

## COMMUNITY

## Meetings

• LA GRANDE — The Union County Democratic Party will meet virtually Wednesday, Dec. 2. The meeting will be held via Zoom beginning at 6 p.m. To register for the meeting, email rknop@eoni.com or call 541-562-6289

• LA GRANDE — A regular session of the La Grande City Council will be held Wednesday, Dec. 2 at 6 p.m. The meeting will be available for viewing on the La Grande Alive website (<https://lagrandealive.tv/city-events>) and on the Eastern Oregon Alive.TV Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/EasternOregonAliveTV>). Written comments must be submitted by 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1. Email public comments to [rstrope@cityoflagrande.org](mailto:rstrope@cityoflagrande.org).

## 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. 30-DEC. 4

**Monday:** grilled ham sandwich, tomato-basil soup, chips, fruit, cookie.

**Tuesday:** ginger chicken, rice pilaf, broiled tomatoes, salad greens, wheat roll, fresh fruit square.

**Wednesday:** Salisbury steak, sauteed onions and mushrooms, mashed potatoes and gravy, salad greens, roll, dessert.

**Thursday:** Reuben sandwich, fries, fruit, dessert.

**Friday:** biscuits and sausage gravy, fresh fruit, grilled tomatoes, light dessert.

## Little Libraries bring books to the park



Carol Lauritzen/Contributed Photo

Bruce Johnson, left, and Ryan Westenskow work on a little library recently built at Sunnyhill Park, La Grande. Zachary Lauritzen and Sharon Bullock also donated their time and skills to install a similar library at Riverside Park, La Grande. The La Grande Literacy Alliance coordinates the Little Libraries in the Parks project, which has the support of the La Grande Parks and Recreation Department, businesses and individuals. Red Roof Construction of Elgin provided the building materials for the two recent libraries while Briana Tanaka of Edward Jones recruited FFA students to help build the boxes. Little Libraries in the Parks provides free and direct access to books. To use the little libraries, readers may take a book and return it or replace it with a different book.

## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

## WEDNESDAY, NOV. 25

10:05 a.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy received a report of a minor in possession of tobacco at Cove School, 803 Main St., Cove. The deputy issued a citation.

4:21 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1700 block of Gekeler Lane on a report of a possible theft. An officer determined the report was unfounded.

5:56 p.m. — La Grande

police received a report of a vehicle theft on the 2700 block of Cove Avenue. An officer contacted the subject who did not wish to report the vehicle as stolen.

7 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 700 block of 20th Street for a disturbance. An officer separated the parties.

7:57 p.m. — La Grande police responded to a report of someone suffering a mental crisis. The subject went to Grande Ronde Hospital, La Grande.

9:04 p.m. — La Grande

police responded to the 200 block of Sixth Street for an assault. Police arrested Buddy Wayne Johnson, 38, for second-degree assault.

## THURSDAY, NOV. 26

1:35 a.m. — A caller reported loud music on the 1600 block of Albany Street, La Grande. An officer responded, and the party agreed to turn down the music.

7:27 a.m. — La Grande police responded to a report of a domestic dis-

turbance on the 2700 block of Bearco Loop. Officers determined the parties were in an argument and separated them.

9:39 a.m. — A caller on Cherry Street, La Grande, reported a barking dog.

10:05 a.m. — La Grande police received a report of a burglary at a business on the 2200 block of 26th Street. An officer made contact and took a report.

12:18 p.m. — La Grande police received a request for a welfare check on the

2000 block of Gekeler Lane. An officer responded and found everyone was OK.

7:40 p.m. — A caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on the 500 block of 16th Street, La Grande. An officer checked and found the vehicle unoccupied.

9:43 p.m. — A La Grande caller on the 2700 block of Empire Drive reported a vehicle blocking the driveway. Someone moved the vehicle before police arrived.

## Library services continue while building is closed

## OFF THE SHELF

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LIBRARIAN

in the online catalog or call us and tell us what you want to borrow. Once we confirm your order is ready for pickup, you can come to the building, ring the doorbell and we'll bring your items out to you.

If you are unable to pick up items at the library, use our Library @ Your Door program, in partnership with Rob's Speedy Delivery. This free service is for residents within La Grande city limits who cannot physically come to the library due to long- or short-term health concerns. Deliveries are made Friday afternoons; orders must be placed prior to 6 p.m. on the preceding Wednesday. Fill out our online registration form or call the library for more information.

Online card application is available on our web-

site under the "How Do I" tab. Online resources for card-holders include free music, movies, ebooks and audiobooks.

Visit the library's Storywalk along the Riverside Park Greenway, designed for the whole family. A new book has been installed, the winter-themed "Stranger in the Woods" by Carl Sams. The book is sponsored by Glenda O'Connor. Along the walk, you'll find instructions for a simple winter craft. (Hint: Snow is required.)

Virtual storytimes are available on our website and YouTube channel. Also, Dial-a-Story for all ages continues with new selections. Dial 541-624-6339 to hear stories, poems and jokes read aloud, 24 hours a day, free of charge.

Genre Book Club for

adults meets online Dec. 17 at 2 p.m. The group is open to all. Read a holiday book — Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, New Year's or any other winter holiday — and discuss it with the group. Email [rpeacock@cookmemoriallibrary.org](mailto:rpeacock@cookmemoriallibrary.org) for the meeting login.

The library still is offering mobile and remote printing. To print from home, go to <https://tbs.eprintit.com/portal/#/ppl/upload/CML>. To print from a mobile device, download the Public Print Locations app. Printouts may be picked up during open hours. Printing is free for the first 20 pages.

Wi-Fi hotspots and ChromeKits are available for check out. A ChromeKit features a Chromebook laptop and a Wi-Fi hotspot. Patrons must be 18 or

older, read and sign a borrowing policy, and have had a library account in good standing for at least the past six months. Kits are checked out for one week and are not renewable.

The library's Wi-Fi (LGPLWiFi) is on from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. The signal reaches to the building's entrances and the parking lot and does not

require a password.

When the building is closed, the Little Free Pantry is on a cart outside the Fourth Street entrance Monday-Friday.

Take what you need or give what you can.

*Rose Peacock oversees adult services at Cook Memorial Library, La Grande.*

The Cook Memorial Library building is closed during the statewide two-week freeze, with an unknown date for reopening.

To verify current hours and building status call us at 541-962-1339 or visit our website, [www.cookmemoriallibrary.org](http://www.cookmemoriallibrary.org).

The Fourth Street door and phone are answered Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., even when the building is closed.

So, how do you use our services with the building closed? We have a takeout service. Place items on hold

## Norma Jean (Wood) Goldsby

January 25, 1931 - November 19, 2020

Norma Jean (Wood) Goldsby passed away peacefully on November 19, 2020. She suffered from Alzheimer's disease for several years and had a stroke.

Norma was born in Solider, Iowa on January 25th 1931. She and her family moved to Lebanon, Oregon in the early 1940s. Upon graduation from Lebanon High School she worked as a bookkeeper for a local accounting firm. Norma started dating Carl D. Goldsby in December of 1952, engaged on the following Valentine's Day and married May 3, 1953 in Lebanon, Oregon at Norma's parents' home. Norma adopted Carl's daughter, Diane. The adoption was one of the first adoptions granted without the agreement of the living natural parent in the State of Oregon. Carl and Norma moved from Salem to Klamath Falls in the Summer of 1960. Norma was very involved in Professional Women Toastmasters, Red Cross Bloodmobile Chairperson and was a Girl Scout Leader. They moved to La Grande in 1964 where Norma became active in Eastern Star. She enjoyed serving as several Star Points. Carl and Norma discovered a joy in motorcycle touring and traveled all states west of the Mississippi as well as Canada. They logged over 500,000 miles together. She was President of the BMW Riders of Oregon and then became an Ambassador for the BMW Motorcycle Owners of America. Norma was also a volunteer at the La Grande Chamber of Commerce. She was a loving dachshund dog Mom, an avid genealogy researcher and she loved crocheting Afghans for family members. After losing Carl, she moved to Vancouver, WA in 2009 to be closer to her daughter.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl in November 1999, and her two brothers, Harry and Lee. Norma is survived by her daughter, Diane Goldsby of Vancouver, WA, and her granddaughter, Karlee Mink of Kirkland, WA. She also has several nieces and nephews in the Lebanon, OR area. She was a devoted wife, a protective loving mother and a jiggly-playful grandmother. She will be laid to rest beside her husband, Carl, in Hillcrest East Cemetery in La Grande, OR.



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## Empty pews

The First Presbyterian Church in downtown La Grande will remain closed to in-person services through December, as is posted on their entryway. Faith services in Union County are expected to be limited into next month due to the extended restrictions aimed at staunching the spread of COVID-19.

## Loan program open to veteran first-time homebuyers

LA GRANDE — Community Connection of Northeast Oregon is seeking veterans who are first-time homebuyers in four Eastern Oregon counties for the Veteran's Down Payment Assistance Loan Program.

Community Connection in a press release announced the program is open to veterans in Wallowa, Baker, Grant and Union counties.

Oregon Housing and

Community Services funds the program, which can pay up to \$15,000 in down payment and closing costs.

Call 541-963-3186 or visit [cno.org](http://cno.org) for information about eligibility.

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**Come see all of our new vendors!**

Door Prizes and Giveaways

**Come see Santa**  
1-4 pm

Social distancing rules will be followed

**Free Cookies, Cider, Coffee & Hot Chocolate**

Stay warm by the fire pits in front of store