

Greg & Doris Tsiatsos — 70th anniversary



Courtesy photos

Greg and Doris Tsiatsos were married Oct. 1, 1949, in La Grande. Friends are invited to celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary with them from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 19 at Island City City Hall, 10605 Island Ave. No gifts, please. Greg and Doris live in Starkey and raised three children: Sharon, Deena and Grant. They have four grandchildren — Rhonda, Jason, Deena and Chris — and three great-grandchildren — Caden, Gus and Ali.

Local students graduate with Eastern Oregon University’s Class of 2019

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LA GRANDE — Eastern Oregon University awarded 740 degrees during the 2018-19 academic year. Those who earned GPAs between 3.5 and 3.69 graduated with cum laude honors, 3.7 to 3.84 graduated magna cum laude, and 3.85 to 4.0 graduated summa cum laude.

The following students from Union and Wallowa counties earned degrees or certificates:

Union County COVE

Tayton Duby, BS, Biology; Jace Emory, BS, History; Michael Hatch, MS, Education; Kellie Nostrant, BS, Communication Studies, summa cum laude; Morgan Reddington, BS, Business Administration.

ELGIN

Jacob Burgess, BS, Business Administration, cum laude; Morgan Howes, BS, Multidisciplinary Studies; Theresa Smolkowski, BS, Physical Activity & Health.

IMBLER

Emily Bingaman, BS, Integrative Study-2 EOU Minors; Cara Rose Campbell, BS, Biology/BS, English/Writing, cum laude.

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Jessica Carter, BS, Chemistry-Biochemistry, summa cum laude; Emily Spinden, BS, Psychology.

LA GRANDE

Sonja Adams, BA, Music; Anay Beteran, BS, Multidisciplinary Studies; Brandy Blackman, BS, English/Writing, and Undergrad Certificate-ESOL; Austin Boswell, BS, History, cum laude; Ashley Campbell, BS, Psychology, magna cum laude; Deric Carson, BS, Biology; Marissa Carson, BS, Multidisciplinary Studies, cum laude; Jacob Chamberlain, BS, Physical Activity & Health; Julie Daggett, BS, Business Administration; Jessica DeHart, BS, Physical Activity & Health; John Eiwer, BS, Philosophy/Politics/Economics; Mark Emerson, MA, Teaching; Tayler Finch, BS, Business Administration; Sage Flower, BS, Integrative Study-2 EOU Minors, magna cum laude; Dalynne Folsom, BS, History; Jaymi George, BS, Psychology, cum laude; Christopher Gianandrea, MA, Teaching; Devin Griggs, BS, Computer Science, magna cum laude; Anita-Elaine Harris, BS, Psychology; Dylan Hartley, MA, Teaching; Robert Hempel Jr., MA, Teaching; Christopher Henderson, BS, Multidisciplinary Studies; Amy Hickey, BS, Anthropology/Sociology; Kelly Hood, MA, Teaching; Suzanne Housden, BS, Physical Activity & Health, cum laude; Taylor Hunt, BS, Mathematics, summa cum laude; Timothy Kilpatrick, BS, Business Administration; Lena Ludwig, BS, Chemistry-Biochemistry, summa cum laude; Isaac Lynch, MA, Teaching; Tiannah Marriott, BS,

Union artist wins Crossroads award



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Stephen Wadner, of Union, was awarded second place in the three-dimensional category at this month’s Art at the Crossroads, Crossroads Carnegie Art Center’s annual open regional show in Baker City. Wadner’s submission, “Conversation Piece,” is made of repurposed materials. Crossroads received 136 pieces of artwork by 53 local and regional artists for this year’s show.

English/Writing; Madeline Martens, BS, Mathematics; Ryan Middleton, BS, Business Administration; Lance Nielsen, BS, Integrative Study-2 EOU Minors; Megan Pellerin, BS, Early Childhood Education, cum laude; Josephine Reddington, BS, Multidisciplinary Studies, summa cum laude; Jared Rogers VII, BS, Business Administration, cum laude; Christopher Haddock Sanders, MA, Teaching; Heath Sell, BS, Mathematics, summa cum laude; Reid Smith, BS, Physical Activity & Health; Lia Spiegel, MA, Teaching; Cain Stellings, BS, Communication Studies; Leslie Thompson Jr., BS, Business Administration; Jesus Trejo, BS, Business Administration, cum laude; Jorge Vázquez, BS, Business Administration; Adam Webb, BS, Multidisciplinary Studies; Amanda Welch, BS, Art, cum laude; Melinda Wells, BS, Business Administration;

Kimberly Westenskow, MA, Teaching; Haley White, BS, Art; Taylor Willadsen, MA, Teaching; Tanner Willson, BS, Business Administration/BS, Economics, summa cum laude; Joseph Wilson, MA, Teaching; Shyanne Winters, MA, Teaching; Emily Wren, BA, History, summa cum laude.

NORTH POWDER
Betsy Nedrow, BS, Early Childhood Education.

UNION
Chelsie Houck, BS, Physical Activity & Health, cum laude; Katelyn Johnson, BS, Business Administration.

Wallowa County ENTERPRISE
Kayla Hull, MS, Education; Melanie Rowley, MS, Education.

JOSEPH
Lisa Collier, MA, Teaching; Nicholas Tayer, MA, Teaching.



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Left: Joseph and Erin Davidson won the city’s fall beautification award for residential landscaping. Right: The Landing Hotel won for commercial property.

City names fall beautification award winners

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LA GRANDE — The La Grande Landscape and Forestry Commission gives seasonal awards to residential and commercial properties for efforts to maintain and improve the beauty of La Grande’s environment. The awards recognize exemplary maintenance and design of landscapes and the community forest.

Nominations for this award are made by members of the commission and awards committee, city employees, neighbors and citizens.

The residential fall award winners are Joseph and Erin Davidson. The selection committee chose this home, at 1802 Washington Ave., for its diversity of trees, shrubs, perennials and annual flowers and the colorful late season display that graces the front entry. The Davidsons have also invested in preserving the mature maple trees in the city right-of-way that provide shade, clean air and clean water.

The Landing Hotel, owned by Gust and Karin Tsiatsos, is the 2019 commercial fall winner. The Landing Hotel, 1501 Adams Ave., was selected for its charming outdoor space that brings nature to downtown La Grande. The landscape, plantings and street trees are especially beautiful given that the building previously was a blighted property.

Union FFA earns distinction



Courtesy photo

The Union FFA was named “Outstanding Chapter” at the recent 2019 District Leadership Camp. The students pose with their award: (front row, left to right) Delaney Klebaum, Jaimee Baxter, Cierra Chastain, Brianna Kohr, Callie Glenn, Kylie Bruce, Sam Baxter, Gage Martens; (back row, left to right) Marielle Graffunder, Kaitlin Martens, Jakob Graffunder, Anthony Goodwater, Audrey Hill, Paul Reed, Brooklynn Lathrop. According to a press release from Union High School, “Our new (FFA) adviser, Karie Kelley, is a strong leader and an asset to our district.”

Old jail gets new home



Courtesy photo

The old Elgin jail of 1896 found a new base at the Elgin Museum. Countryside Sheds took on the task of transporting the very fragile structure across the lot to a cement pad, which required a full day of patience and care. Accelerated Construction of La Grande will take on the task of shoring the beams, building a supporting floor and setting shakes for the roof.



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