

LOCAL BRIEFING

From staff reports

Ducks Unlimited Banquet changes venue

LA GRANDE — Due to a last-minute scheduling conflict Saturday's Grande Ronde Ducks Unlimited Banquet has moved to a new location. The event will take place at the Gilbert Center on the Eastern Oregon University campus. Doors open at 5 p.m. Oct. 19. The evening includes a live and silent auction and raffles. Prizes this year include a three-day Argentina dove hunt for four people, a Cast and Blast Adventure on the Henry's Fork in Eastern Idaho, quality firearms and getaway packages. In addition, all Greenwings (younger than 17) will be entered into a raffle for their choice of prizes. The family-friendly event will be catered by Cock 'n' Bull and the bar supplied by Benchwarmers. Very limited tickets are still available by calling Paul Boehne at 541-786-0622.

Special Olympics swim meet comes to Eastern Oregon Sunday

BAKER CITY — This year's Special Olympics Regional Swim Meet will be held Oct. 20 at the SAM-O Swim Center YMCA Community Pool in Baker City. The competition will begin at 10 a.m. This will be the first time a Special Olympics Regional Swim Meet will be held on the eastern side of the state. Teams from Union County, Baker, County, Grant County and Hermiston-Pendleton will compete.

Competing from Union County

will be Judith Asper, Dani Thorne, Remy Spangler and Alex Weissenfluh. Pam Thompson, head coach and co-local program coordinator, is assisted by Susie Evans and Cliff Young. Also helping with the swim program this year are two EOU students, Cheyenne Baird and Natalie Rosen. The community is encouraged to come out and support the teams.

Elgin School Board to meet Monday

ELGIN — The Elgin School Board will meet Oct. 21. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. in Room 17 of Stella Mayfield School.

Class of '64 does lunch Saturday

LA GRANDE — The members of the La Grande High School Class of 1964 will gather for lunch at noon Oct. 19 at the Flying J Restaurant.

Novices welcome at Sunday's meat shoot

WALLOWA — The Wallowa Rod & Gun Club is hosting a meat shoot Oct. 20 at the clubhouse on Lower Diamond Lane. The shooting begins at 9 a.m. Novices are welcome, and there will be games for non-shooters. Prizes will be rewarded, and breakfast and lunch will be available.

For more information, contact Randal at 541-886-4625 or 541-886-3245, Curtis at 541-786-0814, or John at 541-886-8802.

Flu shots available at GRH Auxiliary meeting

LA GRANDE — Grande Ronde Hospital Auxiliary will hold its October meeting Oct. 21 at Island City City Hall. Refreshments are available at 9 a.m., and the meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. Amy Miles will be speaking about the upcoming flu season and flu shots will be available for volunteers. All members are encouraged to attend as well as anyone interested in becoming a member of the auxiliary.

Translator District board meets Tuesday

LA GRANDE — The Blue Mountain Translator District Board of Directors will hold a regular meeting at noon Oct. 22 in the Misener Room of the Daniel Chapin Building, 1001 Fourth St., La Grande. The agenda and board packet will be posted at www.bmtd.org/public-notice prior to the meeting.

October 22 Brown Bag brings Africa to Joseph

JOSEPH — Stanlynn Daugherty, who for several years trekked the Wallows with llamas and tourists from around the world, went on her own international journey last year, and on Oct. 22 she will bring it to the Joseph Center's Brown Bag. "Meerkats and Cheetahs and Rhinos, Oh My!" begins at noon. Daugherty describes her talks as "a journey into my life as an African wildlife sanctuary and research station volunteer last February in Namibia." Brown Bags are free and open to the public.

Coffee is provided. Bring a lunch or snack if you like.

Universal health care is topic of information session

LA GRANDE — Oregon Rural Action's Health Care Reform Action Team will host a half hour information session on universal health care prior to its business meeting Oct. 22. The gathering begins at 6 p.m. at the ORA office, at 1112 1/2 Adams Ave., La Grande. All are welcome to attend. A short film, "Canadian Healthcare: Debunking the Myths," will be the featured presentation followed by discussion. HCRAT members who attended the 2019 National Single-Payer Strategy Conference will also be on hand to share highlights from the conference.

Education offered to explain Tenant Protection Bill

LA GRANDE — The Oregon Rental Housing Association is hosting an informational meeting for tenants and landlords on Senate Bill 608, the Tenant Protection Bill. This bill substantially alters the relationship between tenants and landlords and is causing confusion and uncertainty among both parties. Because the bill is complex and has high penalties for landlord error, education is recommended for all tenants and landlords.

Two sessions will be offered Oct. 25 at the Union County Senior Center, 1504 N. Albany St., La Grande: from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and again from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Each free two-hour class will include handouts. Registration is not necessary but come early to secure seating. For more information, contact Joel Hasse, president of the Rental Owners Association of Northeast Oregon, at 541-786-1333.

Public will vote on pumpkin contest

LA GRANDE — All ages are invited to submit carved or decorated pumpkins in a downtown "Ghostly Creation" contest beginning Oct. 25. The pumpkins will be put on display at Market Place Fresh Foods and Le Bebe Cakes Bakery for the public to vote on. Winners will be selected on Halloween in two age categories: up to 12 years, and age 13 through adult. There is no entry fee. For more info call Le Bebe Cakes at 541-963-2253.

LG School Board meets for work, executive sessions

LA GRANDE — The Board of Directors of the La Grande School District will convene for a special board meeting work session followed by an executive session Oct. 23 at the Willow School, 1305 N. Willow St. The work session begins at 7 p.m. in the gymnasium and will include the superintendent's Student Success Act report with recommendations. The executive session will follow in the Superintendent's Office, pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(b), to consider the dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against a public officer, employee, staff member or agent.

OBITUARIES

Beverly A. (Collins) Ledridge

Formerly of Island City
1936-2019

Beverly Arlene Ledridge, 83, of Richland, Washington, and formerly of Island City, died Oct. 15 at her residence. A service will be held at a later date.

Nicknamed Bev, she was born April 13, 1936, in Willow Springs,

Missouri, to Lewis and Ella (Scott) Collins. She resided in Island City for many years and in Richland, Washington. Beverly attended grade school in Pendleton through the fourth grade and then in Imbler. She graduated from Imbler High School and later from what is now Eastern Oregon University. Beverly married Sam Ledridge on May 27, 1955.

Beverly was employed with U.S. Bank, Eastern Oregon Title, and Abstract & Title Co. in La Grande. She taught first grade in Wallowa and later taught special education at Groner Elementary in Hillsboro. Beverly enjoyed owning an escrow collections company, bowling, golfing and scuba diving. She was a member of the Credit Women's Associations, OEA and NEA. She would say her greatest achievement was raising her daughters, Toni and Carol Ann.

Surviving relatives include her daughters, Toni Ledridge and spouse, Carey Lewis, of Richland, Washington, and Carol Rosecrans of La Grande; brother and spouse, Arden and Frances Collins of Portland; and two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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

Thomas Steele

La Grande

Thomas Steele, 78, of La Grande, died Oct. 16. An obituary is forthcoming. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Halfway.

Terry D. Mauck

La Grande

Terry D. Mauck, 79, of La Grande, died Oct. 15 at his residence. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

**UPCOMING FUNERALS AND VISITATIONS**

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**Oct. 19
Burton Hill:**

9:30-10:30 a.m. viewing and 11 a.m. funeral, La Grande LDS Stake Center Chapel; graveside service follows at Cove Cemetery.

Eugenia Smith:

11 a.m., celebration of life, Imbler Christian Church; potluck lunch follows.

**Oct. 26
Violet Malone:**

2 p.m., memorial service, Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, La Grande; interment follows at Cove Cemetery.

**Oct. 27
Jerry Johnson:**

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

**Nov. 12
Phillip Mendiguren:**

2 p.m., Rosary and Mass of Christian Burial, Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, La Grande.

LA GRANDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Arrested: Zyna Marie Richardson, 37, unknown address, was arrested on charges of identity theft, eight counts; fraudulent use of a credit card, eight counts; and second-degree theft.

Arrested: David A. Riley, 37, unknown address, was arrested by the Lane County Sheriff's Office on a Union County warrant charging failure to appear in court on a charge of first-degree trespassing.

Arrested: Jeffery Scott Hill, 33, unknown address, was arrested on a charge of driving while suspended, misdemeanor.

UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Arrested: Justin Allen Farmer, 36, unknown address, was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance-methamphetamine.

Arrested: Tony Paul Lang, 18, unknown address, was arrested on a McLaren Youth Correctional Facility warrant charging a weapons offense.

UNION COUNTY SENIOR CENTER MENU

1504 ALBANY ST., LA GRANDE

Oct. 21-25; Lunch served 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. age 60+ \$3 suggested donation; others \$6

Monday: sausage, breakfast wraps, country potatoes, muffins, orange juice.

Tuesday: meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, almond green beans, salad greens, rolls, fresh fruit.

Wednesday: chicken cordon bleu, rice pilaf, steamed green beans, Italian bread, Jell-O, dessert.

Thursday: pork fried rice, egg rolls, steamed Oriental vegetables, mandarin salad, fortune cookies (alternate meal available).

Friday: beef Bourguignon, mushrooms and a variety of vegetables over egg noodles, salad greens, rolls, broiled tomatoes, dessert.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Accident: At least one person was injured in a traffic accident at Hunter Road and McKenzie Lane in the Summerville area Thursday. The accident was reported at 5:55 a.m.

Cited: Kyle C. Clark, 25, Elgin, was issued a criminal citation charging driving under the influence of intoxicants, reckless driving and driving while suspended, misdemeanor.

LA GRANDE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Firefighters responded to 12 calls for medical assistance on Thursday, six on Wednesday, four on Tuesday and six on Monday.

Burton Hill

November 17, 1922 - October 6, 2019

Burton Hill passed away October 6, 2019 in Shelley, Idaho. He was born November 17, 1922 at the home of his grandparents, Marion and Bertha Woodruff, in Tremonton, Utah. He was the 4th of 7 children born to his parents Joseph Orla and Mamie Woodruff Hill. He grew up in Bear River City, Utah on a farm where he learned to work and enjoy it. They worked the land with teams of horses. After morning chores, he ran 2-miles to school crossing fields and leaping over barbed wire fences. He was always very fit for his age.

Graduating from high school in 1941, he enlisted in the Army Air Corp. He served for the duration of WWII. In 1944, he was deployed to England. He flew 34 combat missions over Germany as top turret gunner and flight engineer in B-17 bombers.

Returning from the war, he married his high school sweetheart, Ilene Cutler. They were married in the Logan Temple, on June 22, 1945, in a joint ceremony with his brother, Ralph, and his sweetheart, Miriam Carter. Following his discharge from the service, Burton and Ilene moved to Cove, Oregon where they purchased a farm. They taught their young children to do chores and were very involved in 4-H clubs where Burton and Ilene were often the leaders.

Burton took on other work primarily in the sawmill industry. He became a millwright and helped with construction of a new state-of-the art mill for the Fir Pine Lumber Company. In 1960, the Boise Cascade Corporation purchased Fir Pine Lumber, shutting down the mill and liquidating the equipment. Burton worked for the liquidators and was able to purchase the property. The Hill family moved to LaGrande, keeping their property in Cove.

Burton was employed as an electrician by Union Pacific Railroad. In 1970, he was promoted to Electrical Supervisor for the Idaho Division. This involved a move to Pocatello, Idaho where he and Ilene lived for 11 years, at which point they returned back to the Grande Ronde Valley and their farm in Oregon, where Burt retired from the railroad in 1985.

Rather than use his full name, he was quite often called Burt or B.J. Hill. Throughout his life Burt was active and busy in his church. He served in several bishoprics and in scouting during his career and afterward,



and he and Ilene served as senior missionaries to Wallowa County.

He appreciated his pioneer heritage and being a great grandson of the prophet Wilford Woodruff. He was a "gentleman farmer" and was well-known for his skill on his John Deere tractor/backhoe which he used to help others in the community. His hardy work ethic and example of service has been an inspiration to everyone.

Burton is preceded in death by his wife, Ilene, his parents and all his siblings, 2 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. He is survived by 3 sister-in-laws and all of his children; Alan (Renee) Hill of Bountiful, Utah; Richard (Kerma) Hill of Blackfoot, Idaho; Clair (Nancy) Hill of Shelley, Idaho; Kathleen (Kent) Kunz of Boise, Idaho; Jennie (Von) Loveland of Boise, Idaho; and Ben (Laura) Hill of Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Burt and Ilene celebrated their 74th anniversary in Cove, Oregon this last summer. They had 37 grandchildren and currently have 108 great grandchildren. He was a wonderful father and grandfather.

Funeral Services will be held at the LDS Stake Center Chapel, 1802 Gekeler Lane, LaGrande, Oregon at 11am, on Saturday, October 19, 2019. There will be viewing beforehand from 9:30 to 10:30 am at the same location. Following the funeral there will be a graveside service at the Cove City Cemetery. Funeral arrangements handled by Hawker Funeral Home of Blackfoot, Idaho.

Condolences may be shared at: www.hawkerfuneralhome.com.



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