Community

Meetings

• IMBLER — The Imbler School District Board of Directors will meet Tuesday, Oct. 20, at 7 p.m. at Imbler High School. The agenda includes a sound system upgrade for the gym and increasing lunch prices. The public is welcome.

• UNION — The Union Rural Fire Protection District will have a board meeting Tuesday, Oct. 20, at 7 p.m. at the fire hall. For more information, contact Kim George, Union RFPD clerk, at 541-910-3114.

• LA GRANDE — The Union County Democratic Party will meet Wednesday, Oct. 21, at 6 p.m. virtually via Zoom. To register, call 541-562-6289 or email a request to rknop@eoni.com with your email contact information, address and phone number.

• BAKER CITY — The Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative Board of Directors will meet Tuesday, Oct. 20, at 9 a.m. The agenda includes virtual meeting requirements and the trade school scholarship award. OTEC is headquartered at 4005 23rd St., Baker City. For more information, contact Michele Grove, OTEC administrative assistant, at 541-524-2853 or mgrove@otecc.com.

Briefs

Take your dog to today's Howl-o-ween party

LA GRANDE- La Grande Parks & Rec invites dogs and their people to a Doggy Howl-o-ween Costume Party Saturday, Oct. 17, beginning at 2 p.m. at the dog park at Riverside Park.The event is free and open to the public and will include prizes, treats (for dogs and people), an obstacle course and a costume contest. Prizes will be given to the best dressed dog as well as the best coordinated costume between dog and owner. Spectators are welcome. Human masks are required.

Menus

Union County Senior Center lunch menu

Pick up 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. Public is welcome. Inquire about family meals and prepackaged sides.

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Monday: chicken pesto, Caesar salad, Italian bread, fruit garnish, cookies.

Tuesday: Rueben sandwich, potato salad, fruit garnish, light dessert.

Wednesday: bacon-Swiss tarts, salad greens, fresh fruit, dill bread, lemon sorbet.

Thursday: shrimp croissant sandwich or turkey sandwich, Greek salad, chips, fresh fruit, zucchini-chocolate chip bar.

Friday: almond-lemon chicken, seasoned noodles, steamed asparagus, tomato-cucumber salad, olive bread, fruit.

Children's free takeout breakfast & lunch menu

Pick up 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Central, Greenwood or Island City elementary schools, La Grande. Free breakfast and lunch for anyone age 18 and younger. Fresh vegetables, seasonal fruit and 1% milk daily.

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Monday: BREAKFAST: yogurt parfait with fruit and granola, canned fruit; LUNCH: turkey sandwich, tater tots, lettuce mix.

Tuesday: BREAKFAST: blueberry muffin, cheese stick, apple juice; LUNCH: chicken waffle sandwich, carrots, broccoli florets.

Wednesday: BREAKFAST: burrito, fruit; LUNCH: chicken and cheese quesadilla, corn, cherry tomato.

Thursday: BREAKFAST: mini donut, cheese stick, orange juice; LUNCH: beef hotdog, kettle potato chips, baked beans, celery sticks.

Friday: BREAKFAST: French toast sticks, canned fruit; LUNCH: crispy chicken sandwich, roasted corn, broccoli florets.

Obituaries

Robert 'Bob' P. Wadlinger

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Robert Paul Wadlinger, 72, of La Grande, died Sept. 26 at Grande Ronde Hospital. A service is not planned at this time.

Known as Bob, he was born March 18, 1948, in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, to Edward and Catherine (Siefert) Wadlinger. He graduated from Haverford Township High School and then earned an associate's degree at Penn State University. He later attended West Virginia University and earned his bachelor's degree in forestry.

Bob was employed with the Oregon Department of Transportation. He enjoyed running and was an avid fisherman. He was a man with a big heart who could not express it in life. His passion got the best of him but he's now found his peace and is home with the Lord.

Surviving relatives include his children, Paul J. Wadlinger and Janell Wadlinger, and brother, Alan Wadlinger of White Rock, New Mexico.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Catherine.

LOVELAND FUNERAL CHAPEL AND CREMATORY

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

Oct. 22 — PATRICK GEKELER: 6-8 p.m. memorial gathering, La Grande Gun Club.

Oct. 24 — TERRENCE HUFFMAN: 2 p.m. graveside service, Summerville Cemetery (casual dress preferred); potluck follows.

— Calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com.

Diana J. Tannlund

Island City

Diana J. Tannlund, 59, of Island City, died Oct. 16 at a local care facility. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory.

Shaun D. Hoyt

Elgin

Shaun D. Hoyt, 56, of Elgin, died Oct. 13. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory.

Public Safety Report

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 14

7:56 a.m. — La Grande police received a report of vandalism to a vehicle on the 1900 block of Second Street. .

11:37 a.m. — La Grande police received a request for contact regarding an assault involving two juveniles. t.

12:16 p.m. — A caller reported an intoxicated pedestrian at Adams Avenue and Fir Street, La Grande. Police responded and found the person was fine.

4:16 p.m. —The Union County Sheriff's Office received a complaint about an aggressive dog on the 60800 block of Love Road, Cove.The animal enforcement officer made contact.

6:07 p.m. —The Union County Sheriff's Office responded to the 10400 block of West First Street, Island City, on a report of an assault.

THURSDAY, OCT. 15

12:22 a.m. — A caller complained about an aggressive transient at Max Square, La Grande. An officer responded and talked to the subject.

11:30 a.m. — A caller reported possible dogs in distress in a car at Walmart, 11619 Island Ave., Island City.

1:41 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of a stalking situation. An officer contacted the person and explained options.

4:22 p.m. — A caller reported a disturbance occurred at Max Square, La Grande. An officer contacted the person, who would contact the Center for Human Development, La Grande.

8:29 p.m. — A La Grande police officer responded to help with a mentally ill person.

10:51 p.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about noise on the 2000 block of Walnut Street. Police responded and counseled the subject.

Pop-up street gathering aims to bring people together safely

The Observer

LA GRANDE — In August, La Grande's first pop-up community street gathering inspired the city's Safe Routes to School coordinator, Jessie Wilson, to host more. At these events, the street is closed to traffic, allowing community members to get out and see their neighbors and friends at a safe distance.

The next pop-up street gathering is Wednesday, Oct. 21, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on F Avenue between Second Street and Sunset Drive. People are reminded to dress for the weather and wear masks. Wilson will be at the event to hand out reflective gear to children.

There will be a traffic garden, a chalk drawing that kids can practice riding their bike through, at the event.

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Milestone

Jo Hallam celebrates 90th birthday

The Observer

Jo Hallam celebrated his 90th birthday on Oct. 13.

Now a resident of Sublimity, he was born in Enterprise and grew up in the Wallowa Valley.

Hallam

A descendant of pioneers, he always felt the need to do something that would acknowledge the original people of the Wallowa.

He was instrumental in getting the Nez Perce Wallowa Homeland Project started and has remained dedicated to its mission for three decades.

Jo has contributed countless hours and personal funds to the cause.

A veteran of the Marine Corp and Army Reserves, he orders the Tamkaliks Veterans' hats every year, often at his own expense, and in years past he could always be found holding the drum mic during Tamkaliks.

Nez Perce Wallowa Homeland Project/Contributed Photo

Jo Hallam and Cece Whitewolf dance together at the 2016 Tamkaliks Celebration in Wallowa.

From his Nez Perce Wallowa Homeland family, "'eéy'snin' wic' et leeheyn" — Happy Birthday, Jo!

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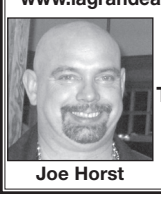
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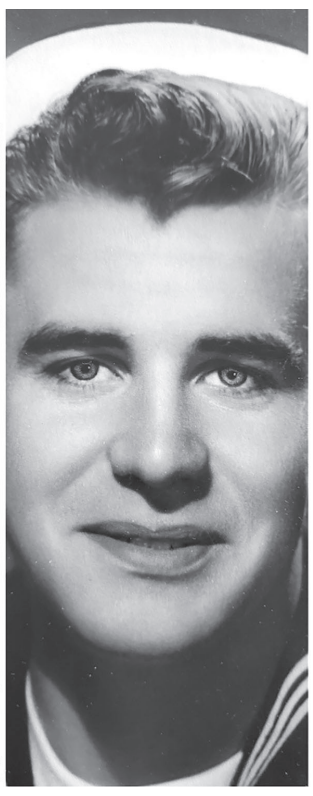

Charles MacArther Ratliff of LaPaz Valley, Quartzsite, AZ, passed away at his home on May 11, 2020 after suffering a stroke last October. He was born in Big Fork, Arkansas in 1942 to the late Charles William and Susie McCully Ratliff. Charles was united in marriage September 20, 1962 to Pamela Walker at Mena, Arkansas. They were married for 57 ½ years. He is survived by his wife, Pam, his dogs Rosie and Daisy Mae; his sister Naoma Rowton of Wichita, KS, his three children Robert "Bob" and Noel Ratliff of Black Canyon City, AZ, Dori and Ed Frazer of Union, OR, Shannon Wayne and Krissy Ratliff of Welches, OR, seven grandchildren, six great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews, and many friends from his career in the US Navy as well as in his civilian life. He was proud of serving his country and helping keep us free. He started his Navy life as a gunner's mate which included nuclear weapons and evolved into special warfare, UDT and explosive ordinance disposal. They are called Navy SEALs today but back then they did not have protective gear, cameras, or robots to help out. He was a Vietnam veteran, participated in testing spacesuits for astronauts and many other experiments. Missions included recovery from helicopter crashes and sunken ships including missions that are still classified. He also provided security for 3 different presidents. Between his enlistments he was a police officer-patrolman.

His second career was in commercial and residential construction. From an early age Charles was an avid outdoorsman: hunting, fishing, and sports. He was at home in the woods and mountains and later in life in the desert.

Besides his wife, children, and extended family he loved his dogs and horses. He enjoyed leading ATV rides and showing people our historic area (in Arizona), old mines, ghost towns, ranches, pictographs, bigfoot prints and ancient campsites.

Charlie was a lifetime member of the VFW, NRA and was still a member of the Underwater Swim School Association (Key West, FL), and the Explosive Ordinance Disposal Association.

He loved his card playing nights at the senior center, especially poker. He also played Dominos when given the opportunity and 313 with friends and family.

He was proceeded in death by his parents, 11 siblings, many brother and sister in-laws and 1 great-grandchild.

He is missed by everyone that knew him. A celebration of life will be held November 7th, at 11am at the Quartzsite VFW Post 76 in Arizona.