separate from the main building — just before noon. Lowe had been in the classroom earlier looking for the student.

About 10 minutes before the end of class, the student appeared in the doorway in a black trench coat and pulled out a long gun from beneath his coat, senior Justyn Wilcox, who also was in the room, told The Oregonian/OregonLive.

The student didn't point the gun at anyone, senior Alexa Pope said.

Students fled out the back door because the gunman was blocking the main doorway.

"As I was running, I was just like, 'Lord don't let this be it,'" Pope told the newspaper.

In college, Lowe was a star wide receiver at the University of Oregon, playing from 2011 to 2014. He caught 10 touch-

down passes in his college career and had nearly 900 receiving yards. He also saw playing time on special teams.

After college, he worked as an offensive analyst for the San Francisco 49ers and as an analyst for the Philadelphia Eagles.

Lowe began working at Parkrose last year as the school's head football and track and field coach, according to his LinkedIn profile. Before that, he worked for his high school alma mater, Jesuit High, where he earned state defensive player of the year as a defensive back and was a standout sprinter.

Students, parents and co-workers lauded Lowe's actions on Twitter. Several also noted that the school's prom, scheduled for Saturday, was still on.

Lopes Serrao said the student with the gun will not be returning to school and that school will resume on Monday as usual with an enhanced security presence. ■

LOCAL BRIEFING

From staff reports

Tomorrow's homeschool panel open to all

LA GRANDE — A Homeschool Panel and informational gathering will run from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. May 21 at Valley Fellowship, 507 Palmer Ave., La Grande. The event is open to all current or prospective homeschool parents and will feature a panel of experienced parents to answer questions plus displays of sample curriculum and information about local groups. The event is sponsored by the Union County Christian Home Educators, an affiliate of OCEANetwork (www.oceanetwork.org).

Ice cream social celebrates Older Americans month

LA GRANDE — An ice cream social in celebration of Older Americans Month is planned for May 23 at the Union County Senior Center, 1504 N. Albany St., La

Grande. The community is invited to stop by between 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. The event is part of a campaign to recognize the ongoing positive contributions of older Americans and to make more seniors aware of what the senior center offers.

LG Swim Club registers new members for summer

LA GRANDE — La Grande Swim Club is offering an opportunity for new members to register for the summer, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. May 22 at Veterans' Memorial Pool, 401 Palmer, La Grande. Members who are already swimming with the club do not need to attend. The swim club's summer schedule of morning practice begins June 10. New swimmers may register for a two-week trial for \$25 after they have passed the swim test administered by lifeguards.

During the registration event, there will be a mandatory parent meeting at 5:30 p.m. For more information, contact Beth Koza at 541-910-0625.

Outdoor skills series teaches navigation

WALLOWA LAKE — A series of outdoor skills training continues at Wallowa Lake State Park with a course on navigation May 25. The free class runs from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and will cover navigating by map, compass and landmarks. These skills will then be tested in the sport of orienteering.

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Michael "Todd" Silva, 51
 October 29, 1967 - May 6, 2019



Michael "Todd" Silva, born October 29, 1967 at St. Joseph Hospital in La Grande, Oregon, son of Toni Conrad Silva of La Grande and Donald Silva of Haines died at Providence St. Mary's Hospital in Walla Walla, Washington on Monday, May 6. His mom was by his side, hand in hand. Diagnosed with esophageal cancer mid-December, Todd was determined to win the battle and never gave up, struggling to the very end.

Todd attended Sacred Heart Elementary School in Medford before moving to Wallowa where he attended sixth grade taught by Mrs. Emma Jean Tubbin. The family moved to La Grande where he entered middle school, graduating from La Grande High School in 1985.

Art, rock climbing and basketball were focal points in school. He had a creative mind, always thinking outside the box. Each month in middle school Mrs. Atkinson gave Todd the task of designing her library window box. Mom begins Halloween decorating to this day with a window art class project created by Todd for the mall.

Age four found Todd on his first backpack trip into the Eagle Caps with his very own pack. Unobserved by his parents, the heavy pack became lighter by tossing out the only thing in it, his sleeping bag!

Todd continued hiking whenever he could but began bike riding with his dad, a joy that continued throughout his life. The father-son duo biked and cross-country skied every chance they could, the ski trips often taking them on overnights into the Eagle Caps.

Fishing with Uncle Dennis began at age two. Todd could talk perfect strangers out of their poles as a child. We would watch and wager on how long it would take before he would be casting with their poles. He and Godmother Pam Walker spent hours perfecting their talent of fly fishing on the

rivers running through Wallowa County.

Bow hunting nearly replaced fishing with tall tales of stealth and stillness. The first big kill almost becoming his last; a ground squirrel wiggled on the end of the arrow, wrenching Todd's heart, bringing on the tears.

Running solo for ten and a half years, Todd became a big brother to Trask. Breaking the news to Todd brought on a flood of tears and threats to move to Granddad's

house. He wanted a pony or a dog, not a kid. When the due date neared and Mom was late arriving home, the phone calls began. Pages were sent out at work. Safeway, calls made to OB. Todd was anxious and ready for his baby to arrive. He cherished that baby, not wanting us to get baby sitters, offering to stay home himself and care for his brother. The neighborhood "gang of four" included Trask in their curbside football games. From tears to cheers, Todd loved his little Bro.


Venturing to Santa Cruz, California after high school, Todd worked building yachts and apprentice in tile work as well as doing other carpentry jobs. He returned to La Grande and continued in a variety of carpenter-related jobs.

As well as his parents, Todd leaves behind his brother Trask (Kelly) Silva, niece Kasen and nephew Drew Silva, Uncles Dennis (Sue) Conrad, Clifford (Barb) Conrad, Kim Conrad and Aunt Carol Jean Conrad, Uncle Jack Silva and Aunt Edy Ann (Al) Silva Corso and many cousins.

Todd was preceded in death by his grandparents Wes and Betty Conrad of Wallowa and Kenneth and Naomi Silva of Santa Cruz, Aunt Linda Sue (Vearl) Conrad Lewis of Wallowa and cousin Angela (Ralph) Conrad Evans of Oregon City.

In Todd's memory please pass forward a good deed, a warm smile or a helping hand to someone in need.

99th Annual Wallowa High School Alumni Banquet
Saturday, May 25, 2019
 Beth Johnson Room
 Wallowa Elementary School
 Wallowa, Oregon
 Registration Begins at 5:00 p.m.
 Dinner at 7:00 p.m.
 Questions: Call CAROL JEAN CONRAD
 541-963-8725 or 541-910-2230

What's Cooking ?
 by Sandy Sorrels of
TEN DEPOT STREET

 The news this week is that we finally have *Morel Mushrooms*. They are a bit late this year, but are beautiful. We simply sauté morels in butter and olive oil and serve them as an appetizer or a side with any meal. This is a great way to experience these gourmet delights without traipsing through the woods. Although if you have the time and energy, that is fun too.
 We also have this week until we sell out, *Fresh Arctic Char*, a delicious mild fish that is related to salmon, *Fresh Alaskan Halibut* as well as fresh Asparagus from the Walla Walla Valley.
 Tuesday, May 20, popular local singer-songwriter *Erika Litke* is playing. Litke, who migrated west from the East Coast and fortunately for us now lives in LaGrande and works at Ten Depot as an evening chef, plays all original "street corner alternative." She's an amazingly talented musician.
 As there are many more establishments offering live music, attendance at our musical performances on Tuesdays and Thursdays has dropped. We will keep our *Open Mic* night on the first Tuesday, and then will have music just one Thursday a month. However next week, finishing out our scheduled musicians, we will have music both Tuesday and Thursday. *Ruben Gonzales* is playing on Tuesday May 28 and *Like a Rocket* is playing on Thursday May 30. Hope you can make it.
 We have been working diligently on a much awaited *New Menu* which we hope to have completed and in operation by next Monday. More details next week.

BLUE PLATE SPECIAL \$10.95
 Baked Shells with Fontina Cheese and Bay Shrimp, Green Salad, Bread
 (served Monday through Friday)