

COMMUNITY

Meetings

• LA GRANDE — The city of La Grande Landmarks Commission will have a work session at 6 p.m. today, Feb. 20, in Council Chambers at La Grande City Hall, 1000 Adams Ave.

Briefs

RSVP for Cove senior lunch by Feb. 26

COVE — The next senior lunch in Cove will be on March 3 in Founders Hall on the Ascension School grounds. Coffee and tea are available at noon, and the meal begins at 12:15 p.m. The menu will be lasagna, broccoli, French bread and salad bar with coconut cake for dessert. There is a \$5 charge per meal. RSVP by Feb. 26 by calling Imie Bristow at 541-568-4545 or Betsy Amson at 541-568-4902.

Do you care about water in Union County?

LA GRANDE — Anyone interested in Union County's water situation is invited to attend a meeting of the Upper Grande Ronde Place-Based Water group on Wednesday, Feb. 26, from 4-6 p.m. in the Meisner Room at 1001 Fourth St., La Grande. There will be presentations on underground water storage and potential barriers to future water storage. Call 541-963-1001 for more information.

Kids invited to 'Night Out' at the pool

LA GRANDE — Veterans' Memorial Pool is hosting a Kids Night Out at the pool on Friday, Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. Admission is \$10 and includes a hot dog, chips, soda and an ice pop. No pre-registration is required. The pool is on Palmer Avenue in Pioneer Park, La Grande. For more information, call 541-962-1347 or go to www.lagrandeparks.org.

Anthony Lakes hosts ski day for vets and their families

ANTHONY LAKES — Local veterans and their families can ski for free Monday at Anthony Lakes Mountain Resort.

The resort is again teaming up with La Grande's Center for Human Development to hold the annual appreciation day for all veterans of Union and Baker counties. The event runs 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and lift tickets, rental and lessons are free to veterans and their families. A free lunch is provided.

For more information, call the resort at 541-856-3277.

State opens 2021 wildlife art competitions

SALEM — Artists can compete in one or all three of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's 2021 stamp art competitions.

For the Habitat Conservation Stamp Contest, entries must feature an eligible species from the Oregon Conservation Strategy in its natural habitat. For the Upland Game Bird Stamp Contest, entries must feature the spruce grouse in its natural habitat. And for the Waterfowl Stamp Contest, entries must feature the Western Canada goose, surf scoter, cinnamon teal or snow goose in its natural habitat.

Visit dfw.state.or.us and follow the link there to the stamp art competition webpage for contests information and rules.

City says get permits before doing repairs

LA GRANDE — La Grande residents repairing or rebuilding property damaged in the early February flooding must obtain local permits before starting the work.

The La Grande Community Development Department in a news release stated the city participates in the National Flood Insurance Program, which provides eligibility for flood insurance, disaster assistance, state and federal grants and loans, and federal funds to mitigate flood risk for properties within the 100-year floodplain. As such, La Grande's floodplain regulations require permits for any construction or development in a floodplain area, including the repair or reconstruction of structures damaged

by flooding.

The city's planning and building departments must approve the permits before residents can start repairs.

The total cost to repair must reflect the cost for full repair to the pre-damaged condition, even if the owner elects to do less, according to the news release, and the total cost to repair must include the costs of structural and finish materials as well as labor.

In some cases, La Grande's regulations may require substantially damaged structures within the 100-year floodplain to be repaired to flood protection standards to reduce the potential for future flood damage.

For properties within the 100-year floodplain, state and federal assistance may be available to

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property owners to reduce the possibility of future flood damage. Mitigation assistance may cover the costs of relocation, elevation or purchasing flood-damaged structures. In limited circumstances, property owners with flood insurance also may be able to access up to \$30,000 to help protect their structure from future flood damage.

For questions and more information, call Michael Boquist, community development director, at 541-962-1307.

Labor union to help local members with flooding

PENDLETON — Service Employees International Union Local 503 announced it plans to help members who were victims in the recent flooding.

The group's executive

committee voted last week to make financial assistance available to those members. SEIU 503 represents public employees and care providers across Oregon, including 1,500 people in Umatilla County.

Union members may apply for financial assistance up to \$200. Applications can be submitted at Seiu503.org/flood.

SEIU 503 also is directing members who are interested in helping more to donate to the Community Action Program of East Central Oregon.

Wallowa County sheriff faces two challengers

ENTERPRISE — Three local law enforcement officers have thrown their hats in the ring to compete for the post of Wallowa County sheriff.

Incumbent Sheriff Steve

Rogers filed for re-election in September. On Friday, Enterprise Police Chief Joel Fish and Enterprise officer George Kohlhepp also entered the race, according to Wallowa County Clerk Sandy Lathrop.

The three — and anyone else who chooses to file before the March 10 deadline — will face off in a primary race May 19. If no candidate earns more than 50% of the vote, the top two vote-getters compete in the Nov. 3 general election.

If one candidate prevails with more than 50%, that person also must run in November, according to the Oregon Constitution, Lathrop said.

April 28 is the last day to register to vote in the May primary election. Oct. 13 is the registration deadline for the November general election.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

SUNDAY

La Grande police at about 1:10 a.m. responded to a complaint about a loud party on the 2000 block of Adams Avenue, which led to the end of the party.

La Grande police at 9:27 a.m. received a report of domestic violence on the 1200 block of Y Avenue. Officers responded and took a report.

A caller at 10:46 a.m. told La Grande police about a theft from a storage unit on the 2500 block of Cove Avenue. Police took a report.

La Grande police at 1:43 p.m. received a report of possible animal neglect on the 1100 block of Benton Avenue.

A caller at 1:44 p.m. reported

vandalism on the 1300 block of Fifth Street, La Grande.

The La Grande Fire Department responded to 12 calls for medical assistance.

MONDAY

La Grande police at about 3:30 a.m. responded to 26th Street and Q Avenue for a vehicle stuck in the snow. The officer arrested a juvenile for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

A La Grande caller at 8:59 a.m. reported a dog attacked a chicken on the 1300 block of Jackson Avenue.

La Grande police at 3 p.m. received a call about a restraining order violation. An officer responded and took a report

for evidence.

Law enforcement at about 5:30 p.m. responded to a complaint about an intoxicated male on the 1800 block of 26th Street, La Grande. Officers resolved the situation.

La Grande police at about 7 p.m. arrested Steven Michael McBride, 35, of La Grande, for felony methamphetamine possession and violating parole.

A caller in Cove at 7:56 p.m. reported a dog bit someone. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded.

TUESDAY

La Grande police at about 3:10 a.m. responded to the 2300 block of Q Avenue on a report of a domestic disturbance.

Three La Grande teen boys ended up in trouble at about 7 a.m. on the 1100 block of K Avenue.

La Grande police arrested a 17-year-old boy for driving under the influence of intoxicants, reckless driving, five counts of reckless endangering, unauthorized use of a vehicle and minor in possession of alcohol. Police cited two other boys, one 15 and one 19, for minor in possession of alcohol.

A caller at 10:28 a.m. reported two dogs on the loose at the Interstate 84 rest area near milepost 269. Law enforcement was not able to catch the dogs.

A Union County sheriff's

deputy responded to a 2:10 p.m. complaint about vandalism to a vehicle on the 900 block of Gale Street, Union.

La Grande police at 3:18 p.m. received a report of an aggressive dog on the 2600 block of Fourth Street. The animal enforcement officer responded and issued a warning about the dog.

A caller at 8:56 p.m. reported a male harassed females on the 2100 block of Adams Avenue, La Grande. Police responded and talked with the subject of the report.

And La Grande firefighters responded to eight calls for medical assistance on Monday and six on Tuesday.

OBITUARIES

Douglas R. Woodell

La Grande
1958-2020

Douglas Ray Woodell, 61, of La Grande, died Feb. 13 at a local care facility. A graveside service will be held Feb. 24 at 10 a.m. at the Island City Cemetery. Arrangements are entrusted to Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center.

Known as Doug, he was born March 9, 1958, in Burns, to Clifford and Myrna (Bruins) Woodell. He grew up and attended schools in La Grande,

graduating from La Grande High School with the class of 1977.

Doug worked at different occupations, the last being a security guard for various places, including Boise Cascade. When he was younger, he attended the Nazarene Church.

Doug loved trains and building train tracks with his dad. He was artistic and loved entering items in the Union County Fair. He enjoyed using his computer and making friends. He loved his dog, Jenny, and had a great sense of humor.

Surviving relatives include his mother, Myrna Woodell of La Grande; brother, Steven Buck of Portland; and aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Clifford Woodell.

Floyd V. Spaur Jr.

Wallowa
1961-2020

Floyd Vernon Spaur Jr., 58, of Wallowa, died Feb. 5 at his home. A celebration of his life and luncheon will be held 1-3 p.m. Feb. 22 at the Assembly of God Church in Wallowa. Arrangements are under the direction of Bollman Funeral Home in Enterprise.

Floyd was born Aug. 17, 1961, in Silverton, to Floyd Vernon Sr. and Martha Jean (Nelson) Spaur. He married Theresa D. Fenimore.

Floyd enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time outdoors. He also enjoyed reading, history and family time, especially with his grandchildren.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Theresa; sons and daughters-in-law, Randy and Cami of Colton and Jacob and Ashley of Wallowa; daughter and son-in-law, Wendy and Tio Simmons of Wallowa; parents, Floyd and Martha Spaur of Wallowa; sisters and brothers-in-law, Cindi and Leonard Post of Wallowa and Audie and Kyle Powell of Colton; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Jenny Spaur.

Wanda G. (Hays) Doud

La Grande
1926-2020

Wanda G. Doud, 93, of La Grande, died Jan. 22. Arrangements are entrusted to Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center.

Wanda was born March 7, 1926, in Wapato, Washington, to George and Gladys V. (Ostrander)

Hays. On March 11, 1944, she married Glen Doud in Pendleton. They moved to Milton-Freewater in 1948, and in 1955 they moved to Elgin, where Wanda worked for Boise Cascade as a mill worker for eight years.

Wanda was a member of the Elgin Christian Church. When she moved to La Grande in 1996, she became involved in the La Grande First Christian Church. Her husband preceded her in death on Oct. 6, 2005.

Wanda was loved by everyone who knew her. During her last years, living at Wildflower Lodge in La Grande, many of the staff lovingly called her "Grandma." Her favorite hobbies were cooking, especially desserts and candy, and crocheting. She was well known for making special treats for her family and friends, and even in her later years she continued

to create beautiful afghans and other crocheted items for those she loved.

Surviving relatives include one son, two grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to Heart 'n Home Hospice.

Richard I. Churchill

Elgin

Richard I. Churchill, 46, of Elgin, died Feb. 17 at St. Luke's Medical Center in Boise, Idaho. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

Susan Smith

Union

Susan Smith, 73, of Union, died Feb. 15 at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, Idaho. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Halfway.

UPCOMING FUNERALS AND VISITATIONS
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Feb. 21
Harvey Gillworth:

2 p.m. memorial service, Enterprise Church of the Nazarene.

Feb. 22
Mary Damewood:

2 p.m. celebration of life, La Grande First Christian Church.

Feb. 29
Dock Baker:



2 p.m. memorial service, La Grande First Presbyterian Church; followed by reception at Presbyterian Friendship Center.
Justin Bowling:
2 p.m. celebration of life, Grande Ronde Academy, La Grande.

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