

COMMUNITY

Meetings

- **IMBLER** — The Imbler School District Board of Directors will meet for a regular session Tuesday, Aug. 11, at 7 p.m. in Room 1 of the High School. New business includes the suicide prevention plan, and old business will cover the Imbler Virtual Academy. The public is welcome to attend all open sessions of the Imbler School Board.
- **LA GRANDE** — The Board of Directors of the La Grande School District will convene for a regular session Wednesday, Aug. 12, at 7 p.m. Due to social distancing, the meeting will be available online, by phone and on by the Blue Mountain Translator District. See the agenda at www.lagrandesd.org for meeting access information. Action items on the agenda include a meal price increase, the reopening plan and changes to the 2020-2021 school district calendar.
- **UNION** — The Union Rural Fire Protection District will have its monthly board meeting Tuesday, Aug. 17, at 6 p.m. at the fire hall. For more information, contact Kim George, Union RFPD clerk, at 541-910-3114.

Briefs

Eagle Cap Shooters host Saturday matches

ENTERPRISE — The Eagle Cap Shooters Association is planning a long-range precision rifle match Saturday, Aug. 8, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Shooters will compete in multiple stages, shooting steel targets from different firing positions at varying distances out to 1,000 yards.

Register Friday, Aug. 7, at 7 p.m., or when the gate opens at 7 a.m. Saturday. Dry camping is available (vault toilet and potable water on site). Lunch on Saturday will be provided.

The club hosts various shooting events on most Saturdays. Also, an open range day, at which non-members can shoot for \$15, will run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16. Events are held at the Eagle Cap Shooters Range 7 miles north of Enterprise (from Highway 3, turn right on Ant Flat Road and drive 1 mile farther). For more information, go to www.eaglecapshooters.com.

Join Community Connection's advisory council

LA GRANDE — Community Connection, based in La Grande, is seeking seniors or people who provide services to seniors to join its advisory council. The council meets every other month and makes recommendations to Community Connection on the services it provides to seniors. Call 541-963-7532 for more details and an application.

Phyllis M. (Young) Williams
1936-2020 • Island City

Phyllis Marie Williams, 83, of Island City, died Aug. 2 at her residence. No service is planned at this time.

Phyllis was born Nov. 17, 1936, in Condon, to Walton and Charlotte (Bottemiller) Young. She resided in Pueblo, Colorado; Germany, Pennsylvania; Illinois, Iowa and Montana; and Island City. She graduated from Hermiston High School in 1955 and then attended Monmouth University/North Western Oregon University for two years. She married Elvin Williams.

Phyllis was a devoted wife and mother. She enjoyed crafting, sewing, camping, fishing and tennis. She was a member of the Good Sam Club.

Surviving relatives include her husband, Elvin; children and their spouses, Elvin Jr. "Bud" and Lynn Williams of Spring, Texas, Cathleen and Neal Dietz of Sunrise, Florida, and David Williams of La Grande; brother and sister-in-law, Russell and Barbara Young of Roseville, California; 14 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Walton and Charlotte; brother, Art Young; and grandson, Cody Williams.

Online condolences may be made at www.loveland-funeralchapel.com.

E. Kay (Sutton) Munsell
1927-2019 • Formerly of La Grande

E. Kay Munsell, 92, formerly of La Grande, died Dec. 23, 2019, at St. Luke's Medical Center in Meridian, Idaho. Due to the pandemic, services were canceled. A private interment was held at Grandview Cemetery in La Grande, where she was laid to rest with her husband, Roy.

Known as Kay, she was born on Feb. 13, 1927, in Intake, Montana, to Earnest and Hazel Sutton. She married Don McClain and had three children: Mike, Ken and Peggy. On April 10, 1965, Kay married Roy Munsell and added to her family Luci and Becky.

Kay worked as a secretary for the Forest Service

Upcoming local services



Aug. 7 — LORNA HEARING: 11 a.m. graveside service; Grandview Cemetery, La Grande.

Aug. 15 — PAUL WAGONER: 11 a.m. celebration of life, Indian Rock; casual dress preferred.

Aug. 22 — STAN CASE: 10 a.m. celebration of life, Case arena at 64066 Booth Lane, La Grande; masks and social distancing required; watch the livestream at www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com (click on "Funeral Videos" near bottom of page).

Aug. 29 — MIKE MAY: 4 p.m. memorial service, Riverside Park Pavilion, La Grande; please wear masks and respect social distancing. d respect social distancing.

— *Calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande*

until she remarried, then she was the bookkeeper for Munsell Logging. When she and Roy retired from logging, they purchased a farm in Adrian, where they raised cows and sheep, grew hay and corn crops and had a large garden. They enjoyed traveling in their fifth wheel to many states and countries.

Kay loved to quilt. It was her passion to bless all of her family with their own quilts. Those who have one cherish all of her heart and soul that went into making it.

Surviving relatives include her sister, Marie Downing; sisters-in-law, Helen Sutton and Velda Sutton of Amboy, Washington; children and their spouses, Mike and Rollean McClain of Nyssa, Ken and Brenda McClain of Gainesville, Georgia, Peggy and Kelly Johns of Longmont, Colorado, Luci and Lynn Brown of Seattle, Washington, and Becky and Don Seely of Spokane, Washington; 12 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews, including Danny Munsell of New York.

OBITUARIES

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Roy Munsell; sister, Enid Wilson; and brothers, Walt Sutton, Keven Sutton and David Sutton.

Online condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Lorna M. (Saling) Hearing
1937-2020 • La Grande

Lorna Mae Hearing, 83, a lifetime resident of La Grande, died July 18 at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton. A graveside service will be held Aug. 7 at 11 a.m. at the Grandview Cemetery. Arrangements are by Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center.

Lorna was born Feb. 10, 1937, in La Grande, to Elvin C. and Estella Mae (Ellis) Saling. When she was 12, she began working on farms in Alicel. She graduated from Imbler High School with the class of 1955.

Lorna worked as a telephone operator for Western and General Telephone from 1955 until 1975. She bartended for the Eagles Lodge for 23 years until they closed. A member of the La Grande Eagles Auxiliary, Lorna served as president three times. She was also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Grande Ronde Hospital Auxiliary. Lorna enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping and sewing.

Surviving relatives include her son, Francis Rodney "Rod" Scott of La Grande; one grandson and three great-grandchildren; and half sister, Edna Smith of McMinnville.

She was preceded in death by her siblings, John Sailing and Maxine Smith, and aunt, Mildred Finstermaker.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Blue

Mountain Humane Association, 3212 Highway 30, La Grande 97850.

Stanley W. Case
Cove

Stanley "Stan" W. Case, 67, of Cove, died Aug. 2 at his residence. A celebration of his life will be held Aug. 22 at 10 a.m. at the

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Case arena at 64066 Booth Lane, La Grande. Masks and social distancing are required. The service will be livestreamed for those who cannot attend. (Go to lovelandfuneralchapel.com and click on "Funeral Videos" near the bottom of the home page just before 10 a.m.)

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**August is 'Hearing Health Awareness Month'**

Audiology & Hearing Aid Associates is flying the flag for raising local awareness of healthy hearing

48 million Americans have a significant hearing loss

1 out of 3 people over age 65 have some degree of hearing loss

2 out of 3 people over 75 have a hearing loss

People with hearing loss wait an average of **7 years** before seeking help

14% of those aged 45-64 have some type of hearing loss

15 million people in the United States with hearing loss avoid seeking help

If you are concerned about a friend or loved one with a hearing loss, then August is the month to start the conversation about healthy hearing.

Schedule your complimentary hearing screening today

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Visit lagrandehearing.org

Call or text 541-612-7555 upon arrival, our waiting room is closed. You will be asked to complete a pandemic screening form upon your arrival.

Paddling away on Wallowa Lake



Photo by Ellen Morris Bishop/EO Media Group

Marshall Sturgill and his daughter, Sophie, listen to directions from Wallowa Lake Marina staffer Finn Booth before setting off recently on a paddle. His wife, Nicole, and daughter, MacKenzie, rented another kayak and paddled with them.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

MONDAY, AUG. 3
7:02 a.m. — A caller reported finding an owl at Seventh Street and Penn Avenue, La Grande. The animal enforcement officer responded but no one was at the location.

9:31 a.m. — A caller reported horses on the loose at the Elgin Stampede Grounds, 71112 Highway 82. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded and helped resolve the problem.

4:13 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1500 block of Fifth Street for a disturbance and separated the parties involved.

5:57 p.m. — A caller reported a domestic disturbance at Riverside Park, La Grande. Police responded and broke it up.

8:13 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of possible child neglect.

10:14 p.m. — A Union resident reported receiving harassing phone calls.

TUESDAY, AUG. 4
1:50 a.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office responded to

a report of a person in mental or emotional duress in Island City. A deputy talked to the person suffering the crisis and provided the person with a ride.

9:18 a.m. — Union County sheriff's deputies responded to an address in North Powder for a person who may have been mentally ill. A deputy gave the person a ride back to Haines.

12:53 p.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy stopped at Highway 82 and Alicel Lane, near Imbler, to assist a motorist with a flat tire. The person said they had help en route.

1:24 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office arrested Joseph Ainsworth, 39, of Elgin, for four counts of fourth-degree assault, four counts of third-degree sexual abuse, three counts of first-degree sexual abuse and three counts of unlawful sexual penetration.

State court records show Ainsworth in 2000 faced 20 counts of sexual crimes when he lived in Echo. He pleaded guilty to six counts of contributing to the sexual delinquency

of a minor, six counts of sexual misconduct and two counts of third-degree sexual abuse. He served five years probation for the crimes.

1:56 p.m. — A La Grande resident on the 2200 block of Jakob Avenue asked police to contact a person who threatened to damage property. The police department will provide extra patrols in the neighborhood.

5:36 p.m. — La Grande police receive a report of vandalism to a vehicle on the 2600 block of Fourth Street.

10:49 p.m. — An Elgin caller complained about noise at a residence on the 300 block of North 10th Avenue.

11:14 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a complaint about an ongoing problem of loud music at a residence on the 400 block of West Grande Street, Union.

Oregon State Police recent citations and arrests
Wednesday, July 29 — Gene Francis Haselhorst, 68, of La Grande, for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

EDUCATION IN THE FALL



As we have always done, Wallowa County districts will provide students with a high quality, safe education during the 2020-2021 school year. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and under the mandate of Governor Brown, all public and private schools will open this fall using one of the following learning environments:

- On-site/In-person
- Comprehensive Distance Learning
- Hybrid (combination of the two)

To hold in-person instruction, our county and state must meet certain metrics established by Governor Brown that reflect COVID-19 rates of residents. Based on the first set of metrics presented by Gov. Brown, Wallowa County does not meet the criteria for offering in-person instruction. It is each of our district's goal and highest priority to hold on-site, in-person instruction on a consistent basis, while providing for and protecting the health and safety of students and staff.

If a county is close to meeting metrics and schools meet certain additional criteria, there may be exceptions that allow a school to hold on-site instruction.

We continue to invest resources to meet the learning needs of all our students regardless of the learning environment a school is in. In every learning environment, Wallowa County schools will:

- Continue to focus on student identity, belonging, care, connection, well-being, and mental, social and emotional health;
- Actively engage and nurture relationships with students, families and community;
- Center equity in all efforts with parents and caregivers;
- Provide high quality, well-rounded learning opportunities; and
- Encourage, support, and provide opportunities for active collaboration and communication between school leaders, teachers and all local staff.

If comprehensive distance learning is the fall opening model mandated, it will be a planned response and will look very different than it did in Spring 2020. Wallowa County students will have access to rigorous, standards-based, grade-level educational materials and interaction with a teacher skillfully guiding their educational experience. Attendance will be taken and grades earned in addition to other accountability measures families are accustomed to. Our staff learned a lot from the experience this past spring and are prepared to do whatever it takes to be ready.

Meals (breakfast and lunch) will continue to be provided to students regardless of the learning environment they are in.

Much could change between now and our opening dates. We will monitor health metrics and will continue to work closely with our families to collaborate around instructional models being considered. Families will continue to receive updates and information as further guidance comes out and metrics change.

We will continue to advocate with local and state officials for metrics to appropriately represent and manage the COVID-19 risk for Wallowa County residents.

We honor and value each opportunity to educate Wallowa County kids. Please help us achieve our goal of holding on-site instruction for our students this school year by following the guidelines outlined by the Oregon Health Authority to help slow the spread of COVID-19.

Thank you for your support – we are proud to represent public education in Wallowa County. Please contact your district superintendent with questions, comments or concerns.

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