Community

Briefs

It's time to start thinking about your garden

COVE — Nella Mae's Farm of Cove is offering a series of online gardening classes beginning next week.

The one-hour classes begin Feb. 9 at 6 p.m. with "Understanding, Choosing and Starting your Seeds." The next class is "Making a Garden Plan and Planting Schedule" on Feb. 16 at 6 p.m.The classes are open to all experience levels and the fees are on a sliding scale.

For more information on these and other classes and to register, go to www.nellamaesfarm.com/calendar or visit Nella Mae's Farm on Facebook or Eventbrite. Contact farmer@nellamaesfarm.com or 541-910-4098 for questions.

Cove seeks Budget Committee members

COVE — The city of Cove is seeking citizens to be on its budget committee, which generally meets once a year.

The city has set a tentative date of April 27 for this year's budget meeting. Anyone interested may contact the city office at 541-568-4566 or cityadmin@cityofcove.org.

— The Observer

Lottery

Megabucks: $1.2 million
1-13-16-37-38-42
Powerball: $30 million
1-2-7-52-61 — PB 4 x3
Mega Millions: $25 million
4-44-58-59-70 — MB 3 x3
Win for Life: Jan. 30
27-32-34-42
Pick 4: Jan. 31
- 1 p.m.: 5-4-0-9
- 4 p.m.: 3-7-3-9
- 7 p.m.: 6-1-1-3
- 10 p.m.: 4-5-5-2

Pick 4: Jan. 30
- 1 p.m.: 5-0-6-0
- 4 p.m.: 6-9-4-9
- 7 p.m.: 2-2-7-8
- 10 p.m.: 9-2-0-0

Pick 4: Jan. 29
- 1 p.m.: 2-9-7-8
- 4 p.m.: 7-7-6-8
- 7 p.m.: 2-9-7-6
- 10 p.m.: 3-6-0-6

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Obituaries

Rebecca 'Becky' L. (Wilhelm) Roberson

1956-2020 • Elgin

Rebecca "Becky" Lynn Roberson, 64, of Elgin, Dec. 11, 2020, at her residence. A celebration of her life will be held April 24 at 2 p.m. at the Elgin Community Center.

Known as Becky, she was born Feb. 13, 1956, in La Grande, to Ray and Carol (Strong) Wilhelm. She attended Greenwood Elementary School, La Grande High School and graduated from Elgin High School in 1974.

Becky was a loving mother and devoted wife. She enjoyed mushroom hunting, gardening, beading, camping, going to flea markets and yard sales, making dream catchers, hunting and the outdoors.

Surviving relatives include her children, Leticia "T.C." Cardenas of Pendleton, Shone Teel of Hermiston, Tasha Roberson of Tooele, Utah, and Luci Lynn Scott of Wallowa; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her life partner, Richard "Dick" Scott, and parents, Ray and Carol.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Luci Scott at Elgin Community Bank to help with funeral expenses. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com.

James 'Joe' J. Bellisle

1963-2021 • Island City

James "Joe" Joseph Bellisle, 57, of Island City, died Jan. 14 at his residence. At his request there will not be a service.

Known as Joe, he was born Jan. 23, 1963, in Mount Vernon, Washington, to Ray and Cinda (Collins) Bellisle. He resided in St. Helens and Portland and spent most of his life divided between the two until moving to the La Grande area in 2019.

Joe graduated from St. Helens High School. He married Sheila Morrison and they later divorced.

Joe worked for IBEW Painter-Glazier. He loved long walks with his dogs, hunting, fishing and really fast cars.

Survivors include his life partner, Terry Lou Thompson of Island City; children and their spouses, Shawntell and Dan Seulean of La Grande, Jessica Bellisle of Veneta, Joe and Jennifer Thompson of Camas, Washington, Richie and Jessica Thompson of Longview, Washington, and Hank Thompson of Portland; brother and sister-in-law, John and Roseann Bellisle of St. Helens; sister and brother-in-law, Patty and Gary Medeiros of Oklahoma; 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and many nieces and nephews.

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

Jerry Winkle

La Grande

Jerry Winkle, 79, of La Grande, died Jan. 29. A traditional funeral service will be held Feb. 6 at 10 a.m. at the Summerville Baptist Church. Arrangements are by Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home, Halfway.

Chauncey E. Doty

La Grande

Chauncey E. Doty, 55, of La Grande, died Jan. 31 at his residence. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Upcoming local services

LOVELAND
FUNERAL CHAPEL AND CREMATORY

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

Feb. 5 — VELDA KLEIN: 10 a.m. service, livestreamed; go to www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com and click on "Funeral Videos" near bottom of home page.

Feb. 6 — LEEROY MOSCHKAU: 10 a.m. celebration of life (invitation only), Faith Lutheran Church, La Grande; to view the livestream, go to www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com and click on "Funeral Videos" near bottom of home page.

Feb. 6 — JERRY WINKLE: 10 a.m. funeral, Summerville Baptist Church.

Feb. 20 — HARRY BIGLER: 2 p.m. military honors ceremony, Union City Park.

Feb. 20 — LORI GREENWAY: 3 p.m. memorial service, Enterprise First Baptist Church.

April 24 — BECKY ROBERSON: 2 p.m. celebration of life, Elgin Community Center.

— calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande

Signups for Summer Fishtrap open Thursday

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WALLOWA LAKE — Signup opens Thursday, Feb. 4, at 9 a.m. for the 34th annual Summer Fishtrap Gathering of Writers that will take place in July at Wallowa Lake Lodge.

Called "Resilience," this year, the event takes place July 12-18.

Adult workshops cost $855 or $770 for Fishtrappers. Youth workshops cost $550.

Participants are urged to choose a a weeklong writing workshop in their favorite genre: fiction, nonfiction, poetry, memoir, lyric essay or short story. Plus for the first time, Fishtrap is offering a special writing workshop in children's literature.

Each workshop is limited to 13 participants, giving everyone the opportunity to build connections with a world-class instructor and their fellow writers.

Summer Fishtrap also brings a one-of-a-kind literary experience through daily craft talks, discussions, open mics, readings and a keynote address from award-winning poet Frank X Walker all in the inspiring setting of Wallowa Lake.

The workshop instructors include nationally recognized and award winning authors JaNay Brown-Wood, Oregon poet laureate Anis Mojgani, Beth Piatote, Frank X Walker, Ellen Waterston, Joe Wilkins and Leni Zumas. Summer Fishtrap also offers two Youth Workshops led by Bend creative laureate MOsley WOtta and educator Whitney Chandler.

Participants are urged to feel at ease by registering early to get in the writing workshop they most want to attend.

Fishtrap is planning for an in person conference at the lake, but will not put individual health or the health of the local community at risk.

Summer Fishtrap was successfully converted into a "virtual" conference in 2020 and if necessary, Fishtrap will work to make it even better in 2021.

Go to Fishtrap.org to register and to see the full lineup of workshops and instructors.

Public Safety Report

FRIDAY, JAN. 29

8:50 a.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a request for a welfare check on the 700 block of First Street, Cove. A deputy responded and found the subject was fine.

1:52 p.m. — A Cove resident reported possible identity theft. A Union County sheriff's deputy made contact and took information.

2:38 p.m. — La Grande police arrested Justin Harold Sheline, 32, on a Union County warrant for second-degree burglary, first-degree theft and second-degree mischief.

3:54 p.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy on the 1100 block of Division Street, Elgin, received a complaint of telephonic harassment and a request for extra patrols.

7:02 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 500 block of Lake Avenue on a report of a domestic disturbance. Officers separated the parties.

10:26 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 2000 block of N Avenue on a request for a welfare check. Police found the subject was fine.

10:32 p.m. — A caller reported a suspicious person on the 200 block of Fifth Street, North Powder. A Union County sheriff's deputy provided extra patrols.

11:27 p.m. — A caller reported a domestic disturbance on the 700 block of Ruckman Avenue, Imbler. Union County sheriff's deputies responded but the situation did not rise to the level of a mandatory arrest. Deputies separated the parties.

SATURDAY, JAN. 30

2:35 a.m. — A caller reported an assault on the 90 block of South Eighth Avenue, Elgin. A Union County sheriff's deputy made contact and will follow up.

2:56 a.m. — A caller complained about noise on the 2300 block of Q Avenue. An officer responded, tried to make contact but did not get an answer.

3:52 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1400 block of Fourth Street on a report of a domestic disturbance. Police separated the parties.

10:16 a.m. — An Elgin resident on the 2500 block of South 12th Street reported a juvenile has been operating a dirt bike on city streets, but it was not happening at the moment.

2:03 p.m. — A caller reported a disturbance on the 1500 block of Adams Avenue, La Grande. An officer responded, and one person said she would return later for the items she wanted.

5:54 p.m. — A La Grande caller reported a burglary at a business. An officer made contact and took a report.

7:13 p.m. — A caller reported a suspicious person on the 2700 block of N Avenue, La Grande, An officer responded and took a report.

8:37 p.m. — A caller reported a disturbance at Taurus Avenue and Aries Lane, La Grande. Officers responded and told the subject to keep down the noise.

SUNDAY, JAN. 31

8:15 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 2100 block of Adams Avenue on a report of a runaway juvenile. Police returned the juvenile to their parent.

10:24 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 2300 block of Q Avenue for a harassment call. Officers arrested a 47-year-old woman on misdemeanors of second-degree disorderly conduct and menacing.

12:56 p.m. — A caller reported a pit bull dog running in traffic at Spruce Street and Y Avenue, La Grande. The animal enforcement officer responded but did not see the dog.

2:09 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office responded to the 1200 block of Evanston Street, Elgin, on a call about harassment. A deputy arrested a 51-year-old woman on misdemeanors of second-degree disorderly conduct and menacing.

9 p.m. — A caller reported a suspicious person standing in the road in the area of the railroad tracks at Island Avenue, La Grande. Officers responded and gave the person a ride to the Union County Warming Station, La Grande.

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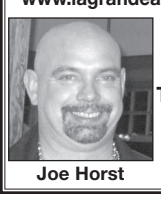
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Francis "Frank" Eugene Palmer

August 6, 1936 - January 25, 2021

Francis "Frank" Eugene Palmer Sr., 84, of Priest River, ID, formerly of La Grande, OR, was called home on January 25, 2021. He passed peacefully at the home of his eldest daughter in Priest River, Idaho.

Frank was born on August 6, 1936 in La Grande, Oregon to the late James and Alice (White) Palmer. He graduated from La Grande High School in 1955. He was married to Carol Rogers from 1955 to 1963 and Karen Swart from 1965 to 1989.

Frank was a family man through and through, a true patriarch. He modeled unconditional love and forgiveness to every member of his family. He supported decisions and adventures of those he loved, even when he did not agree with them. His loved ones confided in him because they knew he would always listen without judgment. He gave advice to those who requested it and never missed an opportunity to say, "I am so proud of you."

All who knew Frank would agree that he loved to tell stories and would share them with anyone who would listen. He had a knack for telling stories from his childhood to his teen years and beyond. His memory was intact and even in his later years his story telling was spot on! Most heard some or all of his stories several times but all would give anything to hear him tell just one more.

Frank was a remarkable man who lived a remarkable life. He gave priceless gifts. His gifts were love, kindness, acceptance, forgiveness and compassion. His final act of love and compassion was his fight to live a few extra days to join his eldest son, Jim, in heaven for Jim's birthday.

Frank's children would like to share the words that will resonate with each of them for the rest of their lives. "I love you; I'm proud of you; Give your family my love."

Frank is preceded in death by his father and mother, numerous siblings, and eldest son, James "Jim" Eugene Palmer.

Frank is survived by his love and companion of 26 years, Linda Beckadahl of Priest River, ID; his children, Cathy and Tony Lamanna of Priest River, ID; Sham Palmer of Sagle, ID; Frank and Jayne Palmer of Molalla, OR; Michael and Shandra Palmer of Coeur d' Alene, ID; Tina L.White of Roanoke, VA and Brett and April Palmer of Tucson, AZ; as well as 17 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren and his only living sister, Irene "Macel" Mabe of Moscow, ID. Frank also leaves behind numerous extended family members and countless people who received the blessing of his kindness and compassion.

In light of the pandemic, memorial services will be held at a date yet to be determined.

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