

COMMUNITY

Meetings

• LA GRANDE — The city of La Grande’s Urban Renewal Advisory Commission will meet for a work session Tuesday, July 7, at 6 p.m. The meeting will be held by electronic communication. The public may view the work session on Facebook Live at www.facebook.com/City-ofLaGrande. The agenda includes training and discussion on the role of the commission, the responsibilities of the commissioners and the Call for Projects joint meeting process.

• LA GRANDE — The Blue Mountain Translator District’s board of directors will meet Tuesday, July 7, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting is open to the public and will be accessible via phone (dial 253-215-8782 and use meeting ID: 82983285808). The meeting also will be streamed online at www.bmtd.org/now and is tentatively scheduled to be broadcast on Channel 16-4. Meeting materials will be posted online prior to the meeting at www.bmtd.org/public-notice.

• LA GRANDE — The board of directors of the La Grande School District will convene for a regular board meeting on Wednesday, July 8, at 7 p.m. The meeting will be available online (<https://meet.google.com/pyy-hrxt-zsk>) and by phone (dial +1 218-288-2384 and use PIN: 957 549 680#). Blue Mountain Translator District will also be broadcasting and can be accessed at www.bmtd.org. The meeting will include the election of officers for 2020-2021 and an executive session, pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(f), to consider records exempt by law from public inspection, and ORS 192.660 (2)(a), to consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent.

Briefs

Minstrel Hank and mustang Norm entertain at Oregon Trail center

BAKER CITY — The National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center in Baker City will be celebrating the pioneer spirit with two special guests this holiday weekend.

Wandering Minstrel Hank Cramer will share the history of the overland emigrants, miners and settlers through music and stories in the amphitheater at 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. daily Friday through Sunday, and also at a special Independence Day after hours performance at 6 p.m. Saturday.

American mustang Norm will be greeting visitors and posing for photos in the wagon encampment area at 2 p.m. Saturday. Norm’s owner, Deb Henshaw, will answer questions about Norm’s personal history and the Bureau of Land Management’s wild horse adoption program.

While visiting, the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center strongly encourages visitors to follow CDC public health guidance to help reduce the spread of the coronavirus. Center hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The site’s 4.2 miles of developed trails are open seven days a week. The center is about 5 miles east of Baker City and accessible by taking Exit 302 from Interstate 84 onto Oregon Highway 86.

OHA holds virtual convention July 4-11

MEDFORD — The Oregon Hunters Association will hold its 2020 State Convention online July 4-11. The annual event scheduled for July 11 at Seven Feathers Casino was canceled due to coronavirus restrictions.

An online auction will open July 4 at <https://stateoha.cbo.io> and run through July 11, while raffles will be offered at that venue and are also on sale now at the OHA online store at <https://oregonhunters.org/store>.

For more information, call the OHA State Office at 541-772-7313

MILESTONES

Anne Rodriguez — 75th birthday

Anne Rodriguez of La Grande was born July 6, 1945. She was raised in La Grande and helped her parents, Angel and Ada Met-sopulos, run Angel Grocery on Fir Street.

Anne became a teacher and taught different classes in her 30-plus years of

teaching in Umatilla and Union counties. While teaching in Umatilla Country she met the love of her life. Together they have built their home in La Grande.

Now retired, she is doing the thing she loves: helping people in her community.



Lenny Morse — 97th birthday

Leonard “Lenny” Vernon Morse of La Grande was born July 4, 1923, in Portland. He plans to celebrate his 97th birthday by having a picnic with



his family. Lenny said the best thing about being 97 is that he still is up and about. He also enjoys that the whole nation celebrates his birthday.



HONORS

Union High School graduates honored with scholarships and awards

UNION — The following awards were earned by the 2020 graduates of Union High School:

Ashlyn Baxter: Faculty Awards – Citizenship, Chemistry
Bobcat Foundation General Scholarship
Bobcat Foundation Alumni Scholarship
Bobcat Foundation Barbara Briggs Education Scholarship
Jaimee Baxter: Faculty Awards – Chemistry, FFA
Bobcat Foundation General Scholarship
Bobcat Foundation Alumni Scholarship
Bobcat Foundation Velma June Hagy Beck Scholarship
Hannah Bello: Faculty Awards – English, Fine Art
Bobcat Foundation General Scholarship
Jaxon Blackburn: Faculty Awards – Leadership, Mathematics, Science
Bobcat Foundation General

Scholarship
Bobcat Foundation Robert R. & Vera L. Miller Business Scholarship
Union High School Outstanding Male Athlete Award
Kylie Bruce: Faculty Awards – Honor, Leadership, Science, Speech, Fine Art, Ag Leadership & FFA
Bobcat Foundation General Scholarship
Bobcat Foundation Alumni Scholarship
Bobcat Foundation Don & Maggie Stewart Ag/FFA Scholarship
Hunter Coon: Faculty Awards – Spirit, Social Studies
Bobcat Foundation Al & Eldie Peters Lions Club Community Service Scholarship
Bobcat Foundation Crystal & Jake Marks Memorial Scholarship
Union Lions Club Scholarship
Autumn Daggett: Faculty Award – Activities
Bobcat Foundation General Scholarship

Cameron Dillman: Faculty Award – English
Emilee Freeman: Faculty Awards – Service, Science, Chemistry, Social Studies
Bobcat Foundation General Scholarship
Bobcat Foundation Crystal & Jake Marks Memorial Scholarship
Ford Family Foundation Scholarship
EOU Kirby Davis Scholarship
Anthony Goodwater: Faculty Awards – Service, FFA & Shop
Bobcat Foundation General Scholarship
VFW High Valley Post 4060 Auxiliary Scholarship
Levi Hammond: Faculty Award – Shop
Rory Hill: Faculty Awards – Merit, Science, Chemistry, Writing
Bobcat Foundation General Scholarship
Bobcat Foundation Doug Squire Outstanding Science Student Scholarship
Zac Johnston: Faculty Awards –

Honor, Mathematics, Spanish, Science, Chemistry, Writing
Bobcat Foundation Helen Merritt Sheehy Top Scholar 2-year Scholarship
Bobcat Foundation Bill Phillips Outstanding Math Student Scholarship
VFW High Valley Post 4060 Scholarship
Brianna Kohr: Faculty Awards – Activities, FFA
Bobcat Foundation Alumni Scholarship
Bobcat Foundation Crystal & Jake Marks Memorial Scholarship
Bobcat Foundation Al & Eldie Peters Lions Club Community Service Scholarship
Union Lions Club Scholarship
UEA Scholarship
Union High School Outstanding Female Athlete Award
Darwood Memorial Outstanding Athlete Award
Jacie Kromwall: Bobcat Foundation David Opperman Music

Scholarship
Andrew Lackey: Faculty Awards – Merit, Science, Chemistry
Bobcat Foundation General Scholarship
Grande Ronde Valley Masonic Lodge #56 Scholarship
Griffin Nash: Faculty Award – Science
KC Kunkle Award Scholarship
Shane Ritter: Faculty Award – Shop
Aubrey Sellick: Faculty Awards – Literary Analysis, Fine Art
Bobcat Foundation General Scholarship
EOU Art Award Scholarship
Clancy Short: Faculty Award – Shop
Alex Tapia: Faculty Awards – Spirit, Social Studies
Bobcat Foundation General Scholarship
Cole Tobin: Faculty Awards – Citizenship, Shop
Bobcat Foundation General Scholarship, Bobcat Foundation Carl Hawkins Ag Scholarship

BIRTHS

GRANDE RONDE HOSPITAL

BANYARD: To Kelly Rae Heitz and Kyle Everett Banyard, of La Grande, a son, Keaton Ray-Lee Banyard, June 10 at 3:28 p.m. Grandparents are Rocky and Tracie Banyard, Andrew Kendall, Alaina Stockhoff, and Kay Heitz.

BUZBEE: To Kirstin Ellen Gilliland and Ian Andrew Buzbee, of La Grande, a daughter, Allie Lynn Buzbee, June 8 at 7:26 p.m. Grandparents are Jon Gilliland and Maggie Buzbee.

CALLAHAM: To Tamara Callaham and Christopher Callaham, of La Grande, a son, Apollo Reid Callaham, June 23 at 8:48 a.m.

CHAVEZ: To Shining Star Danielle R. Chavez and Blue Boy Louis Chavez, of La Grande, a son, Korben Blue Louis Chavez, June 13 at 11:39 p.m. Grandparents are Paul Reinhard, Victoria Reinhard, Daniel Louis Chavez, Elaine Louise Chavez, Vicky Weatherby and Jerry Weatherby.

COLLINS: To Savanna Rae Guggenmos and Brian Lee Collins, of La Grande, a son, Jaxon Collins, June 22.

ENRIQUEZ: To Marcy K. Spry and Guadalupe Enriquez, of La Grande,

a daughter, Ahmiyah Molly Ruth L. Enriquez, June 11 at 12:43 p.m. Grandparents are Larry McClune, Eva McClune, and Joann Enriquez.

KONOPACKY: To Audra Hoadley and Deaven Konopacky, of La Grande, a son, Travis Allen Konopacky, June 16 at 7:22 p.m.

MARTIN: To Kelli Nicole Martin and Brandon Vincent Martin, of La Grande, a daughter, Vivian Rose Martin, June 2 at 10:14 p.m.

RHEINECKER: To Dominique Rheinecker and Paul Rheinecker, of Cove, a daughter, Harmony Rheinecker, June 8 at 10:28 p.m.

ROWLEY: To Brianna Rowley and Jeremy Rowley, of La Grande, a son, Jaxson Wallace Rowley, June 7 at 3:32 a.m.

SEALE: To Linsdey Nicole Sutton Seale and Allen Jonathon Seale, of Summerville, a daughter, Penelope Rose Sutton Seale, June 19 at 8:31 a.m. Grandparents are Joe Sutton, Heinz and Valory Falke, and Allen and Lupe Seale.

THOMPSON: To Hollie Star Thompson and Christopher James Thompson, of La Grande, a son, Everett Dean Thompson, June 24 at 6:24 a.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

MONDAY

8:05 a.m. — La Grande police arrested David Michael Denham, 27, of La Grande, on accusations of misdemeanor domestic violence assault.

9:42 a.m. — The Union County Sheriff’s Office took a report for possible animal abuse on the 1000 block of East Ash Street, Union.

1:23 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of an attempted burglary on the 2200 block of Alder Street.

6:38 p.m. — A caller on the 62400 block of Fruitdale Lane, La Grande, reported the theft of a gun.

8:53 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff’s Office received a report of a burglary on the 74400 block of Highway 82, Elgin.

10:51 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1300 block of O Avenue for a possible prowler.

TUESDAY

7:06 a.m. — A Union County

sheriff’s deputy responded to the 800 block of North 15th Avenue, Elgin, for a domestic disturbance. The situation did not rise to the level of an arrest.

11:47 a.m. — A caller complained about a large dog on the loose on the 2700 block of Fir Street. The animal enforcement officer responded and warned the dog’s owner.

2:23 p.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about juveniles trespassing on private property on the 300 block of Polk Avenue. An officer gave a warning and trespassed one from the property.

4 p.m. — A caller asked for a Union County sheriff’s deputy to respond to a domestic disturbance on the 700 block of West Arch Street, Union.

9:02 p.m. — A caller reported people were setting off fireworks at Second Street and Jefferson Avenue, La Grande. An officer responded and counseled the people about their

actions.

WEDNESDAY

2:01 a.m. — La Grande police cited a 13-year-old male and a 15-year-old male for unauthorized use of a vehicle, criminal conspiracy, second-degree theft and first-degree criminal mischief.

Recent Oregon State Police arrests or citations:

June 25 — A trooper stopped Benjamin J. Mayfield, 28, of Carnation, Washington, for speeding on the eastbound side of Interstate 84 near milepost 267, La Grande. State police reported Mayfield admitted to importing marijuana products from Washington. Following a search of the vehicle, the trooper cited Mayfield for speeding, import of marijuana and possession of psilocybin mushrooms in multiple jars. OSP handed its reports to the Union County District Attorney’s Office to consider felony charges.

HONORS

Brandon Batty, future veterinarian, wins award

The Observer

CHAMPAIGN, ILL. — Brandon Batty, of Cove, is the 2020 recipient of the American Dairy Science Association’s Foundation Graduate Student Literature Review Award: Dairy Foods Division (MS).

This award recognizes graduate students who have composed in-depth and extensive literature reviews in their thesis or dissertation and allows for these papers to be published in the Journal of Dairy Science as review papers, making them available as references for citations in orig-

inal research papers. The winner must be a graduate student (or within six months of graduation) at the time of the article submission to the Journal of Dairy Science. The article must be no more than 30 double-spaced pages, including references and graphs, have no more than 75 references, and be focused on a topic in dairy science.

Batty, who graduated from Cove High School as valedictorian in 2013, is a graduate of Oregon State University’s undergraduate and graduate programs.

OBITUARIES

Kimberly A. Eldridge
La Grande

Kimberly A. Eldridge, 27, of La Grande, died June 30 at her residence. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory.

Donald J. Pretti
Cove

Donald J. Pretti, 65, of Cove, died June 29 at his residence. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Clarence W. McCuen
Joseph

Clarence W. McCuen, 83, of Joseph, died June 28 at Wallowa Memorial Hospital. A graveside service will be held July 6 at 11 a.m. at the Echo Cemetery. Arrangements are by Bollman Funeral Home, Enterprise.

Irma Rogers
La Grande

Irma Rogers, 60, of La Grande, died June 26. Arrangements are by Cremation Society of Idaho, Boise.

Upcoming local services

LOVELAND
FUNERAL CHAPEL AND CREMATORY

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 6 – CLARENCE MCCUEN: 11 a.m. graveside service, Echo Cemetery.

— Calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande

Victoria Reinhard
Imbler

Victoria Reinhard, 70, of Imbler, died June 30 at her residence. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

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