

LOCAL BRIEFING

From staff reports

LHS students and staff evacuated after fire alarm

LA GRANDE — La Grande High School reported that the school experienced a fire alarm Thursday prior to the start of school “resulting in an orderly evacuation of students and staff from the building.” Emergency responders traced the alarm to a mechanical room. HVAC workers have been working in the building this week in these types of areas, and it was determined that this likely was the cause of the alarm. According to the Aug. 29 report, “All students and staff are safe and accounted for, and we know of no actual danger posed to them. We appreciate the cooperation and quick response of local EMS workers to LHS.”

ACE offers homeschool art class in September

LA GRANDE — “Homeschool Art: From Van Gogh to Kahlo” will be held at 1:15 p.m. on Wednesdays in September at Art Center East, 1006 Penn Ave., La Grande. The class will explore art history using great and not-as-well-known artworks as inspiration to create original work in various mediums. According to ACE, the class is “a great introduction to art-making

and art history for homeschoolers.” The month-long course is open to age 6 and older. For more information on registration and cost, stop by Art Center East, go to www.artcentereast.org or call 541-624-2800. Registration by Sept. 1 is encouraged.

Cove City Council meets Tuesday

COVE — The City of Cove will hold its regular council meeting on Sept. 3. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at Cove City Hall, 504 Alder. The meeting will include a first reading of an ATV ordinance, a time for public comment, and an executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h).

Register by Sept. 4 for fundraising golf tournament

ENTERPRISE — The Enterprise/Joseph Lions Club is hosting a golf tournament Sept. 7 at Alpine Meadows Golf Course benefitting Chief Joseph Summer Camp’s programs and facilities. In 2018, Chief Joseph Summer Camp, a week-long day camp where Wallowa County kids have made memories for generations, moved to Ferguson Ridge Ski Area, owned by the Lions

Club. The new location was a huge success and this summer nearly 140 campers, counselors and volunteers convened for games, exploration and fun. The proceeds from the golf tournament will help continue this new tradition of summer camp at Ferguson Ridge.

The tournament is a four-person scramble format and entry is \$50 per person. The entry deadline is Sept. 4. Registration forms are available at www.golfalpinemeadows.com or www.skifergo.com. Forms and fees can be delivered to Alpine Meadows or emailed to bjables@eoni.com. For more information email bjables@eoni.com. Late registration is at 7:30 a.m. the day of the tournament. Shotgun start is at 9 a.m.

Advance tickets on sale for 3rd Battalion Reunion Weekend

LA GRANDE — The 3rd Battalion, 116th Cavalry Regiment Reunion Weekend, presented by the 3rd Battalion Officers Association, is set for Sept. 14-15 in La Grande. Current and former members of the regiment are invited to a weekend of fellowship with comrades and their families. A pool tournament with prizes and food is

planned for Sept. 14 at the American Legion Post 43, 301 Fir St. On Sunday, there will be an informal dinner with special guest Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Raymond Rees at the Blue Mountain Conference Center, 404 12th St. A social hour begins at 1 p.m., followed by dinner at 2 p.m. Casual attire is requested. The Legion will provide a no-host bar. Advance tickets are \$20 and may be purchased at 3-116cav.brownpapertickets.com, the Blue Mountain Conference Center, the American Legion, Joe Beans Coffee (1009 Adams Ave.) and Denny’s (2604 Island Ave., ask for the manager). After Sept. 5, the ticket price increases to \$25. For more information, contact Master Sgt. (Ret.) Lowell Beeman at 541-963-9084 or 541-786-5605.

Teen book clubs resume at library

LA GRANDE — Cook Memorial Library is seeking new members for the its teen book clubs. This is a free activity, held on the first Thursday of the month in the library’s Community Room. On Sept. 5, the middle school book club will meet from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., and the high school book club will meet from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 pm. For more information, call 541-962-1339 or

visit the library at 2006 Fourth St., La Grande.

New Christian radio station on the valley’s airwaves

SUMMERVILLE — The Summerville Baptist Church announced a new Christian radio station is now available for listening in the Grande Ronde Valley. KOLU and Riverview Baptist Church from Pasco, Washington, have placed a translator on Mt. Harris to translate Christian Family Radio to the towns in our valley. Tune in to 93.7 FM throughout the valley for “a wonderful line-up of good, conservative Christian music from choirs to Gospel quartets and instrumental to bluegrass.” The radio station will also broadcast programs for all ages and Bible preaching from churches far and near.

UC Cattlemen meeting rescheduled

ISLAND CITY — Union County Cattlemen will not meet Monday evening due to the Labor Day holiday. The group will instead have a business meeting Sept. 9. The meeting, held at the Ag Service Center in Island City, is open to the public.

OBITUARIES

Donald L. Kilpatrick

La Grande
1927-2019

Donald Lee Kilpatrick, 92, of La Grande, died Aug. 22 at a local care facility. A



memorial service will be held Sept. 14 at the Imbler Christian Church. The time of the service has been changed to 11 a.m.

Known as Don, he was born Aug. 21, 1927, in Two Buttes, Colorado, to William “Bill” and Myra (Davis) Kilpatrick. He resided in Visalia, California; Reno, Nevada; Modesto, California; and Vale and La Grande. Don attended Visalia High School and served in the U.S. Merchant Marines during World War II, 1944-1945. He married Edna Gardner in November 1945.

Don was employed as

UPCOMING FUNERALS AND VISITATIONS

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Aug. 31 Ken Witty: 1 p.m., celebration of life and potluck, 81768 Revis Lane (Witty residence), Enterprise.
George “Doug” McDaniel: 1 p.m., celebration of life, Beth Johnson Room, Wallowa Elementary School; followed by catered lunch at Wallowa Senior Center at 2:30 p.m.
Sept. 7 Michael Lowery: 2 p.m., celebration of life, Eastern Oregon Livestock Show Clubhouse, Union.

a logger, in food vending, as farmer, in insurance sales and as an insurance adjuster. He enjoyed hunting, sailing, flying planes and woodworking. Don built everything imaginable, including houses, boats and planes. He even did float trips in his mid-80s. He also enjoyed watching his great-grandchildren play sports.

Don was recognized as the Long-time Elder serving Ontario Church of Christ. He was a member of the Imbler Christian Church. Don was a faithful husband, father and grandfather.

Surviving relatives include his children and their spouses; Russell and Marlene Kilpatrick of La Grande, Donelle and LaVern Widmer of Nyssa, Dale and Marilyn Kilpatrick of La Grande, and Kevin and Kit Kilpatrick of Prineville; 12 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren; and five nieces and three nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Edna; parents, Bill and Myra; brother, Bernard Kilpatrick; and sister, Pat Lenard.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Genesis Preschool, Imbler Christian Church, 440 Ruckman Ave., Imbler 97841.

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

Jana M. Matthews

Elgin

Jana M. Matthews, 66, of Elgin, died Aug. 28 at her home. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

Marvin L. Cunningham

La Grande

Marvin L. Cunningham, 76, of La Grande, died Aug. 28 at Grande Ronde Hospital. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Sept. 7 at Grandview Cemetery. A celebration of life will follow at 3 p.m. at the family home, 2004½ E. N Ave.

The family prefers casual dress. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory is handling the arrangements.

George J. Gilchrist

La Grande
1947-2019

George James Gilchrist, 72, of La Grande, died Aug. 26 at a local care facility. A



memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Sept. 13 at the La Grande First Christian Church. George was born May 6, 1947, in Bend, to Ralph and Edith (Tackman) Gilchrist. He resided in Powell Butte and La Grande. George attended Bend Community College, what is now Eastern Oregon University and San Francisco College of Mortuary Science, and he served in the U.S. Army. He married Lucy Ann Hartman.

George was the co-owner of Valley Insurance. He enjoyed model airplanes, knitting, railroad motor cars, balloon twisting and cooking for groups. A recreational pilot, George received recognition from Gov. Tom McCall for being the youngest pilot in Oregon to solo a private plane.

George served as the student body president of Bend Community College in 1967. He was a board member of Youth for Christ, a bush pilots member and a member of the Imbler Christian Church.

Survivors include his wife, Lucy; children and their spouses, Paul Gilchrist of La Grande, Betty Gilchrist of Spokane, Washington, Josh and Kristin Rader of Missoula, Montana, and Randi and Billy Padot of Newberg; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Edith Gilchrist.

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URA

Continued from Page 1A structural reinforcements for the building. Additional upgrades to the shop included installing new equipment and hiring three new full-time employees.

Work for the project began at the end of March, within a day or two of the application being submitted to the city, as contractors had been secured already and they were set to get to work. The renovation was estimated to be completed by April 25. The portion of the overall project paid for with URA funds is finished, but other upgrades to the building’s showroom and other spaces continue.

The total project cost to renovate the building space was projected to be \$250,365.36. However, Jacobson said the project has incurred unexpected costs. The additional funding

needed to finish the project is coming from a bank loan.

The project addresses three of the four goals of the La Grande Urban Renewal Plan. In its application for URA funding, the company stated that upgrading the shop will help in revitalizing downtown, with money coming into the community from customers traveling to La Grande for custom countertops. The project created three new full-time positions that provide family-wage jobs for local residents. And, the location of Countertop Solutions, being so close to downtown, will also bring customers to other downtown businesses, helping with retail development.

“We took a pretty big space and turned it into a shop,” Jacobson said. “As far as having this here and available in this area, it’s been a big benefit. It keeps the work local.”

UNION COUNTY SENIOR CENTER MENU

1504 ALBANY ST., LA GRANDE
Sept. 2-6
Lunch served 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
age 60+ \$3 suggested donation; others \$6
Monday: closed for Labor Day.
Tuesday: chicken Alfredo, steamed vegetables, salad greens, Italian breadsticks, ice cream.
Wednesday: meatloaf, mashed potatoes & gravy, steamed vegetables, rolls, cake.
Thursday: mushroom-Swiss burgers, seasoned steak fries, apple slaw, oatmeal-raisin cookies.
Friday: honey-baked ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, garden salad, rolls, cookies.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

LA GRANDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Arrested: Poppy Grover, 40, unknown address, was arrested on a Union County warrant charging possession of methamphetamine.

Arrested: Larae Nicholle Ruck, 18, unknown address, was arrested by the Lebanon Police Department on two Union County warrants. One warrant charged failure to appear in court. This warrant was connected to an original charge of second-degree theft. A second warrant charged second-degree failure to appear in court.

Arrested: Jesse Joe Shodin, 45, La Grande, was arrested on a charge of theft by receiving.

Arrested: Daniel Letourneau, 65, unknown address, was arrested on a charge of violation of a restraining order.

Arrested: Nathan Jeffrey Sherman, 41, La Grande, was arrested on two warrants. The first was a Union County warrant charging failure to appear in court. It was connected to an original charge of driving while suspended. The second warrant was a Baker County cite and release warrant.

UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Arrested: Keith R. Papineau, 61, unknown address, was arrested on a warrant charging failure to appear in court. The warrant is connected to original charges of unlawful use of a weapon, pointing a firearm at another, menacing, unlawful possession of a firearm, second-degree disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and second-degree criminal mischief.

Arrested: Jacob Caballero, 21, Island City, was arrested on a charge of a restraining order violation.

LA GRANDE FIRE

DEPARTMENT

Firefighters responded to nine calls for medical assistance on Wednesday and eight on Thursday.

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