

COMMUNITY

Meetings

• **ISLAND CITY** — The Island City City Council meets Monday, Feb. 15, at 7 p.m. at Island City City Hall. The agenda includes swearing in the new councilor, discussion of the request for a quiet hour extension and reviewing the contract with the Union County Sheriff's Office. Masks and social distancing are required. Written public comment on topics to be discussed may either be dropped off at city hall or emailed to karen@islandcityhall.com prior to the meeting.

• **IMBLER** — The Imbler School District Board of Directors will meet Tuesday, Feb. 16, at 7 p.m. at the high school. The board also will meet in a closed-door session to discuss staff negotiations and the superintendent's evaluation. The public can attend. Masks and social distancing are required.

Briefs

Forest Service waives fees in honor of Presidents Day

PORTLAND — The U.S. Forest Service will waive fees at day-use recreation sites in Oregon and Washington Monday, Feb. 15 in honor of Presidents Day.

The Forest Service offers several fee-free days annually to encourage Americans to explore the outdoors and visit their public lands. The fee waiver includes many picnic areas, boat launches, trailheads and visitor centers. Fees for camping, cabin rentals, heritage expeditions or other permits still apply.

To find a national forest or grassland near you, go to www.fs.fed.us/ivm.

Tax preparation assistance is available

LA GRANDE — The Eastern Oregon University Small Business Development Center announced the Oregon State University College of Business is offering free tax preparation services locally to low- and middle-income individuals and families through a partnership with the IRS.

The service is available in February and March, and appointments are being scheduled. To qualify for the service, individuals or families must make less than \$72,000 annually and meet other eligibility guidelines. To learn more about eligibility or to register for an appointment, call 541-737-7962. Assistance also is available in Spanish.

New hours for Harvest Share at senior center

LA GRANDE — The Union County Senior Center's Harvest Share, which offers free fresh produce, canned goods, baked goods and dairy products, is open only on Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Harvest Share is open to the public. Income limits apply on some items. Call 541-963-7532 for more information or to arrange pickup at the senior center, 1504 N. Albany St., La Grande.

Lottery

Megabucks: \$1.7 million
17-18-27-32-34-48
Powerball: \$42 million
15-39-58-63-67 — PB 7 x2
Win for Life: Feb. 10
9-21-41-63
Pick 4: Feb. 11
• 1 p.m.: 0-1-7-6
• 4 p.m.: 6-2-3-1
• 7 p.m.: 5-1-8-5
• 10 p.m.: 5-8-7-3
Pick 4: Feb. 10
• 1 p.m.: 4-0-8-0
• 4 p.m.: 5-1-3-3
• 7 p.m.: 3-5-7-4
• 10 p.m.: 9-3-2-0

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Arts organizations receive awards

The Observer

SALEM — Four Northwest Oregon arts organizations were among the 150 statewide to receive a funding boost from the Oregon Arts Commission.

The commission in a press release announced its 2021 fiscal year Operating Support Program provided \$910,568 in total. There are 12 more recipients than in fiscal year 2020 due to a growing number of eligible organizations.

The Eastern Oregon Regional Arts Council, La Grande, received a \$3,000 grant.

Crossroads Creative and Performing Arts Center Inc., Baker City, received a \$3,020 award. And two Wallowa County organizations received grants: Fishtrap Inc. of Enterprise (\$5,631) and the Joseph Center for Arts and Culture of Joseph (\$3,000).

Other Eastern Oregon organizations benefiting from the awards include the Arts Council of Pendleton (\$8,858), Crow's Shadow Institute of the Arts (\$4,398) and Oregon



Art Center East/Contributed Photo

The Eastern Oregon Regional Arts Council operating out of Art Center East, 1006 Penn Ave., La Grande, was among the 150 statewide to receive a funding boosting February 2021 from the Oregon Arts Commission.

East Symphony (\$3,000), all of Pendleton.

The grant awards are available to nonprofit organizations with arts at the core of their mission and budgets over \$150,000.

"We often hear that operating support is the most important type of award," said Arts Commission Chair Anne Taylor in the press release. "Especially now, as arts organizations continue

to suffer great losses due to the pandemic, these awards can help relieve a bit of the economic pressure."

In 2019, organizations receiving operating support from the Arts Commission expended \$213 million, employed and equivalent of 11,681 full-time workers, and produced events and activities that were attended by close to 3.7 million people.

Snowy day in La Grande



Alex Wittwer/The Observer

Sadie Fischer (left) and her mom, Sarah Fischer, walk through a snow-filled La Grande Thursday, Feb 11, 2021.

BIRTHS

GRANDE RONDE HOSPITAL

COLLINS: To Julie Faye Collins and William Alexander Collins, of La Grande, a daughter, Magnolia Faye Collins, Jan. 29.

MCCAULEY: To Jessica Marie McCauley and Michael Gene McCauley, of Cove, a daughter, Esther Marie-Kaye McCauley, Jan. 20. Grandparents are Mark and Jennifer McCauley, Connie Dantley and the late Harold Wasserman.

NORDSTROM: To Sarah Nordstrom and Alex Nordstrom, of Island City, a daughter, Arwen Camille Nordstrom, Jan. 14.

REDDINGTON: To Kyra Louise Reddington and Hunter McKenzie Reddington, of La Grande, a son, Rodger McKenzie Reddington, Jan. 4.

Grandparents are Shawn Reddington, Jennifer Reddington, Kathryn Fairchild and Robert Fairchild.

SINGER: To Rebecca Arletha

Singer and Cody Gene Singer, of La Grande, a son, Clancy Gene Singer, Jan. 18.

TAYLOR-WING: To Tessa Lynn Taylor and Stephen J. Wing, of La Grande, a son, Eastyn Lee Taylor-Wing, Dec. 28, 2020.

VILLAGOMEZ EDVALSON: To Amanda Villagomez and Manuel Villagomez Martinez, of La Grande, a daughter, Zelie Josephine Villagomez Edvalson, Jan. 30. Grandparents are Marvin and Nancy Edvalson and Guadalupe Martinez.

ZINK: To Kaitlyn Rae Zink and Jacob Daniel Zink, of North Powder, a daughter, Zoey Elizabeth Zink, Dec. 30, 2020.

HOME BIRTH

STOCKHOFF: To Caylyn Fry Stockhoff and Woody Stockhoff, of La Grande, a daughter, Sage Victoria Fry Stockhoff, Jan. 17 at her grandparents' house in La Grande.

Upcoming local services



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

Feb. 12 — JAMES JONES: 1:30 p.m. rosary and 2 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial, Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, La Grande; view the livestream at www.lovelfuneralchapel.com (click on "Funeral Videos" near bottom of home page).

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.

— calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10

6:51 a.m. — A caller reported a burglary on the 1500 block of X Avenue, La Grande. An officer responded and took a report.

7:48 a.m. — Local law enforcement received a report of a restraining order violation on the 2300 block of Spruce Street, La Grande. Police will follow up.

9:10 a.m. — A caller reported the theft of a vehicle from the 2300 block of Q Avenue, La Grande. An officer contacted the subject, but then made no report.

6:03 p.m. — An Elgin resident on the 1100 block of Alder Street reported telephonic harassment. A Union County sheriff's deputy made contact and explained options.

7:04 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1700 block of Spruce Street on a domestic disturbance call. An officer took a report.

7:39 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 3200 block of Union Street on a domestic disturbance call. Officers warned one person for disorderly conduct.

THURSDAY, FEB. 11

8:58 a.m. — A caller reported a burglary on the 1400 block of Jackson

Avenue, La Grande. An officer made contact and took a report.

10:09 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 2500 block of Second Street for a domestic disturbance and took a report.

12:06 p.m. — A caller reported a domestic disturbance on the 1900 block of H Avenue, La Grande. Officers responded and determined this was an argument. Police separated and counseled the parties involved.

2:46 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a report of a weapons violation on the 53600 block of Jimmy Creek Road, North Powder. A deputy made contact and took information.

7 p.m. — A caller on the 1400 block of Adele Terrace, Elgin, reported a restraining order violation. A Union County sheriff's deputy made contact and explained options.

FRIDAY, FEB. 12

12:45 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 2800 block of First Street for a domestic disturbance. Officers separated the parties.

2:28 a.m. — A caller reported a person causing a disturbance on the 2100 block of Maple Street, La Grande. Officers responded and determined the person was suffering a mental health crisis.

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.

FEB. 15-19

Monday: closed for Presidents Day

Tuesday: fish and chips, coleslaw, baked beans, fresh fruit, dessert.

Wednesday: tender beef, potatoes, salad greens, dessert.

Thursday: almond chicken, rice pilaf, salad greens, sliced fruit, rolls, fruit tart.

Friday: Swiss steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, mushrooms, salad greens, fruit, dessert.

Children's free takeout breakfast and lunch menu

Free breakfast and lunch for anyone age 18 and younger.

Pick up 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Central, Greenwood or Island City elementary schools, La Grande. Fresh vegetables, seasonal fruit and 1% milk are offered daily in addition to the menu items.

Served at La Grande schools for on-campus students.

FEB. 15-19 LA GRANDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Monday: schools closed for Presidents Day, no meals served.

Tuesday: BREAKFAST: oatmeal-chocolate chip bar, cheese stick, orange juice; LUNCH: sloppy joe on a bun, green beans.

Wednesday: BREAKFAST: plain bagel with cream cheese, fresh fruit; LUNCH: sunbutter and jelly sandwich, red peppers.

Thursday: BREAKFAST: cinnamon roll, orange juice; LUNCH: Meatball sub, broccoli florets.

Friday: BREAKFAST: strawberry yogurt, graham crackers, fresh fruit; LUNCH: fish sticks, breadsticks, steamed corn.

LA GRANDE MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL

Monday: schools closed for Presidents Day, no meals served.

Tuesday: BREAKFAST: bacon, egg and cheese on a biscuit, orange juice; LUNCH: sloppy joe on a bun, cucumber slices.

Wednesday: BREAKFAST: blueberry muffin, cheese stick, fresh fruit; LUNCH: tuna sandwich, kettle chips, red peppers.

Thursday: BREAKFAST: burrito, orange juice; LUNCH: chicken sub, broccoli florets.

Friday: BREAKFAST: cinnamon-cream-cheese-filled bagel, fresh fruit; LUNCH: fish sticks, breadsticks, green beans.

La Grande Middle School students earn placement on honor roll

LA GRANDE — La Grande Middle School released this list of students who earned a place on the honor roll for the second quarter of the 2021-21 academic year by earning a GPA of 3.50 or higher.

6TH GRADE

4.00: Rileigh Ackley, Hunter Austin, Sydnee Azure, Angus Boyk, Taylor Browning, Madeline Burton, Haiden Davis, Alexander De Anda Lopez, Dex Dunlap, Diego Escamilla Ramirez, Aviana Fields, Genevieve Gekeler, Mollie George, Alyson Glabe, Paylan Hampton, Jady Hulce, Jackson Kimball,

Delaney Klinger, Jerrick Leonard, Grayson Loudermilk, Charlotte Luke, Rinnah Lynch, Alexace Milner, Chad Moran, Chasity Morrison, Wyatt Murie, Brennan Palmer, Carleigh Radke, Riken Ritter, Avrey Robinson, Quinton Robinson, Nolan Rogers, Camilla Romer, Gracie Spence, Brennan St. Claire, Hayden Trice, Lainey Wolfe, Michael Yiftheg, Jane Zastrow.

3.90: Sophie Turner.

3.88: Cade McKinley, Holden Sipe.

3.87: Lybeoth Hill.

3.85: Ashlyn Oroasco.

3.80: Kallen Blakely, Lukas Hale, Kyler Myer.

3.75: Treyton Miller.

3.72: Marcos Sanchez.

3.71: Pierce Lair.
3.66: Hamad Alamyaaar, Noah Carter, Hailee Ford, Jessica Lopez.
3.63: Mackenzie Wigginton.
3.62: Kiera Hibbert.
3.60: Leah Ingerson, Brody Miller, Amiah Tye.
3.50: Fern McConnell.

7TH GRADE

4.00: Cameron Canfield, Elizabeth Carpenter, Carson Declue, Joselyn Dodds, Maylie Eby, Hailey Evans, Asher Farny, Mathias Fields, Adelaide Grigg, Carter Harden, Lee Harris, Bekham Hibbert, Cassidy Hogge, Emilee Huntsman, Ella Johnson, Ella Jorgensen, Kloe Knight Damien Kodep,

Karli Kretschmer, Ryder McIlmoil, Emersyn Miller, Jillian Nelson, Brooke Perry, Stephanie Schlegel, Dakota Shorts, Kaetlyn Snyder, Serenity Stouder, Miriam Westenskow, Mattison Wolcott.
3.90: Spencer Koyle.
3.88: Peyton Daggett, Elle Edvalson, Malaika Gitome, Anyka Wildman.
3.87: Gabriel Cox, Adrina Cravinho Gustafson, Taylor Dearing, Kallyn Hornack, Taryn McIlmoil, Jason Nelson.
3.80: Madison Armstrong.
3.77: Landon Hood.
3.75: Irelyn Collins, Mason Lewis, Rhiley Lees.
3.70: Emmett Theiler.
3.66: Haylee Doud.

3.62: Victoria Cornford, Jeremiah Jones.
3.58: Ashlyn Costello, Charish Young.
3.50: Mlorica Carland, Halle Hopkins.

8TH GRADE

4.00: Opal Alf Rippee, Marti Anderson, Aubrey Bisenius, Kylie Brown, Lydia Case, Kayle Collman, Elijah Cox, Ayla Davis, Kaylie Davis, Emma Elithorp, Dane Fine, Eleanor Gisi, Ella Hayden, Kristina Hayden, Laura Hendrickson, Makayla Hibbert, Austin Jeffries, Mason Kimball, Reese Koyle, Austyn Meuser, Bryce Pennington, Bethany Petty, Thananya Robertson, Riley Rob-

inson, Carter Seaquist, Raelee Smith, Addison Snyder, Noah Spence, Carlee Strand, Cecilia Villagomez Edvalson, Aaron Weaver, Evan Zastrow.
3.90: Macy Iramk, Mia Korom, Shanelle Parker.
3.87: Kierstyn Azure, Makenzi Comisky, Lillian Dunlap, Abbygail Myers.
3.85: Lyndie Isaacson.
3.77: Carter Pollard.
3.75: Matt Anderson, Karly Burgess, Ruby Gregg, Hazel Hartz, Carter Stockhoff.
3.72: Adysen Perry.
3.62: Lacie Hearing, Natasha Powell.
3.60: Elphirene Yiftheg.
3.55: Matthew Hall.
3.50: Savannah Melinger, Jayden Riley.