

COMMUNITY

Meetings

• COVE — The city of Cove will hold its regular council meeting Tuesday, Sept. 1 at 7 p.m. at Cove City Hall, 504 Alder St. Virtual attendance of the meeting is encouraged: Go to www.gotomeet.me/CityofCove or dial in by calling 1-312-757-3129 or toll free 1-877-309-2073 (Access Code: 566-891-733). Instructions are given at www.cityofcove.org. Members of the public also may request a link and the agenda by emailing cityadmin@cityofcove.org. The agenda includes a nuisance complaint about 69427 Common Lane and a discussion of the city hall remodel. To submit public comments, email cityadmin@cityofcove.org before 6:45 p.m. Tuesday.

Briefs

Pick up school lunches for La Grande students beginning Monday

LA GRANDE — Beginning the first day of school, Monday, Aug. 31, La Grande School District will be serving grab-and-go lunches to the district's K-12 students. Every school day, one meal per enrolled student may be picked up between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the main entrance of any of the three elementary schools. Meals must be eaten elsewhere.

All meals for students in kindergarten through eighth grade will be free. Meal charges for high school students will be determined by their status based on the Free & Reduced Meal application, which can be completed at lagrandesd.org. Anyone else may purchase a lunch for \$3.80.

Unlike last spring, students must be identified when meals are picked up. The use of student identification cards is strongly encouraged. Kindergarten through eighth-grade students received new ID cards at registration. High school students will use last year's cards. Parents may pick up the meals for their children, but they must provide identification of each student.

For more information, contact Chris Panike (chris.panike@lagrandesd.org, 541-663-3206) or Char Hampton (char.hampton@lagrandesd.org, 541-663-3214).

Virtual learning academy sets Sept. 1 open house, classes begin Sept. 8

LA GRANDE — The La Grande Learning Academy, which offers students online-based education through IMESD, will begin classes Sept. 8.

A virtual open house for LLA students and families will be held Tuesday, Sept. 1, from 6-7 p.m. To join, use this link: <https://meet.google.com/ink-gcjd-zia>.

Based at the former Willow Elementary School, LLA is an alternative for La Grande School District students who are not participating in the comprehensive distance education model. The online curriculum is being provided by IMESD to meet the increased online demand this school year. Technology, including Chromebooks, may be picked up at Willow between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. weekdays. Call the district office at 541-663-3202 for more information.

Comments on ODOT I-84 interchange upgrade accepted until Monday

SALEM — The deadline is nearing for submitting comments on the Oregon Department of Transportation's project that will replace the pavement along Interstate 84 between the Meacham and Kamela interchanges (exits 238 to 248) and upgrade several Umatilla County area traffic signals.

To find out if this project will impact you, visit the online open house at www.oregonevents.org/open-house/i-84-meacham-kamela by Aug. 31 to view project details and leave your feedback.

Beverly A. Charlton

1964-2020 • Elgin

Beverly "Bev" Ann Charlton, 55, of Elgin, died Aug. 22 at her residence. At her request, there will not be a service.

Known as Bev, she was born Oct. 12, 1964, in Baker City, to Ira "Slim"

Charlton and Harriet Laird. She resided in Union, La Grande and Elgin. She graduated from Union High School.

Bev was employed at Our Place, The Smokehouse, Golden Crown, Best Western and Jensen's Tree Service. She enjoyed yard sales, shopping and spending time with her grandchildren.

Survivors include her significant other of 38 years, Craig Howard of Elgin; children and their spouses, Bradley and Raechel Charlton of Bend, Cassie and Robby Thompson of Elgin, Brandy and Ken Roshon of Weston, and Rebecca Howard of La Grande; sisters and brothers-in-law, Laura and Ken Scott of Anderson, California, Sheri Cooper of Anderson, California, Debra and Rich Keltz of La Grande, and JoAnn and Robert Bunch of Salem; brothers, Ira "Buzz" Charlton and Randy Charlton, both of

La Grande; six grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ira and Harriet; daughter, Kim Eldridge; and aunt and uncle, Helen and Del Laird.

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

Scott P. Hoadley

1965-2020 • La Grande

Scott Preston Hoadley, 55, of La Grande, died Aug. 21 at Providence Hospital in Spokane, Washington. At his request, there will not be a service.

Scott was born July 15, 1965, in Quincy, Washington, to Robert and

Annette (Taal) Hoadley. He graduated from La Grande High School.

Scott was a horse trainer. He enjoyed spending time outdoors, being with family, attending local fairs and rodeos, and back-country horseback riding. He also enjoyed horse racing, hunting, fishing and watching NASCAR.

Scott was a member of the Union County Fair Board and the La Grande Maverick Club. He was "Kit Carson" during the 1992 Carson Days in Nevada.

Surviving relatives include his children, Robert

OBITUARIES

Upcoming local services



Aug. 29 — MIKE MAY: 4 p.m. memorial service, Riverside Park Pavilion, La Grande.

Aug. 30 — MARILYN RICE: 5 p.m. celebration of life, Riverside Park Pavilion, La Grande.

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

Please follow guidelines regarding face coverings and social distancing at all services.

and paternal grandparents, Wayne and Mary Hoadley.

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

Florence I. (Carn) Howell

1932-2020 • Imbler

Florence Irene Howell, 87, of Imbler, died Aug. 23 at Grande Ronde Hospital. A service will be held at a future date.

Florence was born Dec. 10, 1932, in Boise, Idaho, to Stephen and Blanche (Johnson)

Carn. She always spoke fondly of her early years growing up in Camp 58 at Starkey, and she cherished the friends she made while living there. Florence graduated from La Grande High School in 1951. She married William "Bill" Howell on March 5, 1955.

Florence was a very devoted farmer's wife, mother, volunteer and grandmother. She loved to grow flowers, work in her garden, can fruit and vegetables and be involved with most anything outdoors. She enjoyed any sport involving the Imbler Panthers.

Florence was involved in many local organizations, including Cattlewomen, Eastern Star, PEO, Union County Fair Board and Grande Ronde Hospital

Board. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

Surviving relatives include her husband of 65 years, Bill; children and their spouses, Curt and Annette Howell of La Grande, Kristy and Vin Searles of Salem, Ann and Mike Spring of Dayton, Washington, and Mark and Tina Howell of Imbler; nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Steve and Blanche; sister, Leona Brodhead; and infant sister, Nellie Carn.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Imbler Education Foundation, P.O. Box 95, Imbler 97841, or the Imbler Rural Fire Department, P.O. Box 269, Imbler 97841.

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

Edwin 'Ed' A. Sinner Jr.

La Grande

Edwin 'Ed' Adam Sinner Jr., 67, of La Grande, died Aug. 20 at OHSU in Portland.

Artie Thielen

La Grande

Artie Thielen, 88, of La Grande, died Aug. 24 at her home. Arrangements are by Daniels-Knopf Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center.



Photo contributed by Gerald Hopkins

Daryl Hawes works the grill at the recent meeting/picnic of the Elgin Lions Club.

Elgin Lions donate \$600 toward school supplies

The Observer

ELGIN — The Elgin Lions Club voted to send \$600 for school supplies to the Elgin School District.

The club in a press release reported it recently held a picnic meeting with about 25 members at the home of Daryl and Barbara Hawes. Daryl Hawes grilled the hot dogs and hamburgers while Barbara Hawes and Kathy Oliver

served salads.

The club discussed the Elgin School District's concerns about supplies for students. Member Everett Grandeen moved to send the school \$600 for the paper supplies, and the club voted in approval.

Members noted that vision testing, bingo events and basketball tournament are up in the air due to coronavirus restrictions

and have to stay on hold for now.

The club also discussed having a roadside cleanup in September, the press release stated. Chair Barbara Hawes will provide information to the members, and Oliver will contact Foodtown regarding the next case lot sale date for groceries so the club can collect items for the local food bank.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 26

9:56 a.m. — A caller reported a cow on the loose on the 66700 block of End Road, Summer-ville. A Union County sheriff's deputy contacted the owner to retrieve the cow.

2 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a report of possible animal neglect at North Bellwood and East Delta streets, Union.

2:40 p.m. — A resident on the 1200 block of Conklin Road, Cove, asked to speak to a Union County sheriff's deputy about an ongoing issue with a neighbor.

5:44 p.m. — La Grande police

responded to the 2000 block of Gekeler Lane on a report of a juvenile who was out of control. Police talked to the juvenile.

9:02 p.m. — A caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on the 60600 block of Livestock Road, La Grande. Union County sheriff's deputy responded and arrested a 26-year-old man for driving with a suspended license.

THURSDAY, AUG. 27

1:53 a.m. — La Grande police received a report from the 2300 block of Spruce Street of teens out after curfew. An officer responded and warned three teens about the violation.

11:12 a.m. — A caller reported a disturbance between a landlord and a tenant in Union. A Union County sheriff's deputy made contact and explained options.

3:14 p.m. — A caller reported livestock on the 72100 block of Highway 82, Elgin. The animals were located safe on nearby property.

5:06 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of two aggressive dogs on the loose on the 1500 block of 26th Street. The dogs were gone by the time an officer arrived.

8:11 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 600 block

Blue Mountain Land Trust earns national recognition

The Observer

Walla Walla — The conservation organization Blue Mountain Land Trust announced it has renewed its accreditation with the Land Trust Accreditation Commission.

Blue Mountain Land Trust President Linda Herbert in the press release said 443 out of more than 1,300 land trusts nationwide have achieved accreditation from the Land Trust Accreditation Commission.

"It speaks to our diligence, transparency and professionalism as we work to preserve and protect the lands of the Blue Mountain region," Herbert said.

The Blue Mountain Land Trust provided extensive documentation and was subject to a comprehensive third-party evaluation prior to renewal, which, according to the press release, signifies the commission's confidence in the Blue Mountain Land Trust's ability to protect lands.

Since its founding 21 years ago, the Blue Mountain Land Trust has acquired 14 conservation easements totaling almost 6,500 acres. By the end of 2020, it expects to close an additional four easements, bringing its easement holdings to 23,118 acres.

UNION COUNTY SENIOR CENTER TAKEOUT LUNCH MENU

Pickup 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.

AUG. 31-SEPT. 4

Monday: lemon chicken, salad greens, vegetables, freshly baked cheese bread, fruit, dessert.

Tuesday: toasted turkey and bacon sandwich wraps,

salads, dessert.

Wednesday: tender beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, grilled tomatoes, sweet onion-cucumber salad, bread, cookies.

Thursday: curried chicken and rice, salad greens and vegetables, fresh fruit, baked bread, dessert.

Friday: spaghetti, salad greens, garlic bread, fresh fruit, cookies.

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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 health hearing.

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