

Cook Memorial Library hosts virtual summer reading programs

By Sabrina Thompson
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LA GRANDE — La Grande’s Cook Memorial Library has created three summer reading programs to reach children, teens and adults. The programs last until Aug. 14 and are open to anyone, regardless of whether or not they have a library card.

This year’s reading program theme is “Imagine Your Story,” and works by logging into Beanstack to track reading time, complete badges and write book reviews. For each of these activities, readers can redeem points for weekly raffles for prizes and gift certificates.

Children

The children’s summer reading program is for youth up to age 12. Activities include nature walks and establishing a family book club, which provides the opportunity to join other families throughout La Grande in reading the same books and connecting children to each other even when they cannot connect in person. The program focuses not just on reading.

“I’ve also included several activities to get families outside together,” Carrie Bushman, children’s services coordinator, said.

La Grande resident



Photo contributed by Julie Carpenter

Sisters Londyn, 9, Megan, 16 and Elizabeth Carpenter, 12, are participating in La Grande’s Cook Memorial Library’s summer reading program.

Julie Carpenter’s four daughters are participating in the summer reading program.

“We love to read and it’s a great summer activity for them to keep them reading. They enjoy the incentive of prizes too,” Carpenter said. “It’s a good matched program for their ages.”

Teens

For ages 13-18, the teen summer reading program offers a variety of activities. A Teen Bingo Challenge provides them with activities while giving a sense of a challenge.

“We also eliminated program completion requirements, so that people can simply participate, read, and enjoy their

summer break,” Celine Vandervlugt, teen services coordinator, said. Teens also can create their own zine and participate in a virtual book club.

Adults

The adult reading program is for anyone over the age of 18 and encourages exploration, creativity and relaxation. The adult program offers suggestions for activities beyond reading. This includes redesigning book covers, writing reviews and nature walks.

“A program for adults is important to encourage people to take time for their own creative expression and reading for enjoyment,” said Rose Peacock, adult services coordinator.

OBITUARIES

Elna J. (Welsh) Hendricks

1930-2020 • La Grande

Elna Jeanette Hendricks, 90, of La Grande and formerly a longtime resident of Elgin, died June 22 at her home. A viewing is planned for July 2 from 6-7:30 p.m. at Loveland Funeral Chapel.



Masks are required, and no more than five people at a time will be permitted in the chapel. A graveside service will begin at 10 a.m. July 3 at the Summerville Cemetery. Social distancing and masks are strongly encouraged.

Elna was born June 16, 1930, in Rockport, Utah, to David Hartwell and Amanda Tilley (Larson) Welsh. During her life she lived in Coalville, Peoa and Provo, Utah, and in Spray, Elgin and La Grande. She graduated from South Summit High School in Kamas, Utah, in 1948.

On Aug. 22, 1950, Elna married Donald Ray Hendricks at the LDS Temple in Logan, Utah. The couple settled in Elgin where Don became the shop teacher at Elgin High School. They had five children: Craig, Gary, Debbie, Dave and Karyl.

Elna was well known in the Elgin community as an employee of Elgin Hardware and later as the longtime librarian at the Elgin City Library, where she advocated for literacy, promoted children’s literature and connected the library with the state interlibrary system. She also was known for her magnificent bread baking and for knitting white baby sweaters for family, friends and neighbors.

A lifelong member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Elna served many years at the Elgin LDS church as Primary president and Relief Society president and was involved in indexing and digitizing family history records. In addition to family history, Elna enjoyed sewing, quilting and ceramics, and she was an avid reader. She was a charter member of the Elgin Museum and Historical

Society, for which she loved volunteering.

In 2005, Elna moved to La Grande. She was diagnosed with inoperable and terminal cancer on her 90th birthday and succumbed to the disease just six days later.

Surviving relatives include her children and their spouses, Craig and Charlene Hendricks of Philomath, Gary and Cathy Hendricks of Kennewick, Washington, Debbie Waite of Centerville, Utah, Dave and Eileen Hendricks of Boardman, and Karyl and Ted Kramer of La Grande; brothers and sisters-in-law, Stanley and Stella of Orem, Utah, and Richard and Artie of Anchorage, Alaska; and 11 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Don; brothers, Dave, Don and Floyd; son-in-law, Reed Waite; and her parents.

Condolences may be made to the family at www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com.

Dorothy ‘Dottie’ B. (Hughart) Pope

1930-2020 • Elgin

Dorothy Boughton Pope, 90, of Elgin, died June 10 at her daughter’s home in Elgin. At her request, there will not be a service.



Known as Dottie, she was born Jan. 11, 1930, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to Waldo and Mary (Smith) Hughart. She resided in Traverse City, Michigan; Fairbanks, Alaska; Boston, Massachusetts; and Portland and Elgin. She graduated from Traverse City High School in 1947, then attended college for two years in Fairbanks. She married Richard S. Pope, and they later divorced.

Dottie was employed with OHSU as a medical records tech tumor registrar. She enjoyed watercolor painting, rug hooking and gardening.

Surviving relatives include her children, Gail Pope of Elgin and Richard W. Pope and his wife, Gillian, of Gladstone; brother and sister-in-law, Wally and Mary Hughart of Moody, Alabama; one grand-

Upcoming local services



June 27 — EUNICE SKILLINGS: 11 a.m. funeral, Bramlett Cemetery, Wallowa; 1 p.m. potluck, Wallowa Lions Park.

June 30 & July 1 — GLORIA HAASL: 9 a.m.-noon visitation, June 30, Bollman Funeral Home; 10:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial, July 1, St. Katherine Catholic Church, with vault interment at Enterprise Cemetery.

July 2 & 3 — ELNA HENDRICKS: 6-7:30 p.m. viewing, July 2, Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande; 10 a.m. graveside service, July 3, Summerville Cemetery.

July 25 — ALICE GIPSON: 2 p.m. celebration of life; Ascension School, Cove.

— Calendar
courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande

child; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Waldo and Mary Hughart, and sisters, Elizabeth Naab and Helen Pratt.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Heart n’ Home Hospice, 2104 Cove Ave., Suite A, La Grande 97850, or the Elgin Food Bank, 850 N. Alder, Elgin 97827.

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Gloria C. Haasl

Enterprise

Gloria C. Haasl, 80, of Enterprise, died June 22. Visitation will be June 30 from 9 a.m. to noon at Bollman Funeral Home, limited to five people at a time. A Mass of Christian Burial will be July 1 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Katherine Catholic Church with vault interment at the Enterprise Cemetery. Arrangements are by Bollman Funeral Home.

Reggie Gipson’s ‘virtual’ 99th birthday party

Reggie Gipson of Union was born June 27, 1921. To celebrate his 99th birthday, his family is having a “virtual” birthday party. Friends who are in the area on Saturday are encouraged to drive by his home at 57958 Godley Road in Union and wave to Reggie. Birthday wishes also may be sent through Wythel Gipson’s Facebook page.



UNION COUNTY KIDS SUMMER FREE GRAB & GO LUNCH MENU

Pickup is 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Riveria Activity Center, 2609 Second St., La Grande.

Free for age 1-18; all others, \$4.

JUNE 29-30

Monday: sloppy Joe sliders, tater tots, fresh veggies, fresh fruit, Jell-O.

Tuesday: chicken pot pie, cottage cheese, fresh fruit, veggie sticks, dessert.

UNION COUNTY SENIOR CENTER TAKEOUT LUNCH MENU

Pickup is 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at 1504 N. Albany St., La Grande. For delivery, call 541-963-7532 before 10 a.m. Age 60+, \$3 suggested donation; all others, \$5.

JUNE 29-30

Monday: pork fried rice, sweet and sour pork, egg rolls, oriental salad, fortune cookies.

Tuesday: sausages, breakfast casserole, fresh fruit, muffins.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

WEDNESDAY

7:46 a.m. — Law enforcement responded to the 20 block of Highway 204, Elgin, for a possible assault or threat, but any suspects were gone before officers arrived.

12:51 p.m. — A La Grande caller on the 300 block of K Avenue reported vandalism. An officer contacted the caller and arranged for extra patrols through the neighborhood.

3:20 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff’s Office received a report of a dog bite victim on the 62300 block of Leffel Road, La Grande. A deputy took a report.

4:23 p.m. — A caller reported a cow on the road at Hunter Road and Standley Lane, La Grande.

6:46 p.m. — A La Grande officer responded to the 60200 block of Foothill Road to remove an abandoned bicycle from the road.

9:20 p.m. — A caller reported a suspicious male on the 2000 block of Adams Avenue, La Grande, but no one suspicious was there when police arrived. The situation repeated at about 10:30 p.m. on the 1700 block of Adams Avenue.

10:35 p.m. — A caller reported property damage on the 2400 block of Riddle Road, La Grande. A Union County sheriff’s deputy responded and took a report.

THURSDAY

8:01 a.m. — A Union County sheriff’s deputy responded to the 11200 block of Keltz Lane, La Grande, to help with a horse stuck in a fence.

12:43 p.m. — La Grande police received a complaint of a motorhome causing a traffic hazard at Walnut Street and U Avenue. Police previously warned the owner to move the vehicle within 48 hours.

4:01 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff’s Office received a report of property damage on the 69000 block of Merritt Lane, Elgin. A deputy will follow up.

5:48 p.m. — A caller reported an unattended child on the 800 block of North 15th Avenue, Elgin. A deputy responded, and the sheriff’s office contacted child welfare services.

8:35 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1100 block of Jefferson Avenue for a person causing a scene. The person was gone before police arrived.

9:21 p.m. — Another night,

another complaint about people setting off fireworks, this time in the area of Second Street and Y Avenue, La Grande.

10:58 p.m. — A caller reported vandalism on the 800 block of Spring Avenue, La Grande. An officer took a report.

11:21 p.m. — A caller reported seeing a cougar near Fruitdale Lane and Hunter Road, Island City. A Union County sheriff’s deputy responded but did not spot a cougar.

11:28 p.m. — A La Grande caller reported a possible sex crime.

The Observer

will not be publishing a newspaper on Saturday, July 4th.

Our office will be **closed on Friday, July 3rd** in observance of Independence Day.

We are very grateful for the love, compassion and condolences extended to us by so many caring individuals during our time of loss. We appreciate all the staff at GRH, especially Dr. Brynes in the ER. We were treated with great respect and gentleness by Lowell Knopp. All of the cards, gifts and delicious food have lifted our spirits and blessed us tremendously during this time of sorrow.

With love & appreciation, The Family of **Betty Morse**

Please visit our online open house to learn about sidewalk curb ramp upgrades starting this summer in Union County communities

We will be upgrading sidewalk curb ramps along state highways in the communities of La Grande, Island City, Imbler, Elgin and Cove. The work along sections of OR 82, U.S. 30, OR 237 and OR 204 is needed to improve safety and bring the sidewalks up to current Americans with Disability Act standards. Work is expected to start late summer in some areas, with all work completed by the end of next year. During construction, impacted sidewalk ramps will be closed with ADA accessible pedestrian detours identified around the worksites. Our goal is to work on only one ramp at a time per corner to limit the pedestrian impacts as much as possible.

To find out more and to provide your feedback, visit our online open house between June 24th and July 22, 2020 at...

<http://openhouse.oregondot.org/union-county-curb-ramps>

We greatly appreciate your feedback and comments about this project. Questions can be directed to ODOT Project Leader Bryan Strasser 541-823-4039, or by email at Bryan.e.strasser@odot.state.or.us.

Information can be made available in alternative formats upon request. Please call Bryan Strasser (contact info above) or the statewide relay at 7-1-1. ODOT is an Equal Opportunity Affirmative Action employer and does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission or access to our programs, services, activities, hiring and employment practices.

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