

UPCOMING FUNERALS AND VISITATIONS

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**Sept. 28
Jeraline "Gerry"
Follett:**

1 p.m., funeral,
Loveland Funeral
Chapel, La Grande.

Julie Gribling:

2 p.m., memorial
service, Daniels-Knopp
Funeral, Cremation
& Life Celebration
Center, La Grande.

**Oct. 27
Jerry Johnson:**

1 p.m., memorial
service, Eastern
Oregon Livestock
Show Clubhouse,
Union.

OBITUARIES

Kenneth G. Mackey

Union
1956-2019

Kenneth G. Mackey, 63, of Union, died Sept. 17 at his residence. At his request, there will not be a service.



Known as Ken and Kenny, he was born June 26, 1956, in La Grande, Ronald and Lolita (Lewis) Mackey. Ken attended schools in Union until graduating from Union High School in 1975. He later attended Horst Meijer Culinary School in Portland.

Ken worked for the Forest Service for several years fighting fires and planting trees. After completing his culinary education, he began his career at The Embarcadero in Newport. His work took him on to the Otis Café in Otis, The Fireside in Cannon Beach,

Camp 18 on Highway 26, and then on to Hawaii and Alaska. Ken made his way back to Oregon where he worked at Stetson's in Pendleton, Anthony Lakes, Papa's Steakhouse in Union, and food services at Eastern Oregon University.

Ken enjoyed fishing on local rivers and lakes and spending time in the mountains picking huckleberries and mushrooms, cutting firewood and riding his four-wheeler.

Surviving relatives include his sisters and spouses, Ronda Emery of Union, Carol and John Neely of McMinnville and Jodi and Dennis Falk of Union, and four nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ronald and Lolita, and brother-in-law, Arnold Emery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to

Friends of the Union Carnegie Library, P.O. Box 257, or to Union High School Scholarships, P.O. Box K, Union, 97883.

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

Bonnie Winn

La Grande

Bonnie Winn, 95, of La Grande, died Sept. 21 at a local care facility. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

Robert E. Wolfe

La Grande

Robert E. Wolfe, 77, of La Grande, died Sept. 20 at a local care facility. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

UNION COUNTY SHERIFF

Arrested: Jeffery Scott Hill, 33, unknown address, was arrested on a Union County warrant charging third-degree assault, driving under the influence of intoxicants and recklessly endangering another person.

Arrested: Kaden Peter Bockelman, 20, unknown address, was arrested while lodged in the Union County Jail on a Union County warrant charging a probation violation. It was connected to original charges of fleeing or attempting to elude police officer, reckless driving and unlawful possession of meth.

Arrested: Kayla M. Johnson, 32, unknown address, was arrested on two Union County warrants. One warrant charged failure to appear in court on a charge of third-degree theft and a second warrant charged failure to appear in court on a charge of third-degree escape.

Arrested: Guillermo Medina Lopez, 25, unknown address, was arrested by the Shoshone, Idaho Police Department on two Union County warrants. The first warrant charged failure to appear in court on charges of unlawful import or export of a marijuana item, two counts; and delivery of a marijuana item. The second warrant was a secret indictment warrant charging failure to appear in court.

Cited: A Union County juvenile was cited on a charge of theft by receiving.

Arrested: Jeremiah August Erb-Gibbons, 21, a transient, was arrested while lodged in the Union County Jail on charges of second-degree burglary and first-degree theft.

Arrested: Dalton Gene Hall, 23, La Grande, was arrested on a charge of fourth-degree assault.

Arrested: A Union County juvenile was cited on a charge of third-degree theft.

Arrested: Quinten James Stephens, 23, unknown address, was arrested while lodged in the Union County Jail on an order to show cause why probation should not be revoked. The order to show cause was connected to original charges

of second-degree criminal mischief, resisting arrest, assaulting a public safety officer and a probation violation.

LA GRANDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Arrested: Conner Alexander Fry, 26, La Grande, was arrested on charges of first-degree burglary and first-degree theft.

Arrested: Jesse Joe Sodin, 45, a transient, was arrested on a Union County warrant charging failure to appear in court. The warrant was connected to an original charge of first-degree theft.

Accident: At least one person was injured in a traffic accident at Second Street and Crook Avenue on Saturday. The accident was reported at 10:35 p.m.

Cited: A Union County juvenile was cited on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, hit and run property and fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer.

Arrested: A Union County juvenile was arrested on charges of first-degree attempted rape, first-degree sex abuse, first-degree sodomy, and first-degree rape, two counts.

Arrested: A Union County juvenile was arrested on charges of failure to appear in court on charges of second-degree mischief, four counts and applying graffiti, four counts.

Arrested: Courtney Michelle Hendrickson, 20, unknown address, was arrested on a Union County failure to appear in court warrant. It was connected to an original charge of third-degree theft.

OREGON STATE POLICE

Arrested: Josephine Elizabeth Tyler, 22 unknown address, was arrested on a Union County warrant charging failure to appear in court on a charge of first-degree trespassing.

LA GRANDE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

Firefighters responded to 7 calls for medical assistance on Sunday, 6 on Saturday and 6 on Friday.

LOCAL BRIEFING

From staff reports

Community choir begins rehearsal

LA GRANDE — The Grande Ronde Community Choir is a mixed choral ensemble made up of community members, high school students, and EOU students, staff and faculty. The choir rehearses on Thursdays in Room 123 of Loso Hall on the EOU campus in La Grande. The choir will perform in October and December this term. The choral director is Michael Frasier, and the accompanist is Lanetta Paul. New members are welcome, and auditions are not required. To sign up, go to www.artcentereast.org/music/music-ensembles/#community. Art Center East members who register for both fall and winter terms will receive a discount.

Registration is open for Girls in Science

LA GRANDE — Registration is now open for Girls in Science, an all-day event for girls in sixth to eighth grade, hosted by EOU's Northeast Oregon Area Health Education Center. The cost is \$10. The fee includes all materials, snacks, lunch and a T-shirt. The Oct. 26 program will be held at Eastern Oregon University, with the theme "Zombie Apocalypse: Is It Actually Possible?" Students will put their chemistry, biology, math and computer science skills to work to solve an engaging biomedical mystery. Only 100 spaces are available. The online application closes Oct. 4. For more information and to register,

contact NEOAHEC at 541-962-3422 or neoahec@eou.edu or go to www.neoahec.org/programs/girls-in-science.

Is water in Union County important to you?

LA GRANDE — The planning group for the Upper Grande Ronde, which includes Catherine Creek, invites the community to give input on priorities at the next planning session, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 25 at the Extension Building in Island City. The group is working on a list of long-term strategies to help with water shortages in the fall and flooding in the spring. Desired projects will help wildlife, water temperature, water quality, agriculture, municipalities

and recreation.

Public Works Department Meeting

LA GRANDE — The city of La Grande Parking, Traffic Safety and Street Maintenance Advisory Commission will hold a meeting Wednesday Sept. 25 at 5:30 p.m. in the Public Works Department Break Room at 800 X Ave. La Grande. For more information call 541-962-1325.

Housing advocacy training offered

LA GRANDE — Housing Matters Union County is hosting a free training on Housing Advocacy Basics, led by Allison McIntosh from Neighborhood Partnership, Sept. 25 at Zion Lutheran Church, 902 Fourth St., La Grande. The

conversation will focus on the importance of advocacy in addressing housing needs in our community. Participants will learn how to better communicate

with people about housing and homelessness issues. To register, go to www.eventbrite.com/e/housing-advocacy-basics-tickets-69920256369.

University study says wind turbines threaten migrating bats

The Associated Press

BEND — A Pacific Northwest bat that that migrates south for the winter faces a serious threat from wind turbines, according to a study by the by Oregon State University-Cascades.

The study concludes that the hoary bat faces an uncertain future because its numbers have declined by 2% per year, the Bend Bulletin reports.

Collisions with propellers on wind farms kill bats, said Tom Rodhouse, one of the authors, an ecologist with the National Park Service and a courtesy faculty member at OSU-Cascades.

Another cause is barotrauma, which occurs when bats fly through low pressure zones created by the spinning blades of a wind turbine. The sudden change in pressure causes their lungs to expand faster than the bats can exhale, resulting in burst vessels that fill their tiny lungs with blood, Rodhouse said.

"This and direct collisions with the turbines has resulted in millions of bat deaths over the last two decades," said Rodhouse.

Oregon and Washington have 3,600 wind turbines that generating capacity of 6,300 megawatts. Most wind farms are clustered near the Columbia River Gorge. Others are near Ellensburg and Walla Walla

in Washington and Baker City in Oregon.

While migrating, hoary bats fly into danger zones because their sophisticated sonar capabilities do not detect the pressure drops, Rodhouse said.

Barotrauma has similarities to decompression sickness experienced by divers. Lungs of birds are more rigid, with strong capillaries, making them less vulnerable to the pressure changes near wind turbines.

White-nose syndrome, a disease that has killed bats elsewhere, is not affecting the hoary bat, Rodhouse said.

Hoary bats are named after their white-tipped fur coats, which look frosty. They hunt at night and feed on pests that eat crops. The animals are slow to reproduce in the Pacific Northwest, with females producing just one to three pups per year, Rodhouse said.

Cris Hein of the U.S. Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory said there are ways to combat the problem.

Technology to protect the bats includes ultrasonic deterrents that that may prevent bats from approaching the wind turbines. Another option is to turn off turbines in late summer and fall when bats are migrating.

The study was published in Ecology and Evolution.

U.S. hop supply, demand balanced



Dan Wheat/Capital Press

Hop harvest at Wenas Hop Co., Selah, Wash., last year. Industry production continues to find a good balance with demand.

By Dan Wheat

Capital Press

YAKIMA, Wash. — A 2% increase in inventory of U.S. hops since last September shows continued reasonable balance between supply and demand despite a continuing but slowing acreage increase in recent years, a leading producer says.

Crop production in 2018 increased just 1% over 2017, "so a 2% increase in hop stocks 12 months later is relatively in line with the production

increase," says Pete Mahony, vice president of supply chain and purchasing for John I. Haas Inc. in Yakima. Haas is a leader in production, processing and research and development of hops.

USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service released its Sept. 1 hop stock report on Sept. 18 showing hop inventory by growers, dealers and brewers at 115 million pounds, up 2% from the 113 million-pound inventory a year earlier.

Stocks held at dealer and grower locations totaled 78 million pounds and brewers held 37 million pounds.

The previous two Sept. 1 hop stock reports showed annual increases of about 15%, which was expected as production in those years increased at nearly the same rate, Mahony said.

In June, USDA NASS estimated 57,339 acres of hops for 2019, up 4% from the record high of 55,035 in 2018. Of that, 72% is in Washington,

15% in Idaho and 13% in Oregon.

For many years, hop growth has been fueled by the rapid increase of craft breweries, but their rate of growth is now slowing.

"While we've certainly seen some slowdown in the U.S. craft industry from the double-digit growth rates of only a few years ago, the industry still continues to grow although at a more moderate and hopefully sustainable rate," Mahony said.

A positive sign is strong growth in the long tail of craft, which are the smaller, more local craft brewers, he said. Long tail growth has pushed the total U.S. brewery count beyond 7,000, he said.

Another positive sign is continued craft growth in overseas markets, which need U.S. hops to replicate popular beer styles of the U.S., Mahony said.

"So as the market conditions have been evolving and changing recently, it is reassuring to see how well the hop industry has been able to keep supply reasonably in balance with demand over the past year, as is evident in a hop stock increase of only 2%," he said.

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