

COMMUNITY

Meetings

• LA GRANDE — Blue Mountain Translator District Board of Directors will hold a special meeting and supplemental budget hearing Monday, March 23, at 8:30 a.m. at Brent Clapp Production Studios, 1912 Fourth St., La Grande. The board packet and hearing notice will be available at www.bmtd.org/public-notice.

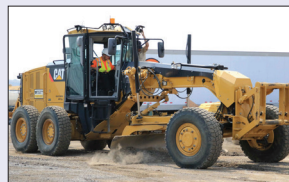
Briefs

Registered participants of gun class guaranteed place in next session

LA GRANDE — In order to comply with current public health mandates, the Union County Sheriff's Office has canceled the April 4 concealed handgun class. Participants who have already signed up will be notified first when the next session is scheduled. Call the UCSO at 541-963-1017 for more information.

Meals on Wheels drivers needed

LA GRANDE — Community Connection is in urgent need of volunteers to be Meals on Wheels drivers. For more information, call Sydney Gleeson at 541-963-532, ext. 1104.



Observer file photo

Students interested in a career in the building trade, including heavy machine operation, may apply for scholarships from Northeast Oregon Home Builders Association, based in Hermiston.

Scholarships available for budding building trade professionals

HERMISTON — The Northeast Oregon Home Builders Association, based in Hermiston, is offering two \$1,500 scholarships to help educate and train individuals in a profession related to the building industry. The scholarship recipients will be selected on the basis of his/her potential to succeed.

Applicants must currently be enrolled as a high school student, as a college student or in a qualified apprenticeship program. The students must be a resident of Umatilla, Morrow, Union, Baker or Wallowa counties and have an interest in or intend to pursue a career in the building trade, such as welding, heating and ventilation, heavy equipment operation, carpentry, electrical, plumbing, concrete, construction management, architecture/engineering (civil, landscaping, structural, etc.). Scholarship application forms are available at www.neohba.com, www.columbiabasinstudenthomes.org, local high school counseling offices and NEOHBA, PO Box 436, Hermiston 97838. The deadline for application is April 15. Contact NEOHBA regarding possible changes.

— Observer staff

Georgia R. (Jacoby) Shank

La Grande 1940-2020

Georgia Rebecca Shank, 79, of La Grande, died March 12 at Grande Ronde Hospital. At her request, there will not be a service.

Georgia was born Nov. 24, 1940, in Baker City, to Ed and Nellie (King) Jacoby. She attended schools in Dayville until the eighth grade. She was married to Perry Shank until his passing.

Georgia didn't know a stranger. She found good in everyone and made friends wherever she was. She loved card games, bingo and Scratch-its.

Surviving relatives include her brothers and spouses, Ed Jr. and Linda Jacoby of Island City and Corky and Thelma Jacoby of Salem; sisters and spouses, Terry and Vern Everidge of La Grande and Susie Larkin of La

Grande; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and nine nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ed and Nellie; husband, Perry; and daughter, Susie Ann Young.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.lovelandfuneral-chapel.com.

Michelle (McCaslin) Addleman

North Powder 1964-2020

Michelle Addleman, 55, of North Powder, died March 15 at home after a brave battle with cancer. A celebration of her life will be held at a later date.

Michelle was born June 2, 1964, in Roseburg, to Loren and Marilyn McCaslin, joining her brother, Mark. She grew up in Milwaukie and gradu-



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ated from Milwaukie High School in 1982. Michelle met Thomas Addleman on a blind date set up by her friends. They were married Sept. 8, 1984.

Michelle worked for the U.S. Post Office delivering mail, rain or shine, for 25 years. She lived in Parkrose, Gresham and North Powder.

Michelle loved all things horses, particularly when it came to breaking and training. This love led her to help create a horse group with those who shared her passion. She also enjoyed gardening, daffodils and tulips, baking (especially with grandchildren) and spending time with her family.

Michelle was a gentle soul who never complained. An Irish Proverb that she cherished hung on a plaque in her home: "Do not resent growing old, many are denied the privilege."

Surviving relatives

include her husband of 35 years, Thomas Addleman; son and daughter-in-law, Hunter and Jessica of Troutdale; daughters, Aubrey Addleman and husband, Ethan Reidy, of Baker City and Kelly Addleman of Baker City; brother and sister-in-law, Mark and Dixie of Portland; four grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews and in-laws.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Loren and Marilyn McCaslin.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital in care of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway 97834.

Online condolences may be shared at www.tamispi-nevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Donna Jean Emmons

Formerly of Wallowa

Donna Jean Emmons, 88, formerly of Wallowa, died March 18 in Medford.

A memorial service will be held this summer. Arrangements by Bollman Funeral Home.

Rodney Payant

Elgin

Rodney Payant, 68, of Elgin, died March 19 at his residence. Arrangements by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory.

Ronald H. Caswell

La Grande

Ronald H. Caswell, 79, of La Grande, died March 18 at Grande Ronde Hospital. Arrangements by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory.

Robert P. Clemens

Formerly of Island City

Robert P. Clemens, 83, formerly of Island City, died March 19 at his residence in Meridian, Idaho. Arrangements by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory.

NEWS BRIEFS

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Government agencies look to help businesses, workers during outbreak

UNION COUNTY — The COVID-19 outbreak has hurt businesses and put some Oregonians in a precarious financial situation, but some relief is on the way.

Sen. Jeff Merkley, D-Oregon, held a conference call with Oregon media on Wednesday morning shortly after voting to pass the Families First Coronavirus Response Act to help deal with what he described as "a complete implosion of the economy."

"This is just having a tremendous impact on the economy," he said.

Among the provisions Merkley highlighted are free testing for COVID-19; funding to strengthen nutrition assistance for low-income mothers, children and seniors; an emergency paid leave program to cover workers taking time off to recover from COVID-19 or be quarantined for it; and funding to states to shore up their unemployment insurance programs and additional funding for Medicaid.

The act follows the \$8.3 billion funding package Congress passed March 6 that went to federal, state and county health departments to increase testing, containment and treatment of the virus and put aside money for when a cure or vaccine is ready.

Two stimulus bills also are in the works that could form a package as large as

\$1 trillion. There are two basic approaches, he said — focusing on direct relief for families and small businesses, or help for corporations that employ large numbers of Americans.

SBA Disaster Loan information for small businesses

LA GRANDE — Small businesses in Oregon soon will be eligible to apply for Economic Injury Disaster loans directly from the federal Small Business Administration.

The Small Business Development Center at Eastern Oregon University, La Grande, in a news release stated it will be available for telephonic and online assistance for those submitting loan applications. Farming operations (except aquaculture), reli-

gious or gambling entities and charitable organizations are eligible to apply. Other private nonprofits may be eligible although the process will take longer.

The website address is disasterloansba.gov. Small Business Administration officials recommend visiting the website often for updates and to see when Oregon becomes officially eligible.

"We have been assured this will be happening quickly," according to the Small Business Development Center. "SBA processes loan applications as they are received and owners are encouraged to apply as quickly as possible."

For more information, email eousbdc@gmail.com. At this time, the center is working remotely.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

WEDNESDAY

9:31 a.m. — A caller on the 1700 block of Adams Avenue, La Grande, asked to speak to an officer about littering.

2:02 p.m. — A North Powder resident asked to speak to an animal enforcement officer about animal cruelty.

2:30 p.m. — A caller on the 260 block of May Lane, La Grande, reported a dog on the loose. The animal enforcement officer did not find the dog.

2:33 p.m. — Law enforcement received a call about a dog on the loose 4 miles north of La Grande. The animal enforcement officer found the dog.

3:31 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of a gun theft on the 1000 block of 22nd Street.

4:41 p.m. — A careless driver

on an all-terrain vehicle in La Grande prompted calls to police. Police did not find the driver.

8:33 p.m. — A loud party on the 1700 block of Y Avenue, La Grande, prompted a call to police. Officers arrived, and the parties agreed to turn down the volume.

THURSDAY

8:49 a.m. — A Union resident on the 200 block of North Main Street reported their rabbit lost.

9:51 a.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a report of cows on the loose at Craig Loop and Dry Creek Lane, Summerville. A deputy did not find cows on the road.

1:02 p.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy responded to a report of a careless driver at Cherry Street and Russell

Avenue, La Grande. The deputy talked to the driver.

4:52 p.m. — La Grande police and emergency services responded to a vehicle crash and report of an injury at 27th Street and Cove Avenue, La Grande.

6:31 p.m. — La Grande police received a call about animal cruelty on the 500 block of Penn Avenue.

8:29 p.m. — Police and emergency services responded to a two-vehicle crash on Island Avenue between Albany Street and the Interstate 84 interchange. One of the vehicles involved was the La Grande Police Department's 2018 Dodge Durango. The other was a 2020 Nissan NV200 passenger van, according to La Grande police. The driver of the Nissan passenger van was uninjured.

The officer in the Durango suffered minor injuries. An ambulance took the officer to Grande Ronde Hospital, La Grande, for treatment.

UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES
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March 20
Jim Withycombe:
2 p.m. viewing, Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande; followed by 2:15 p.m. graveside service at Grandview Cemetery Mausoleum.

March 23
Donna Dickenson
10 a.m. memorial service, Lostine Presbyterian Church; followed by lunch at Enterprise VFW Hall.

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Union County will begin our roadside spray program to control vegetation and noxious weeds that are encroaching on road shoulders and right-of-ways. In most locations, spraying will extend four to eight feet from pavement edges. Property owners who do not want herbicides applied near their property must sign an "Owner Will Maintain" agreement with the county which must be updated annually. The county will provide signs for the owners participating. Property owners wishing to participate can sign up for the "Owner Will Maintain" program at the Union County Public Works Department located at 10513 N. McAlister Road in Island City. Any questions, please call 541-0963-1016

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MENU MARCH 23-27

MONDAY: pork fried rice, Oriental vegetables, egg rolls, mandarin orange salad, fortune cookies.
TUESDAY: cheeseburgers, steak fries, sliced fruit, cookies.
WEDNESDAY: shepherd's pie, salad greens, fresh fruit, cottage cheese, dessert.
THURSDAY: lemon-almond chicken over rice pilaf, steamed vegetables, salad greens, rolls, fresh fruit.
FRIDAY: handcrafted pizza, salad greens, fresh fruit, cookies.

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