

COMMUNITY

Meetings

• LA GRANDE — The city of La Grande's Landmarks Commission will meet for a work session at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27, in the La Grande City Hall Council Chambers, 1000 Adams Ave.

Briefs
Buffalo Peak open house set

UNION — Buffalo Peak Golf Course, 1225 E. Fulton St., Union, will have an open house Saturday, Feb. 29, from noon to 3 p.m. The public is invited to get to know the new management team, take part in a free swing clinic (weather permitting) and participate in raffles for Buffalo Peak merchandise and free rounds of golf and lessons.

Community group seeks to fund services with indoor yard sale

LA GRANDE — Abundant Life Transitional Services, a community service group offering a holistic approach to improve the quality of life for people who are unemployed, underemployed, homeless or living in sub-standard housing, is hosting an indoor yard sale Friday and Saturday, March 6-7, in the Mountain Life Church gym, behind Walmart, Island City. The group is renting space to community members to sell items: \$30 for a 10x10 space, \$45 for 10x20 space. The deadline for renting a space is Wednesday, March 4, at 5 p.m.

All proceeds from space rents go toward a comprehensive study of needs and services in the Grande Ronde Valley and for a day center, life-skills groups and vocational activities. To rent a space or for more information, call 541-786-9498 or email abundantlifetransitional@gmail.com.

Grande Ronde Symphony celebrates 'Sounds of America'

LA GRANDE — The Grande Ronde Symphony Orchestra features works by American composers at its winter concert, "Sounds of America." Maestro Zach Banks in a news release said the program showcases works by American 20th century composers "who have synthesized classical traditions in composition with their own unique musical language." This program's masterwork is Symphony No. 1 by Florence Price, the first African-American woman to have her music performed by a major American orchestra, according to Banks.

"She wrote with a unique and powerful voice that left an indelible influence on American classical music, and we are so excited to share her story." The Grande Ronde Symphony Orchestra's winter concert is Wednesday, March 4, beginning at 7 p.m. in the McKenzie Theatre at Eastern Oregon University, La Grande. Tickets cost \$12 for adults and \$8 for seniors. EOU student tickets are \$2 and students eighth-12th grade are \$1. Admission is free for students below eighth grade.

Tickets are available in advance at Direct Music Source, 1206 Adams Ave., La Grande, or at Betty's Books, 1813 Main St., Baker City or online at granderondesymphony.org. Tickets also will be available the evening of the show at the door.

Meals on Wheels drivers urgently needed

LA GRANDE — Community Connection is in urgent need of volunteers to be Meals on Wheels drivers. For more information, call Sydney Gleeson at 541-93-7532 ext. 1104, or stop by 1504 N. Albany St., La Grande.

DEQ issues emergency order

PENDLETON — The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality issued an emergency order last week to help farmers, ranchers, residents and businesses recover after recent floods caused significant damage to approximately 300 structures in Umatilla, Union and Wallowa counties.

The environmental protection department's order comes alongside Gov. Kate Brown's state of emergency declaration for the same three counties, which cited ongoing public health and safety risks from buildings that sustained damage in the floods.

The order temporarily suspends several environmental rules and fees to expedite the cleanup of flood debris and ensure ongoing protection of people and the environment, the DEQ's news release stated. Specifically, the order:

- Suspends state fees and rules related to residential asbestos project notifications and accumulation of asbestos waste. The order does not suspend rules related to safe disposal of

asbestos waste. Find information about asbestos disposal requirements on DEQ's Asbestos Information webpage.

- Suspends DEQ fees for repairing septic (onsite) systems and suspends fees for establishing temporary solid waste disposal sites. Contact your waste hauler to learn about temporary disposal options in your area.

Find more information about safely repairing homes, buildings and septic systems after floods here: <http://bit.ly/floods-DEQinfo>.

The Department of Environmental Quality also reported the temporary order expires June 1 for the asbestos program and Sept. 1 for solid waste and septic systems.

Tech Expo highlights art, science and extracurricular programs

LA GRANDE — The fourth annual Technology Expo at Eastern Oregon University brings high school students from multiple districts together for a day of hands-on experience with technology.

EOU and Greater Oregon Science/Technology Engineering and Math partner to host this event

Observer staff

Thursday, April 2. Students dig into hardware and software in different academic departments across the campus, gaining skills they might not have access to within their school districts.

"This event encourages students to grow their interests and help them develop their talents as they move past graduation," said Jeff Carman, the director of internet technology at EOU and event coordinator.

University students and faculty collaborate on full technology immersion experiences, showing attendees the importance of technology and how it relates to a variety of career fields. Providing this resource to high school students is another way Eastern expands student access, opportunity and completion, according to a press release.

"We care about education," Carman said. "We feel technology is the future and we want to include any opportunity to help spark these young minds."

The Technology Expo also exposes students to one of Eastern's newest offerings: eSports. This extracurricular club and newly established competitive team showcase the cutting-edge world of competitive

video gaming at a collegiate level.

Students also learn how complex instruments contribute to conducting experiments, how to research and track human performance with digital tools and about digital photography and fabrication technologies that transform images.

This event coincides with a technology career fair hosted by Eastern's Career Center. Additionally, admissions office staff will offer campus tours during one of the sessions for visiting prospective students.

Students can choose from 10 sessions. To sign up visit eou.edu/tech-expo. For more information contact Carman at jcarman@eou.edu.

Noxious weed contractor training scheduled

LA GRANDE — Tri-County Cooperative Weed Management Area's annual noxious weed contractor meeting and training will be held Tuesday, March 3, in La Grande. Licensed herbicide applicators interested in working with government and nonprofit agencies in 2020 may contact Tri-County CWMA at 541-624-5353 or mail@tricitycwma.org.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

FRIDAY

A caller at 7:42 a.m. reported a deer was a road hazard at Buchanan Lane and McAlister Road, La Grande. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded and dispatched the deer.

A caller at 10:41 a.m. reported a theft from a logging site near Starkey. The Union County Sheriff's Office planned follow up.

A Union County sheriff's deputy at about 11:35 a.m. cited a 17-year-old male and a 15-year-old male on misdemeanor charges of second-degree burglary and criminal mischief.

La Grande police at 5:36 p.m. received a call about sexual assault. An officer responded and took a report.

The Union County Sheriff's Office at about 6 p.m. arrested Luke Allen Sauer, 39, on a warrant charging two counts of first-degree theft.

Law enforcement and medics at about 6:40 p.m. responded to the 200 block of North 17th Avenue, Elgin, for an assault.

SATURDAY

La Grande police at about 6:05 a.m. responded to a report of a burglary at the Chevron Foodmart, 1519 Adams Ave.

An Elgin caller at 9:57 a.m. on the 71900 block of Darr Road reported a dog attacked a calf. The animal enforcement officer responded, and the calf required medical treatment at the Animal Health Center, 10302 Wallowa Lake Highway, La Grande.

La Grande police arrested a 15-year-old male on charges of second-degree burglary, second-degree theft, second-degree criminal mischief and minor in possession of tobacco and alcohol.

Law enforcement at about 2:30 p.m. responded to a call about a disturbance at Third Street and D Avenue, La Grande.

A caller at 7:20 p.m. reported a threatening person on the 800 block of 21st Street, La Grande. Police arrived and resolved the situation.

Oregon State Police arrested Everett E. Hancock, 72, of La Grande, for reckless driving and driving under the influence of intoxicants.

La Grande police at about 2:50 p.m. received a report of a disturbance on the 1000 block of X Avenue. Officers determined there were juveniles playing on a trampoline.

SUNDAY

The Union County Sheriff's Office arrested Kevin Kelly Bowes, 55, on warrants out of Idaho charging violating jail release conditions and first-degree stalking.

La Grande police and medics at about 5:50 a.m. responded to Riverside Park on a report of someone attempting self-harm.

A caller at 9:11 a.m. reported vandalism on the 1200 block of Hall Street, La Grande. Police took a report.

La Grande police at about noon arrested Michael Earl Ferguson, 29, of La Grande, for misdemeanor disorderly conduct and felony domestic violence assault.

Horses were on the loose at about 1:35 p.m. on the 65300 block of Hunter Road. Law enforcement responded and returned the horses to their barn.

Emergency agencies at about 2:30 p.m. responded to a fire at Summerville Road and Behrens Lane, Imbler.

A Union County sheriff's deputy at 3:49 p.m. reported a broken railroad crossing arm at Island Avenue and Riddle Road, La Grande.

A caller at 5:09 p.m. reported a TV in the road at Booth Lane and Carter Road, La Grande. A Union County sheriff's deputy removed the TV.

A Union County sheriff's deputy cited three teen males ages 18, 14 and 16, all of Elgin, for minor in possession of marijuana by consumption.

And La Grande firefighters responded to three calls for medical assistance on Sunday, eight on Saturday and seven on Friday.

OBITUARIES

James 'Jim' G. Evers

La Grande
1930-2020

James Godfrey Evers, 90, of La Grande, died



Jan. 27 at his residence. A memorial service will be held at a later time.

Known as Jim, he was born Jan. 3, 1930, in Cheyenne, Wyoming, to Joseph and Frankie (Godfrey) Evers. Jim attended grade school at Fruitdale School in La Grande and graduated from La Grande High School. He married Mary Lou Hamilton.

Jim was self-employed and enjoyed working. He owned Jim's Custom Trenching and Grande Ronde Construction. Jim was a member of the Rusty Wheels Car Club, Shriners, Masonic Lodge and the Elks Lodge. He was also one of the original Blue Mountain Boys.

Surviving relatives in-

clude his son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Cheryl Evers of La Grande, and several grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary, and daughter, Judy Lynn Bowen.

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

Frank E. Thrasher

La Grande

Frank E. Thrasher, 74, of La Grande, died Feb. 15 at his residence. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

Patricia E. Tusten

La Grande

Patricia E. Tusten, 88, of La Grande, died Feb. 21 at her home. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

Douglas A. Ward

La Grande

Douglas Alan Ward, 68,

of La Grande, died Feb. 22 at his residence. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

UPCOMING FUNERALS AND VISITATIONS
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- 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.
- Larry Johnson:** 1 p.m. memorial service, Enterprise Baptist Church.

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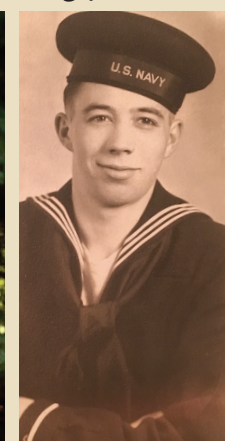
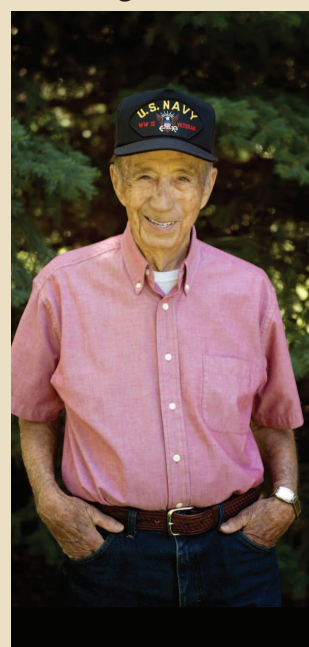
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