

COMMUNITY

Briefs

Open house marks new North Powder fire station

NORTH POWDER — The North Powder Rural Fire District invites the public to come see its new fire station during an open house Saturday, March 20, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tours will be given and burgers and hot dogs will be served. The station is at 710 E St., North Powder.

Free workshop offered for parents of teens

LA GRANDE — A free eight-week virtual workshop of Conscious Discipline for Parenting Teens begins April 8.

The course helps parents learn how to better manage their and their child's emotions and how to effectively apply consequences; builds safety and connection between parents and their children; and teaches internal motivation and responsibility.

Made possible by the Oregon Parenting Education Collaborative, Union County Juvenile Department and Union County Parenting Collaborative, the course will be offered virtually through Zoom on Thursdays from noon to 1 p.m.

Space is limited — to register, call 541-910-3267.

Lottery

- Megabucks: \$3.1 million 10-19-26-30-31-46
- Powerball: \$169 million 5-11-51-56-61 — PB 2 x2
- Mega Millions: \$93 million 10-41-46-52-69 — MB 8 x2
- Win for Life: March 15 12-13-37-52
- Pick 4: March 16
- 1 p.m.: 3-0-5-5
- 4 p.m.: 2-1-4-0
- 7 p.m.: 8-8-0-1
- 10 p.m.: 2-0-2-2
- Pick 4: March 15
- 1 p.m.: 4-2-9-8
- 4 p.m.: 1-8-3-6
- 7 p.m.: 8-1-7-1
- 10 p.m.: 1-0-6-8

DELIVERY ISSUES?

If you have any problems receiving your Observer, call 541-963-3161.

OBITUARIES

Crawford J. 'C.J.' Bryan

1935-2021 • La Grande

Crawford John Bryan, 85, of La Grande, died March 13 at his residence.

Known as C.J., he was born June 13, 1935, in Tahliha, Oklahoma, the fifth of five sons born to Dick and Bernice "Sissie" Bryan. He graduated from Tahliha High School in 1953 and Oklahoma State University in 1961, with a bachelor's degree in forestry. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1954 to 1957.

C.J. worked in many locations throughout the West with the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, with a short assignment to Humboldt State University in Arcata, California. He also worked for the Oklahoma Division of Forestry. In addition to field forester positions, he had many administrative assignments, the last being Agency Superintendent, BIA, Bethel, Alaska. After retiring from the federal service in 1992, C.J. worked as a private consulting forester with various Alaska Native corporations throughout the state until 2001, when he retired to La Grande.

C.J. was a proud member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. His mother, Sissie Pitchlynn, was an original Dawes Commission enrollee of the tribe. He was on the founding board of directors of the American Indian Science and Engineering Society.

C.J. was a long-time volunteer in the various communities where he lived, such as Little League baseball coach, girls softball coach, school board member, parish council

member, volunteer counselor, Meals on Wheels deliverer, Books for Seniors deliverer, volunteer cook and meal server. He was a member of La Grande Masonic Lodge #41, Union Royal Arch Masonry, Baker Valley Scottish Rite and the Ecclesia Gnostica church of Portland, a church of the ancient gnostic tradition.

C.J. particularly enjoyed hiking mountain trails with his wife, Marian, and dog, Choc, and being outdoors where he felt closest to the creator.

Surviving relatives include his children, Melissa Miller of Lakeside, Arizona, Laurinda Bryan of Eureka, California, Rebecca Crook of McKinleyville, California, Summer Bryan of La Grande, Peter Bryan of Pendleton, Debe Boston of Eureka, California, and Michael Bryan of Pendleton; brother, James Bryan of Tulsa, Oklahoma; and nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Richard, George and Billy Joe; and wife, Marian Goldberg.

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

Raymond K. Duggins

1938-2021 • Cove

Raymond K. Duggins, 82, of Cove, died March 15 at his residence. A graveside service will be held at the Cove Cemetery March 18 at 2 p.m.

Casual dress is preferred by the family. Attendees must wear a mask and practice social distancing to meet COVID-19 guidelines.

Raymond was born Dec. 3, 1938, in Corn, Oklahoma, to Loy and Goldie

(Cunningham) Duggins. He resided in Southern California and Cove. He was married to Shirley Ann Clark for 62 years.

Raymond was a mechanic, but he loved woodworking and building furniture the most.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Shirley; children and their spouses, Cheri and Scott Doren of Cove, Raymond K. Jr. and Candy Duggins of Nevada, and Clifford Duggins of Oklahoma; and three grandchildren.

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

Grant G. Tsiatsos

1952-2021 • Starkey

Grant Gregory Tsiatsos, 68, of Starkey, died March 6 at a local care facility. A memorial service will be held at the family cemetery in Starkey sometime in June.

Grant was born June 30, 1952, in La Grande, to Gregory and Doris (Gray) Tsiatsos. He attended Central Elementary School, the Imnaha one-room school, La Grande Middle School and La Grande High School. He married Christy Barklow and they became the parents of twins. They later divorced.

Grant worked with his father on ranches in Union and Wallowa counties, feeding and calving 650 cows for several winters. He also worked at a bronze foundry in Joseph. He would bring his dog, Teddy, with him every day. Veryl Goodrite, the artist who created the "Freedom Horses" bronze work, insisted they put Teddy's pawprint on that bronze. Grant later went to work for ODOT at Sea-

side and worked there until retiring and moving back to Starkey.

Grant was a kind, gentle man. He loved his family and friends. He enjoyed snowmobiling and went on yearly trips with a couple of friends he met while working at ODOT in Seaside. He liked laying tile and did beautiful work for his mother and father's home.

Surviving relatives include his children, Christopher of Lostine and Deena and husband, Daren, of Etna, California; parents, Greg and Doris Tsiatsos of Starkey; sister and brother-in-law, Sharon and Fred Crampton of La Grande; two grandchildren; two nieces and nephews; and many aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Deena Tsiatsos-Hale, and grandparents, Gus and Matilda Tsiatsos and Lloyd and Eunice Gray.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Liver Foundation, 39 Broadway, Suite 2700, New York, NY 10006, or www.liverfoundation.org.

Online condolences may be made to the family

Upcoming local services



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

March 18 — RAYMOND DUGGINS: 2 p.m. graveside service, Cove Cemetery; casual dress preferred.

March 19 — RAYMOND JOHNSON: 11 a.m. graveside service, Summerville Cemetery; view the livestream at www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com.

chapel.com.

March 20 — CHARITY HENRY: 11 a.m. memorial service, La Grande Church of Christ.

March 20 — MAX MOFFIT: 11 a.m. graveside service and vault interment, Lostine Cemetery; reception follows at Lostine Grange Hall.

March 23 — GARY GASTON: 2 p.m. lives-treated funeral; view at www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com.

— *calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande*

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Kristine R. McNair

Cove

Kristine R. McNair, 63, of Cove, died March 17 at a local care facility. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Gene Bolin

La Grande

Gene Bolin, 88, of La Grande, died March 16. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Gary A. Gaston

La Grande

Gary A. Gaston, 56, of La Grande, died March 13 at Grande Ronde Hospital. A private funeral service will be held March 23 at 2 p.m. The service will be livestreamed: go to www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com and click on the "Funeral Videos" button near the bottom of the home page just before 2 p.m. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Monday, March 15

1:18 p.m. — A La Grande officer saw juveniles on the railroad tracks at Pioneer Park and warned them for trespassing.

2:56 p.m. — A caller at the Cottage Inn, 2116 Adams Ave., La Grande, asked to speak to an officer regarding a civil issue. An officer made contact and explained options.

7:41 p.m. — A caller reported a cow was at large in the area of Hunter Road and Woodell Lane, La Grande. Someone found the cow and placed it inside a fence.

9:34 p.m. — A La Grande resident reported telephonic harassment. An officer responded and took a report.

Tuesday, March 16

10:23 a.m. — A resident on the 900 block of Dogwood Street, Elgin, reported a possible burglary. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded and took information.

3:41 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a fight on the 11600 block of Island

Avenue, Island City, and arrested Steven Michael McBride, 39, for fourth-degree assault.

Wednesday, March 17

3:56 a.m. — La Grande police responded to a report of suspicious circumstances on the 300 block of 12th Street and arrested Steven James Parker Jr., 24, of La Grande, for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

Recent Oregon State Police activity

March 9, 3:07 p.m. — An Oregon State Police trooper stopped a Mitsubishi Eclipse Cross for speeding on the eastbound side of Interstate 84 near milepost 278. The trooper subsequently arrested the driver, Jesus Martinez, 38, for DUII (controlled substances).

March 11, 11:05 a.m. — A traffic stop for speeding on I-84 near La Grande ended with an arrest and the seizure of 9.3 grams of psilocybin mushrooms and seven LSD tabs.

A trooper stopped a speeding Toyota passenger car on the eastbound side of I-84 near milepost 262, according to state police, and during the contact with the driver smelled marijuana.

The trooper obtained consent to search the car and found the LSD and mushrooms and cited the driver, Faith Emi Zarbock, 19, of South Jordan, Utah, for possession of both.

State police also took the drugs to the La Grande Police Department for eventual destruction.

March 12, 1:07 p.m. — An Oregon State Police trooper stopped a vehicle heading west on I-84 near milepost 265 for failing to maintain a lane. During the stop, according to state police, the passenger tossed a burning cigarette out of the window.

The trooper warned the driver but gave the passenger, William Raymond Reynolds, 30, of Mount Vernon, Washington, a citation for offensive littering and throwing burning material from a vehicle.

Vaccine keeps rolling out at Wallowa County sites

By RONALD BOND
Wallowa County Chieftain

ENTERPRISE — Around a quarter of Wallowa County has received a vaccine against COVID-19 through Wallowa Memorial Hospital, according to the latest numbers from WMH Communications Director Brooke Pace.

And the speed with which vaccines are being doled out has allowed the county to get further down the waitlist.

"We have been able to move into Group 7, the

essential workers and people under 45 (with underlying conditions)," Pace said.

At WMH's most recent clinic on Tuesday, March 16, it gave out about 450 doses of the vaccine. Of that, 205 were first doses of the Moderna vaccines, 145 were second doses and 100 were the new one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

"Some of those people were in the age sequencing that had passed up to this date (on getting vaccinated)," Pace said of those

getting the newest vaccine. "I would say half of the Johnson & Johnson are being given out to those currently eligible in Group 6 and 7."

Those qualified in Group 6 include those between 45-64 years old with one or more health conditions that puts them at increased risk, according to guidance from Oregon Health Authority. It also includes migrant and seasonal farm workers, seafood and agricultural workers, those working in food processing, home-

less, people in low-income senior housing, wildland firefighters, those displaced by wildfires, and pregnant women age 16 and older.

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