

LOCAL BRIEFING

From staff reports

Deadline is today for Union County Holiday Decorating Competition

LA GRANDE — The Union County Chamber of Commerce announced the inaugural county-wide Holiday Decorating Competition. Prizes (including energy credits from Oregon Trail Electric Co-Op) and trophies will be awarded for the best home in each town, best business, best street/neighborhood and best town (based on number of contest participants). Judges will consider the uniqueness of the design and creative use of lights and decorations; maximum energy efficiency; presentation (color coordination, balance, overall attractiveness); and implementation and use of

a holiday-spirited theme. Judging from the street will take place Wednesday-Friday Entry in the competition must be completed by 5 p.m. Monday. Entry/nomination forms are available at www.visitunioncounty.org or by calling 541-963-8588.

LHS Class of 1954 meets for lunch

LA GRANDE — The La Grande High School Class of 1954 will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Cock ‘n’ Bull Villa Roma, inside Pat’s Alley.

Optional donations at holiday dinner will go to community programs

LA GRANDE — Side A Brewing, Kneads Bakery, JaxDog Cafe and Books and

the Presbyterian Friendship Center are partnering to provide a holiday community dinner Saturday 4-8 p.m. at the Friendship Center, 1308 Washington Ave., La Grande. Donations will be accepted but not required. Proceeds will go to local programs including the Friday Backpack program, the Angel Fund and the Union County Warming Station.

Urban Renewal Agency meets for second strategy work session

LA GRANDE — The La Grande City Council will meet in its function as the Urban Renewal Agency for a work session Wednesday at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers at La Grande City Hall, 1000 Adams Ave. This will

be the second of two work sessions targeting economic development strategy and visioning. The first was Nov. 18.

Economic Development Director Christine Jarski and City Manager/District Manager Robert Strobe will lead the discussion on a long-term approach to economic development and placemaking.

VFW announces successful fundraising and community service

UNION — The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4060 in Union called 2019 “a very successful year” for fundraising. The VFW recently conducted its yearly rifle raffle, which raises money that goes toward scholarships for

the children of Union County who compete in the Voice of Democracy and Patriot’s Pen programs. The funds also are used to fill baskets of food that are distributed at Thanksgiving. The winners of this year’s rifle raffle were Larry Throe, Richard Freeze and Joe Kauffman. The VFW is grateful for the community’s support and the sponsorship of D&B Supply and Bi-Mart.

Expand your gardening knowledge in 2020

ISLAND CITY — The Master Gardener Program offered by OSU Union County Extension is a great chance to expand your gardening knowledge. The 2020 classes begin Jan. 21 and a variety of classes and

workshops are planned. Classes will be held 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. The cost for the full course is \$155, and individual classes are open to community members for \$5 per class (\$10 for weekend workshops). Classes are held in the conference room at the Union County Extension office, 10507 N. McAlister Road, Island City.

See the Union County Master Gardeners-Oregon Fracbook page for photos, upcoming classes and links to research-based gardening. For a Master Gardener course application, go to www.extension.oregon-state.edu/union. For more information and to RSVP for individual classes, call the Union County Extension office at 541-963-1010.

LMS honor roll for second quarter announced

Observer staff

LA GRANDE — The following students have been named to the La Grande Middle School’s second-quarter honor roll for the 2018-2019 academic year. Students must earn a GPA of 3.50 or higher to be on the LMS honor roll.

6th grade

4.00 Addison Berry; Aidyn Blesam; Elizabeth Carpenter; Irelyn Collins; Victoria Cornford; Adrina Cravinho-Gustafson; Carson Declue; Joselyn Dodds; Elle Edvalson; Hailey Evans; Rowan Evans; Asher Farnam; Mathias Fields; Malaika Gitome; Adelaide Grigg; Bekham Hibbert; Landon Hood; Lucas Hudson; Emilee Huntsman; Lillian Jennings; Ella Jorgensen; Damien Kodep; Karli Kretschmer; Dallon Kucera; Keenean Lewis; Levi McCall; Ryder McIlmoil; Taryn McIlmoil; Gabe McKaig; Larry McKaig; Emersyn Miller; Jillian Nelson; Edwin Orton; Brooke Perry; Stephanie Schlegel; Quinton Smith; Kaetlyn Snyder; Serenity Stouder; Miriam Westenskow; Mattison Wolcott; Larsen Wright; Charish Young.

3.88

Ervin Balderas; Cameron Canfield; Shayla King; Hannah Zamora.

3.87

Brandon Golden; Miriam Koltuv; Riley Krantz; Joshua Lopez; Kiana McCarthy; Jerzey Peterson; Emmett Theiler; Annyka Wildman.

3.85

Sienna Cyrus; Tylar Duckett; Addison Dunham; Cassidy Hogge; Rex Schaeffer.

3.77

Haylee Doud; Nicoali Randolph;

Alayna Thurston; Warren Wilson.

3.75

Madison Armstrong; Mlorica Carland; Arianna Kalal; Shaelee Martinson; Chylece Mayhugh; Josef Simonis; Adrian Verdugo.

3.71

Kallin Burgess; Maylie Eby; Jack Foltz; Isaiah Kast.

3.66

Connor Crist; Jorgeluis De Anda-Lopez; Carter Harden; Jeremiah Jones; Kloe Knight; Mason Lewis; Ethan Rolf; Penelope Scott; Jacob Swafford.

3.62

Kole Carlson; Kaden Chen; Conner Flannery; Kallyn Harnack; Catlynn Houlihan; Karlie Howton; McIntosh Orton; Cade Rainwater; Connor Rynearson; David Upwall; Mikel Velazquez; Ramiro Villagomez-Franco.

3.57

Ellyse Martinez.

3.55

Paradise Cochran; Ashlyn Milner; Clara Huner; Lovins, Jazlene Lovins; Lindsay Nelson; Braelyn Prince; Dakota Shorts; Jaiden Young.

3.50

Gage Fine; Adalynn Harder; Lee Harris; Sailor Knight; Luke Mentgen; Jason Nelson; Madison Seavert; Isaac Villagomez-Quijano; Aidan Wheeler.

7th grade

4.00

Marti Anderson; Kierstyn Azure; Aubrey Bisenius; Kylie Brown; Kayle Collman; Ayla Davis; Kaylie Davis; Lillian Dunlap; Dane Fine; Hunter Fuller; Eleanor Gisi; Tyler Hampton; Hazel Hartz; Ella Hayden; Kristina Hayden; Makayla Hibbert; Emree Hutchins;

Lyndie Isaacson; Mason Kimball; Avila McKaig; Austyn Meuser; Sophia Miller; Unity Miller; Bryce Pennington; Natasha Powell; Riley Robinson; Raelee Smith; Addison Snyder; Noah Spence; Carlee Strand; Anne Turner; Evan Zastrow.

3.87

Ava Beaudry; Kane Collins; Jordan Tucker.

3.85

Brett Blanchard; Jayden Gibson; Griffin Gorham; Adysen Perry; Mannix Pomerleau.

3.83

Daniel Barnes; Elijah Cox; Olesya Forbes; Olivia Pennington; Thomas Santoro; Aaron Weaver; Isaac Young.

3.75

Kenai Huff; Chase Koshinsky; Hayden Michael.

3.71

Matt Anderson; Karly Burgess; Abby Henry; Brody Peterson.

3.66

Emma Elithorp; Levi Fenn; Lacie Hearing; Laura Hendrickson; Shanti Ward; Carter Seaquist; Cecilia Villagomez-Edvalson.

3.60

Cameron Cambell.

3.57

Marshall Begin; Korbin Cochran; Carson Cupit; Bethany Petty; Carson Weimer.

3.50

Cheyenne Baldwin; Helaman Garcia; Matthew Hall; Macy Iramk; Mia Korom; Draco Pomerleau; Jordan Trice.

8th grade

4.00

Caden Barrett; Jelonia Briand; Kai Carson; Aviendha Durrant; Lana Emerson; Rees Foggia;

Katherine Greenough; Hallie Grigg; Jonah Harris; Yuliana Karpenok; Ridge Kehr; Jaxson Leonard; Hunter Luke; Griffin McIlmoil; Shea McKinley; Tristan Morris; Alsea Morton; Avery Myer; Isabelle Neer; Heber Olson; Dallin Perry; Kaitlin Polfer; Karlee Polfer; Selinia Riness; Vincent Schneider; Owen Seaquist; Kristina Tanguturi; Carter Tussey; Bryce Wagner; Mason Wolcott.

3.87

Aspyn Wildman.

3.85

Faith Calhoun; Vincent Gentleman; Dylann Justice.

3.83

Dominic Fields; Nakita Martinez.

3.80

Emma Bell.

3.75

Cole Hubble.

3.71

Abigail Jorgensen; Charlie Seimears.

3.66

Rocco Black; Jackson Davidson; Talin Hayden; Chloe Hymphrey; Emma Moody; Logan Parada-Bullcock; Quenten Theiler.

3.60

Kadence Burgess; Kiah Carlson; Cooper Huxoll.

3.57

Jack Muller; Genessa Porras; Rylee Sandland; Makenna Shaw.

3.55

Monson Riley.

3.50

Austyn Bell; Jaxsen Doud; Cain End; Larae Howell; Jennifer Johnson; Ian Kletke; Isaac Murie; Carter Peasley; Diana Robles; Austin Stockhoff; Florecita Villagomez; Maya Wilson; Gavin Winegar.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

FRIDAY

A resident on the 700 block of 20th Street, La Grande, reported a male during the night knocked and pounded on the door and wiggled the door handle, but the caller did not know the person.

La Grande police at 9:40 a.m. received a report of possible animal neglect at 26th Street and Mulholland Drive.

La Grande police shortly before 11 a.m. received a report of a vehicle theft on the 2200 block of Jefferson Avenue.

The Union County Sheriff’s Office at 3:06 p.m. arrested Luke Allen Sauer, 31, of La Grande, on a Linn County warrant for felon in possession of a weapon and two counts of first-degree theft.

La Grande police at about 5:30 p.m. responded to the 1200 block of Y Avenue on a report of juveniles using marijuana. The officer found no illegal drugs.

Oregon State Police arrested Michelle Rene Daniels, 55, of La Grande, for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

La Grande police at about 11 p.m. responded to a report of a vehicle on the railroad tracks at Depot Street and Jefferson Avenue. An officer arrived and arrested Edward Henning, 57, of La Grande, for first-degree trespass and felony methamphetamine possession.

SATURDAY

A caller at 4:28 a.m. reported a burglary in progress at a home on the 400 block of South 20th Street, La Grande. Police checked the house and made sure no one suspicious was inside.

La Grande police at 10:27 a.m. received a report of a dead animal in the road on Monroe Avenue.

A caller at 3:50 p.m. reported a dog chased deer at South Third and West Beakman streets, Union.

La Grande police at 11:47 p.m. took a report of a missing gun from a residence on the 2400 block of Riddle Road.

OBITUARIES

Earl F. Wells

La Grande
1930-2019

Earl F. Wells, 89, of La Grande, died Nov. 29 at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, Idaho. Arrangements are under the direction of Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory. Earl was born May 27, 1930, in Grants Pass. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict in the early 1950s. Earl loved La Grande, being in the mountains, cutting wood, hunting and fishing, and watching TV Westerns in the home he built. Earl worked hard his

whole life in a variety of occupations, including auto sales, trailer design and sales, and property management. There is no doubt that he would have continued working well into his 90s if it were not for the accident that took his life. He was a very independent businessman and employer and helped many of the people who worked for him.

Earl loved his home, family and old friends, and of course his dogs. He was smart as a whip to the last.

Surviving relatives include his daughter and son-in-law; Carla and John Allen; two grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren; second wife, Cheryl Wells; and two sisters.

Richard M. Nieth

La Grande

Richard M. Nieth, 88, of La Grande, died Dec. 14 at his home. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

Robert D. Miller

La Grande

Robert D. Miller, 81, of La Grande, died Dec. 13 at his home. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

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