

COMMUNITY

Briefs

BlueMountaineers’ concerts silenced

LA GRANDE — The BlueMountaineers’ concert and dance this Saturday at the Union County Senior Center will not take place. The band’s upcoming performances, including April’s end-of-the-month dance, are canceled until further notice.

Red Cross calls for volunteers

LA GRANDE — The American Red Cross is holding a blood drive by appointment only March 31 in La Grande. Although all local appointment times are full, there is a need for volunteers to assist in the blood drive and in other capacities in the region due to the COVID-19 health crisis.

Volunteer opportunities include delivering much-needed services to the community, and there are work-from-home opportunities available. If you are interested, visit www.redcross.org/volunteer/become-a-volunteer.html.

Library suspends all returns

LA GRANDE — Cook Memorial Library in La Grande announced it sealed the book returns Monday. The returns will remain closed until the library reopens.

Patrons are responsible for keeping all library materials safely in their possession at this time, according to the library, which has renewed all materials and will not assess overdue fines until reopening. For updates and more information on the library’s services, go to www.cook-memoriallibrary.org.

VFW Post 4060 spring yard sale canceled

UNION — VFW Post 4060, in Union, announced it will not have its spring yard sale, which typically is held in April. The post also has suspended its weekly bingo games until further notice.

MILESTONE

Willie Myers turns 80



Submitted photo

Willie Myers celebrated her 80th birthday March 25. Her family encourages her friends to call and wish her a happy birthday.

BIRTHS

Grande Ronde Hospital

BAILAS: To Sierra Nicole Groover and Devon O’Neal Bailas, of La Grande, a son, Kaishawn Omari Bailas, 7 pounds 7 ounces, Feb. 24 at 10:41 a.m.

PENNINGTON: To Amy Pennington and Caleb Pennington, of La Grande, a daughter, Kadynce Ann Pennington, 6 pounds 13 ounces, March 10 at 8:03 a.m. Grandparents are Wanda and Jerry Allred, David and Rosa Knabe, Wes Pennington, Jan Fruitts and Jacque Sexton.

STELLINGS: To Jessica L. Stellings and Cain A. Stellings, of La Grande, a son, Enoch Leslee Stellings, 9 pounds 1 ounce, March 3 at 11:21 a.m. Grandparents are Tonia Snider, Arden Snider, Kiela Stellings, Chrissy Wilhelm and Doug Baird.

OBITUARIES

Carl R. Seelhoff

Cove • 1946-2020

Carl Robert Seelhoff, 73, of Cove, died March 16 at Grande Ronde Hospital. A celebration of his life will be held at a later time.



Meridian High School, and married Joanne Boulis in 1964.

Carl’s military service included the U.S. Navy, two tours in Vietnam, and the U.S. Marine Corps. He earned National Defense and Good Conduct ribbons, a Presidential Unit Citation and Vietnam Service and Vietnam Campaign awards.

Carl obtained a degree in political science from Idaho State University and worked at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory. His career continued at AMI Semiconductors, Hughes Aircraft, Lattice Materials, Montana Job Service, Osprey Driftboats and NxEdge.

Carl’s greater calling was serving as a chaplain in Eastern Idaho for 10 years, participating in the Chuck Colson Prison Fellowship ministries, conducting theological studies and discipleship training and serving as pastor of Grace Community Lutheran Church with houses of worship in Cove, Union and Island City, where he faithfully served until his passing.

Carl was a skilled

craftsman and home renovator. He enjoyed fishing, hiking, golf, hunting and politics. He was a fan of the UofM Wolverines and Boston Red Sox and honored the National Anthem.

Carl was a husband, father, brother, grandpa, teacher and friend. He was an outspoken conversationalist and a respectful, fun-loving and intentional person, especially with his grandchildren. He loved his wife, his family, his congregation and his beloved Australian shepherd, Gunny. And, most of all, he loved God.

Carl battled his cancer diagnosis and treatment as a soldier, wearing the full armor of God with Jesus as his commander.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Joanne (Boulis) Seelhoff of Cove; children and their spouses, Kimberly and Kelly Hirling of Pocatello, Idaho, Lisa and Jared Heaslet of Parker, Colorado, Carl Timothy and Mary Seelhoff of Vista, California, and Joshua and Amy Seelhoff of Snohomish, Washington; 11 grandchildren; sisters and spouses, Jeanne and Ron Mosher of Sanford, Michigan, Priscilla Clementson and Don Baxter of Fort Mohave, Arizona, Dianne Seelhoff of Ludington, Michigan, Elizabeth Seelhoff of Midland, Michigan, and Jennifer and Patrick Curry of Freeland, Michigan; brothers, Jesse Meissner of Essexville, Michigan, and Larry Meissner and wife, Amy, of Midland, Michigan; stepmother, Judy Getgood of Freeland, Michigan; aunt, Lenore Westrate of Hart, Mich-

UPCOMING
LOCAL SERVICES

LOVELAND
FUNERAL CHAPEL AND CREMATORY

**April 3
Loren Fihn**
5 p.m. burial of remains, Island City Cemetery; followed by reception dinner.

**April 18
Linda Johnston**
1 p.m. celebration of life and potluck, Elgin Community Center.

igan; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his in-laws, Glen and Libby Boulis, Ron Boulis, and Joyce (Boulis) Sinclair and Bob Sinclair.

Memorial contributions may be made to any veterans organization or cancer research charity.

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

Caroline ‘Carrie’ Hall

La Grande

Caroline “Carrie” Hall, 83, of La Grande, died March 23 at her residence. Arrangements by Gray’s West & Co. Pioneer Chapel in Baker City. To light a candle in memory of Carrie or to leave a condolence for the family, visit www.gray-swestco.com.

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UCSO deputy graduates from basic training

Observer staff

SALEM — Union County deputy sheriff Kyle Witty was among the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training’s 395th Basic Police Class that graduated Feb. 14 at the Oregon Public Safety Academy in

Salem.

The Basic Police Class is a 16-week course that includes training in survival skills, firearms, emergency vehicle operations, ethics and dozens of other subjects.

The Department of Public Safety Standards

and Training operates the academy, which spans more than 235 acres in Salem.

The academy has received national recognition for its innovative training programs and active stakeholder involvement.

LHS students earn place on honor roll

Observer staff

LA GRANDE — La Grande High School released the following list of students who earned a place on the honor roll for the first semester of the 2019-2020 academic year. These students earned a GPA of 3.50 or higher while enrolled in five or more graded high school level classes.

SENIORS

4.00: Zoe Adamson, Lindsay Adkins, Maria Capra, Molly Chadwick, Julie Chandler, Nickolas DuVernay, Jaiden Hafer, Corinne Hines, Sadie Horn, Felicity Houston, Jacie Howton, Brooklyn Hutchins, Lara Insko, Kristal Jensen, Tyler Leigh, Lian Moy, Keith Oswald, Lillian Parker-Halstead, Katie Perry, Ashley Rasmussen, Kailar Rasmussen, Nathan Reed, Riana Scott, Jayce Seavert, Blaine Shaw, Savannah Shorts, Gabriel Shukle, James Thurman, Clara Twehues, Brixtin Walker.

3.50-3.99: McKinzie Beaudry, Taylor Begin, Brinley Berry, Westin Blake, Josie Bornstedt, Levy Brembach, Alexandra Brock, Carolyn Castro, Alexyss Chamberlain, Joseph Davidson, Sarah Durfee, Aubrey Fields, Timothy Fite-Thomas, Justin Frederick, Cruz Gallegos, Spencer Gerst, Austin Guze, Jameson Halsey, Portia Hayden, Mattie Hendrickson, Stanley Hurd, Justin Jenner, Rachael Keniry, Christopher Kirby, Alexander Larvik, Hendrik Luik, Sophia Madsen, Cooper Markham, Kaleb Myer, Audrianna Neustel, Michael O’Rourke, Logan Paustian, Trevor Powers, Margaret Riley, Brittany Robles, Raul Robles, Joel Rogers, Tine Roggemans, Kimberly Safell, Alyssa Schelin, Jacie Shaffer, Maia Vandervugt, Victoria Vechtel, Aspyrn Wallendar, Zachary Wiggins, Karsen Williams, Kenzie Williams, Joshua Zollman.

3.00-3.49: Jacob Adams, Sofie Baungsgaard, Tori Bowen, Aimee Bundy, Isaak Carson, Hailey Dehart, Derek Edward, Tristan Eggert, Henry Fager, Dawson Gaertner, Sophia Gonzalez, Seth Hargett, Kiara Hayes-Smith, Dahlia Hedges, Umed Ibodullov, Aaron Isaacson, Brody Kincade, Elianna Knox, Ryan Lauer, Eli Leavitt, Renna Martinez, Mason Mellinger, Jacob Miller, Mia Moschkau, Josie Reagan, Parker Robinson,

Katie Rolf, Craig Romine, Isaac Seggerman, Cameron Snider, Maylen Tommy, Chelsea Williamson, Camyrn Willson, Sarah Witten.

JUNIORS

4.00: Alisha Acireno, Joe Barnes, Katie Brown, Camryn Collman, Angela Conklin, Wynn Hansen, Amber Kirby, Taryn Miller, Lacey Pratt, Lauran Rinker, Hayden Robinson, Jayden Wiggins.

3.50-3.99: Cecelia Aguilera, Sivaleela Andrew, Jenna Ault, Sophie Bell, Braxton Bisenius, Gage Brogotti, Colm Cahill, Terence Clay, Trinity Crandall, Lauren Davis, Anton Evans, Tate Flagg, Reese Gilbert, Bella Gulzow, Madison Hanson, Ian Hart, Jadon Martinez, Sierra Meuser, Jasmin Miramontes, Jordan Null, McKaylee Orton, Emma Perry, Grace Perry, Makenzie Polfer, Adrian Reagan, Adam Remily, Danika Rogers, Kanyapat Saisuk, Brenna Strand, Koltan Wood.

3.00-3.49: Ryan Andrews, Claire Babcock, Raechel Blackman, Brenna Bushman, Emma Cain, Payton Cooper, Callum Ebel, Marissa Eugenio, Jaylee Flannery, Anna Green, Riley Gregg, Tianna Hayes-Smith, Josie Higgins, Brodrick Hood, Devin Ingram, Isaac Insko, Presley Justice, Alexander Kehr, Jacqueline Martini, Tristan McCarthy, Issac McKern, Cristian Mendoza, Riley Miller, Alanna Mowery, Olivia Myers, Delaney Pointer, Kaden Ridley, Daniel Rogers, Jackson Seydel, William Sharpe, Garrett Street, Kaia Troutman, Starra Ullman, Elizabeth Zamora.

SOPHOMORES

4.00: Devin Bell, Megan Carpenter, Braden Carson, Raegan Hanna, Jarom Huntsman, Cole Jorgensen, Madelyn Kimball, Isabelle Kump, Zachary McKnight, Carter Perry, Marie Smith, Aiden Stanton, Lucy Theiler, Luis Torres, Emily Wilson, Emily Young.

3.50-3.99: William Baldwin, Haylee Bell, Nicholas Bornstedt, McKenzie Brogotti, Bethany Brock, Anelalani Castro, Ronan Cleveland, Sydney Cox, Atziri Enriquez, Makenzie Evans, Annabelle Fager, Morgan Fields, Yasmine Feeley, Isabelle Hadley, Julian Harris, Braden Henry, Brady Hutchins, Anna Kreutz, Reagan Kruse, Kristopher Lim, Alexys McCall, Kaiya Mesubed,

Jillian Morris, Grace Neer, Isabel Rivas, Luke Sampson, Lucas Young.

3.00-3.49: Kinsley Appleton, Kinzy Bowen, Ian Califf, Cristian Escamilla Ramirez, Ryley Howard, Maxon Huxoll, Amelia Hyde, Hunter Jorgensen, Julia Kehr, Heidi Moran, Tessa Reagan, Cora Rieke, Tristen Shepherd, Corban Sexton, Celeste Villagomez Edvalson, Cosandra Voltaire, Erin Wallace, Bethani Weaver, Nicole Zollman.

FRESHMEN

4.00: Allison Aguilera, Gladys Alf Rippee, Corbin Berry, Elijah Bisenius, Quinlan Bohannon, Brianna Brown, Kaylee Carpenter, Nora Crews, Addison Dunlap, Weston Durfee, Phelan Franklin, Hanna Hampton, Kaylee Hibert, Brielle Hood, Carlee Jensen, Marissa Lane, Collette Larvik, Keira Martinez, Haylee McCall, Noah McIlmoil, Braeden Morgan, Alyssa Moy, Caleb Murie, Liam Murphy, Arianah Myer, Johanna Null, Landon Perry, Jocelyn Reagan, John Remily, Conner Riggs, Owen Rinker, Jace Schow, Brayden Sudbrock, Jack Sunderman, Logan Williams, Carlee Willson.

3.50-3.99: Joslyn Abrams, Jarett Armstrong, Rogan Black, Ross Boebel, Joslyn Cooper, Thomas Conklin, Joscelin Hafer, Sonora Hancel, Ahna Heideman, Tristen Hickey, Kaeah Hines, Chaz Howard, Rylie Huddleston, Jared Isaacson, Paden Jeffries, Ellery Johnson, Brendan Lundell, Gage Mathson, Dima McCarthy, Lachlan Miller, Armando Morales-Goodnight, Brooke Ogaard, Sophia Petty, Cole Shafer, Julia Sipe, Arlo Vandervlugt, Kelly Wright, Gabriel Zamora.

3.00-3.49: Kacie Cadwell, Joshua Collins, Gwennyth Cooper, Kaden Crites, Jesus Escamilla, Emilie Flannery, Zoey Ford, Elijah Francis, Delia Gulzow, Aubrey Hall, Carson Hendrickson, Amy Hernandez, Issac Hubble, Ryan Jones, Amylia Kelllogg, Alyssa Mulryan, Kaden Nelson, Hailey Pedro, Brysen Penaloza, Chase Pennington, Samantha Perry, Jacob Preator, Alexis Ross, Morgan Rynearson, Maria Sanchez, Chloe Schlaht, Lane Scott, Makenna Shorts, Stewart Siders, Leeannette Torres, Shaireena Ward, Rylee Weimer, Luca Willins.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

MONDAY

8:05 a.m. — La Grande police received a report of a burglary at Farmers Insurance, 1430 Washington Ave.

8:47 a.m. — A La Grande resident on the 600 block of C Avenue asked about what to do with a skunk in a trap. An animal enforcement officer responded to assist.

11:44 a.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about identity theft. An officer took a report.

12:20 p.m. — A caller reported possible animal neglect on the 1900 block of Jupiter Way, La Grande.

2:14 p.m. — A caller reported a person was causing a traffic hazard on the 11300 block of Island Avenue, Island City. A Union County sheriff’s deputy did not find the person.

5:32 p.m. — A La Grande resident reported receiving a harassing email. An officer talked to the person.

7:34 p.m. — The La Grande Fire Department responded to a fire on the 1400 block of Madison Avenue.

8:10 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of a gun theft on the 2900 block of Third Street.

8:33 p.m. — A caller reported possible gunshots at May Lane and Spruce Street, La Grande. A Union County

sheriff’s deputy checked the area but did not find anything suspicious.

9:16 p.m. — Law enforcement received a report of a gunshot on the 2400 block of R Avenue, La Grande. An officer checked the area and found nothing.

TUESDAY

3:34 a.m. — La Grande police cited two 15-year-old girls for unlawful possession of marijuana and cited another for minor in possession of alcohol and tobacco.

7:08 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 400 block of Washington Avenue on a report of a possible burglary.

8:24 a.m. — La Grande police took a report for vandalism on the 2000 block of Fourth Street.

11:30 a.m. — A caller reported a dog chased a man in a wheelchair at Third and F streets, North Powder. An animal enforcement officer responded and warned the dog’s owner.

12:13 p.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about harassment and littering on the 1100 block of Benton Avenue.

An officer arrived and talked to the people involved.

3:39 p.m. — A La Grande resident on the 200 block of Polk Avenue reported a burglary. Police took a report.

5:14 p.m. — A caller on the 1300 block of X Avenue, La Grande, reported vandalism.

5:36 p.m. — Police responded to a call about a fight on the 1900 block of H Avenue, La Grande. Officers resolved the situation.

7:29 p.m. — A Summerville caller reported two dogs on the 200 block of Highland Street were chasing horses.

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