

COMMUNITY

Meetings

• UNION — The Union City Council meets Monday, Nov. 9, for a work session and its regular monthly meeting. The work session begins at 6 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7 p.m. Both sessions will be at Union’s city hall.

Briefs

Veterans Day spaghetti dinner will be take-out
LA GRANDE — Although the traditional Veterans Day parade in La Grande has been canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, American Legion Post 43 and its auxiliary will serve the annual spaghetti dinner on Wednesday, Nov. 11. The meals will be in to-go boxes, which the auxiliary will distribute in the parking lot of the American Legion Hall, 301 Fir St., La Grande. The auxiliary will prepare 100 meals, and they will be available on Veterans Day from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (or until the meals are gone). The lunches also include garlic bread and homemade cookies. They will be free to all veterans and members of the auxiliary who are current on their dues. Everyone else will be charged \$5 per meal.

Honors

La Grande student receives \$13,000 renewable scholarship
CANTON, Missouri — Presley Justice, a senior at La Grande High School, was awarded a President Scholarship for her freshman year at Missouri’s Culver-Stockton College. The \$13,000 per year scholarship is awarded based upon academic credentials and is renewable provided the student remains in good academic standing. Culver-Stockton College, in Canton, is a four-year residential institution in affiliation with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). According to a press release, “C-SC is the premier experiential learning college in the Midwest.”



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La Grande’s Presley Justice received a Presidential Scholarship to attend Missouri’s Culver-Stockton College.

Menus

Union County Senior Center takeout 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.
NOV. 9-13
Monday: chicken alfredo, Caesar salad, baked garlic bread, melon garnish, brownies.
Tuesday: pulled-pork sandwich, steak fries, cabbage slaw, fresh fruit, sherbet.
Wednesday: fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, spinach salad, baked rolls, cobbler.
Thursday: hand-crafted pizza, garden vegetable salad, sliced fruit, ice cream.
Friday: chicken pesto bacon wrap, pasta salad, chips, orange slices, cookies.

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 are offered daily.
NOV. 9-13
Monday: BREAKFAST: cereal bar, fresh fruit; LUNCH: corn dog, celery sticks.
Tuesday: BREAKFAST: blueberry muffin, cheese stick, apple juice; LUNCH: chicken and cheese quesadilla, cherry tomatoes.
Wednesday: not served today; no school in honor of Veterans Day
Thursday: BREAKFAST: strawberry yogurt, graham crackers, orange juice; LUNCH: ham deli sandwich, goldfish crackers, cucumber slices.
Friday: BREAKFAST: pancake on a stick, fresh fruit; LUNCH: pizza, broccoli florets.

OBITUARIES

Carol V. (Adamson) Wimer
1955-2020 • La Grande
Carol V. Wimer, 65, of La Grande, died Oct. 29. A private family memorial will be arranged at a later date.
Carol was born Sept. 21, 1955, in Santa Monica, California, to Philip and Leona Adamson. The family moved to Idaho in 1959 and they made their home in Twin Falls. Carol lived in Twin Falls and Boise, Idaho, and resided in La





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

Nov. 7 — GRACE GRAY: 1 p.m. graveside service, Prairie Creek Cemetery, Joseph; reception immediately follows at Hurricane Creek Grange.
— *Calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande*

Grande for the last 17 years of her life.
Carol’s marriage to Charles Brannon in 1973 and to Myron Ulrich in 1982 ended in divorce. In 2002, she married George Wimer, and although they were

to live life to the fullest. She loved spending time in the outdoors, traveling and photography. She was a natural beauty and had a brief modeling career.
Carol had many jobs in her life and always took pride in her work, but as her Crohn’s disease advanced, she was forced into early retirement. In her later years she found a renewal of faith in the Lord.
Surviving relatives include her sister, Janice Techick; daughters, Jennifer Sue Brannon and Autumn Ulrich; son, Cole Ulrich; and one grandson.
She was preceded in

death by her parents; siblings, Philip Adamson Jr. and Marie Adamson; and granddaughter, Jessica Brookband.
Paul V. Smith
Cove
Paul V. Smith, 91, of Cove, died Nov. 5 at a local care facility. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory.
George Willett
La Grande
George Willett, 54, of La Grande, died Nov. 2 at his residence. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory.

Celebrating the loved ones we’ve lost



Sabrina Thompson/The Observer

The Art Center East in La Grande is opening its Dia de los Muertos ofrenda, or offering, to visitors until Monday, Nov. 9, 2020. The exhibit provides gallery visitors a chance to participate in celebrating Dia de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, by leaving a note, photo or gift. The multi-day holiday is for family and friends to honor their loved ones who have died.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 4
8:31 a.m. — La Grande police received a report of possible child abuse.
11:11 a.m. — La Grande police received a report of suspicious circumstances on the 2200 block of Adams Avenue. An officer responded and explained options.
3:25 p.m. — A caller in La Grande reported someone violated a restraining order. An officer made contact with the caller and planned to follow up.
5:27 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 600 block of 18th Street for a residential burglary. An officer took a report.
7:51 p.m. — Local law enforcement responded to Max Square in downtown La Grande on a report of an assault. No one involved wanted to pursue charges.
9:38 p.m. — La Grande police and medics responded to a residence on a report of someone attempting self-harm.

THURSDAY, NOV. 5
1:58 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1900 block of Jefferson Avenue on a report of a trespasser on a train. Union Pacific Railroad did not want to pursue charges. Police gave the trespasser a ride home.
7:29 a.m. — A caller reported cows in the road in the area of milepost 18 on Highway 237 near Cove.
10:40 a.m. — An Elgin caller reported a suspicious noise in the area of 50 S. Seventh St. The noise turned out to be a vehicle backfiring.
3:37 p.m. — A caller reported finding two stolen bicycles on the 2300 block of Q Avenue, La Grande. Police arrived and determined the bikes had no value.
3:51 p.m. — A dog jumped from a mov-

ing vehicle on Second Street, La Grande. The animal enforcement officer responded and took the dog to a veterinarian.
4:41 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the area of 90 Penn Avenue for a residential burglary and took a report.
10:50 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff’s Office conducted a field interrogation on the 100 block of North Eighth Avenue, Elgin, and arrested Zachary Aron Carter, 33, for second-degree burglary, third-degree theft, second-degree trespass and contempt of court.
FRIDAY, NOV. 6
12:33 a.m. — The Union County Sheriff’s Office received a report of a disturbance on the 10800 block of Walton Road, Island City. A deputy arrived and counseled the subject.

Wallowa County Courthouse clock ticking away again

By Ronald Bond
Wallowa County Chieftain
ENTERPRISE — The four-faced clock in front of the Wallowa County Courthouse is tick, tick, ticking away once again.
A longtime project to get the clock running was completed in late October, and all sides of the clock, which was purchased about two decades ago, are in sync and firing on all cylinders.
Or, rather, gears.
Wallowa County Chamber of Commerce, the city of Enterprise, the Wallowa County commissioners and Wallowa County Rotary all played a part in getting the clock operating again, said Ralph Swinehart, rotary president.
“It was kind of an eyesore in a way, I guess, being there all these years and not having the right time on it,” Swinehart said.
Commissioner John Hillock said there were issues with the roughly 12-foot-tall clock almost immediately, due in part to some design problems.
“The way that the clock was built — and I don’t want to run down the clock (company) — this is not a top-of-the-line device. When it was purchased, it was the cheapest one you can buy,” Hillock said.
“When we first got the clock, it had the same little

clock movement that your clock at home would have.”
Hillock added there was no battery backup for the time-telling instrument, either.
Even with attempts at improving it, various issues cropped up for years that impeded its ability to tell time.
“Whenever there was a power outage I had to spend 20 minutes fixing the clock,” Hillock said, later adding, “Finally, the clock movements quit completely.”
Rotary helped fundraise for the needed repairs, which came in at a cost of approximately \$7,000, according to Rotary Treasurer Rick Bombaci.
“Rotary club took it on as a project to complete it,” Swinehart said.
The county and city governments, Rotary and private citizens helped fund the repairs, and Hillock said the needed money was raised about a year ago. COVID-19, though, delayed Hillock’s ability to get needed parts for several months.
“The clock company got shut down with COVID for two months ...” Hillock said, noting the new clock wasn’t received until August.
Several more adjustments were needed before



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the time was right.
Hillock said the clock’s restoration is a part of “progressing toward the new Enterprise downtown and the revitalization of downtown.”

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