

OBITUARIES

UPCOMING FUNERALS AND VISITATIONS
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Aug. 12
Carl "Steve" Bolin:
4 p.m., memorial service, La Grande First Baptist Church.

Aug. 24
Milton "Randy" Erickson:
11 a.m., memorial service, Elgin Methodist Church, followed by potluck.

Angela (Simonson) Kirby
Formerly of La Grande
1976-2019

Angela "Angie" Kirby, 43, of Haines and formerly of La Grande, died Aug. 2 of cancer. A private family celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Known as Angie, she was born Jan. 29, 1976, in Quincy, Illinois, to Leonard and Carolyn Simonson. She was a vivacious child who grew into a beautiful lady full of life. Angie was raised in La Grande. She also lived in Ewing, Missouri, and in Ontario and Baker City.



Angie attended OHSU through EOU and earned a bachelor's degree in nursing. After graduation and passing her NCLEX, she worked on the medical surgical floor at St. Alphonsus Medical Center in Baker City. Angie loved being a registered nurse and taking care of people. She was affectionately referred to as "the short one with an attitude."

Angie married John Kirby in April of 1996. They met while they were both

employed at Marvin Wood Products in Baker City. They later divorced.

Angie enjoyed traveling, hiking, yard work, music and shopping. Her most memorable accomplishments included the births of her children and earning her bachelor's degree.

Angie lost her battle with cancer, but she put up a hard courageous fight all the way to the end. She will be missed by her furry companions, Bear and Addison.

Surviving relatives include her daughters, Kayla and Kimberly Kirby; mother, Carolyn Crabb; sisters, Tammy Jardine and Vicki Simonson; and brother, Dean Simonson.

She was preceded in death by her father, Leonard Simonson Sr., and grandparents, Murial Hardisty, Claude Crabb, and Leonard and Geraldine Simonson.

Memorial donations may be made to the Hilary Bonn Benevolence Fund in care of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway 97834.

Online condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Cora J. Knight

La Grande
Cora J. Knight, 84, of La Grande, died July 25 at her residence. A private family memorial is planned. (The Observer previously announced a graveside service, but the family prefers to keep the service private.) An obituary is forthcoming. Arrangements are entrusted to Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory.

Hermiston council to consider subsidizing rides to work

By Jade McDowell
EO Media Group

HERMISTON — Workers in the greater Hermiston area may have a cheaper way to get to work soon.

The Hermiston City Council will this evening consider the adoption of the Workforce On-Demand Ride Cooperative, or WORC, which would use state transportation funds to subsidize taxi rides to and from work.

As proposed, workers would pay about 35% of the cost of a ride, while the rest would be covered by funds from the 0.01% payroll tax Oregon implemented last year to increase funding for public transportation.

"No direct City of Hermiston subsidy is included in this program," Assistant City Manager Mark Morgan wrote in a memo to councilors.

Under the program, someone within the Hermiston/Umatilla/Stanfield area would go to city hall to obtain a punch card by showing proof of employment. City employees would then inscribe the card with the address of the employer, and the card would only work to subsidize rides that begin or end at that address.

The other side of the trip would be restricted by the type of card purchased —

a cheaper "Hermiston to Hermiston" card would allow only pick-ups and drop-offs within Hermiston, while more expensive cards would subsidize rides into Umatilla, Stanfield or rural areas between the cities.

A Hermiston-to-Hermiston card would cost the rider \$2.50 per trip. Hermiston Transportation, the taxi company that already partners with the city on subsidized rides for senior and disabled residents, would be reimbursed an additional \$4.50 per trip from state transportation funds.

The city council meeting begins at 7 p.m. at city hall, 180 N.E. Second St.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Arrested: David Michael Denham, 26, unknown address, was arrested on three Union County warrants. One warrant charged failure to appear in court on a charge of second-degree criminal trespassing, a second warrant charged failure to appear in court on a charge of failure to appear in court and a third warrant charged failure to appear in court.

LA GRANDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Arrested: Alexander William Dooley, 20, La Grande, was arrested on a parole and probation detainer.

OREGON STATE POLICE

Arrested: James Ray Chavis, 52, Moxee, Washington, was arrested on charges of unauthorized use of a vehicle, possession of a stolen vehicle and unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle.

Arrested: Hannah L. Hanson, 22, Wallowa, was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence of intoxicants-alcohol.

Arrested: Tyler James McClune Smith, 22, La Grande, was arrested on a charge of giving false information to the police.

Arrested: Joseph David Carbonneau, 21, unknown address, was arrested on a charge of third-degree theft.

Arrested: Graciela L.

Miramontes, 18, Haines, was arrested on a charge of third-degree theft.

LA GRANDE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Firefighters responded to eight calls for medical assistance on Sunday, nine on Saturday and nine on Friday.

Firefighters responded to two fires on Wednesday — a transformer fire at the Union County Courthouse at 5:10 p.m. and a grass fire near Union at 6:23 p.m. Neither fire caused any injuries or property damage.

LOCAL BRIEFING

From staff reports

Tuesday's Brown Bag goes below surface of Lostine River

JOSEPH — For the Aug. 14 Josephy Brown Bag, Mary Edwards, retired biologist and photographer with the Nez Perce Tribe Fisheries Research Division, will present "Below the Liquid Line," a summary of her 16 years in (not "on") the Lostine River. Edwards spent much of her fisheries career assisting in the recovery of spring Chinook salmon, which required snorkeling the Lostine from the confluence up to Turkey Flat to collect juvenile salmon for the recovery program. Edwards' talk accompanies a month-long art exhibit featuring photos and paintings of the Lostine River corridor. Brown Bags are free and begin at noon at the Josephy Center on Main Street in Joseph. Bring a lunch if you like.

LHS announces back-to-school information

LA GRANDE — High school students who are new to La Grande School District and have not pre-registered may register and meet with a school counselor Aug. 15-16. Appointments are not necessary. Drop in from 8 a.m. to noon, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. or 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday. On Friday, open hours are from 8 a.m. to noon only.

Students who have pre-registered, including incoming freshmen, may come on the following days to pick up class schedules, have school pictures taken, get a student ID and pay fees.

• seniors and juniors: 8:30

a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 19
• sophomores and freshmen: 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Aug. 20

Pre-registered students should have received a student information form by mail, which must be returned with a parent signature to receive the class schedule.

The first day of school for freshmen and new students is Aug. 26 at 9:20 a.m. All students attend school from 8:20 a.m. to 3:10 p.m. beginning Aug. 27. For more information, call the LHS Counseling Office at 541-663-3310.

IMESD Board meets Wednesday

PENDLETON — The Board of Directors of the InterMountain Education Service District will have a regular board meeting at 10:45 a.m. Aug. 14 at the IMESD, 2001 SW Nye Ave., Pendleton. The meeting will include a presentation on child abuse mandatory reporting.

Pay library fines with school supplies

LA GRANDE — Cook Memorial Library is now accepting school supplies (see the school-approved list below) as payment for library fines. For each item patrons bring in, the library will waive \$1 in overdue fines up to \$10 per library card. Donations of supplies will also be accepted. Call the library for more information at 541-962-1339.

Supplies for fines list: zipped 3-inch three-ring binder, graph paper compo-

sition notebook, single-subject college-ruled composition notebook, multi-subject spiral notebook with vinyl cover, pencils, pens (black and red), glue sticks, colored pencils, highlighters, college-ruled loose notebook paper, dry-erase markers, dividers, eraser caps, metric ruler, pencil pouch, scissors, white 3x5 index cards (lined), pencil sharpener, facial tissue, pink pearl eraser, sticky notes (small and large), 24-count multi-colored fine point sharpies, ultra-fine tip medium black sharpies; for PE: sports bras, deodorant, athletic socks, non-marking athletic shoes.

Gun club hosts free .22 benchrest match

LA GRANDE — The La Grande Rifle and Pistol Club is hosting a .22 benchrest match Aug. 17. The club will be holding matches on the third Saturday of the month from through October. The free matches are for .22 long rifle only. Participants will need 40 rounds plus sighters to shoot the match. Sign-in begins at 8:30 a.m. and the match kicks off at 9 a.m. Hearing and eye protection are required. For more information, call Dick at 541-963-8624.

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Brown OKs bill that eases rules for irrigation ditches

The Associated Press

SALEM — Oregon Gov. Kate Brown has decided not to veto a bill that will ease rules for farmers clearing out irrigation ditches, her office told Oregon Public Broadcasting.

Oregon Public Broadcasting says that her decision was likely to please many in rural parts of the state, but it spurred a furious reaction from environmental groups.

The legislation says farmers would need to give notice that they were going to clear an irrigation ditch, but would not need a permit unless they planned to move more than 3,000 cubic yards of material over a five-year period — a 60-fold increase from the current 50-cubic-yard threshold, Oregon Public Broadcasting reported.

Environmental groups argued that the measure undermines the state's ability to protect state wetlands. Many farm fields in the Willamette Valley are classified as wetlands.

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Please join us in welcoming Dr. Reynolds and his family to the Grande Ronde Valley!



Brian Reynolds, MD

Emergency Department Physician Brian Reynolds joins us from the Hendersonville Medical Center emergency department in Tennessee. He completed his Doctor of Medicine at the University of Washington School of Medicine, completed his residency at a Michigan State University affiliated hospital, and is a member of the American Academy of Emergency Medicine.

Dr. Reynolds and his wife, Angie, have five children. He enjoys spending time in the mountains hiking, mountain biking, fly-fishing, and skiing, and looks forward to exploring the Eastern Oregon outdoors with his family. Dr. Reynolds is also a board member and co-medical director of Haiti180, a not-for-profit charity mission organization providing homes, education, and health care in Haiti.

Learn more about Dr. Reynolds in our online Provider Directory at www.grh.org today!

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