

COMMUNITY

Meetings

• COVE — The Cove City Council will meet Tuesday, April 6, at 7 p.m. at Cove City Hall, 504 Alder St. The council will hold its first reading of Ordinance 1-2021, defining and prohibiting nuisances, which would replace previous regulations. Copies of the ordinance are available at the city office.

• LA GRANDE — The La Grande City Council will meet Wednesday, April 7, at 6 p.m. Councilors will participate in the session by electronic communication, and the public may view the proceedings on the La Grande Alive website at www.lagrandealive.tv/city-events or on the Eastern Oregon Alive TV Facebook page. New business on the agenda includes allocating current COVID-19 loan program funding to Community Connection to provide grants for utility bills.

• LA GRANDE — The Union County Democratic Party will hold its monthly meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, April 7, at 7 p.m. To register for the virtual meeting, call 541-562-6289 or email a request to rknap@eon.com with your address and phone number.

Briefs

Robbs Hill quarry protest meeting is tonight

PERRY — A meeting regarding the proposed Robbs Hill rock quarry will begin at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 1, at the old school in Lower Perry. The meeting is open to all who are concerned about the quarry's potential impact.

Drive-thru vaccination clinic open to enrolled veterans

RICHLAND, Wash. — A drive-thru COVID-19 vaccination clinic for enrolled veterans will be held at the federal building in Richland, Washington, Saturday, April 3, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The clinic is designed for those who prefer not to get out of their car. In-office vaccinations are available at all VA clinics in the Jonathan M. Wainwright Memorial VA Medical Center system, including La Grande. Appointments are required. Call 509-525-5200 (select 2, then 2 or ask for the call center) to schedule an appointment.

Rimfire silhouette shoot open to all

LA GRANDE — The La Grande Rifle and Pistol Club is hosting a .22 rimfire silhouette shoot Sunday, April 4, at the club's river range on Highway 244 (I-84 exit 252, then 3 miles west on the Ukiah-Hilgard Highway). The event is open to the public and begins at 9 a.m. Entry fee is \$5. Eye and ear protection are required. Rifles or pistols, with no restrictions on sights.

For more information, call Gary at 541-786-0809, go to www.lgrpc.com or visit the club's Facebook page.

— The Observer

Lottery

- Megabucks: \$3.7 million
12-18-24-26-28-45
- Powerball: \$238 million
6-14-38-39-65 — PB 6 x3
- Mega Millions: \$152 million
11-37-47-53-58 — MB 15 x3
- Win for Life: March 29
6-43-59-76
- Pick 4: March 30
 - 1 p.m.: 9-1-0-0
 - 4 p.m.: 5-6-7-6
 - 7 p.m.: 1-6-2-5
 - 10 p.m.: 0-6-1-9
- Pick 4: March 29
 - 1 p.m.: 2-6-1-9
 - 4 p.m.: 1-5-2-3
 - 7 p.m.: 0-8-7-6
 - 10 p.m.: 4-4-1-6

DELIVERY ISSUES?

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

Virginia R. (Savage) Anderson

1931-2021 • Union

Virginia Rose Anderson, 89, of Union, died March 21 at her home in High Valley from natural causes. A memorial service will be held April 3 at 1 p.m. at the Union Sportsman Club on Highway 203.



Virginia, also known as "Ginny," was born July 15, 1931, in Union, to Harold and Emily (Draper) Savage. She resided in High Valley for most of her life. She attended Union High School and after graduation married her husband of 67 years, Robert "Bob" N. Anderson.

Virginia was a loving mother and homemaker. She enjoyed knitting, crocheting, sewing, hunting, fishing, camping and loving her 12 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and 21 nieces and nephews.

Surviving relatives include her children and their spouses, Linda Kay Anderson of La Grande,

Terry and Lisa Anderson of Union, Larry and Glenna Anderson of Cove, and Gary Anderson and Deanna Mallon of Union.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Emily Savage; brother, Ranny Savage; and husband, Robert Anderson.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a dementia/Alzheimer's foundation of your choice.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.lovelandfuneral-chapel.com.

Larry W. Robbins

Elgin

Larry W. Robbins, 80, of Elgin, died March 29 at Grande Ronde Hospital. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Terry M. Sandoval

La Grande

Terry Michelle Sandoval, 43, of La Grande, died March 29 at her residence. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

OBITUARIES

Elizabeth A. (Gawith) McCallister

1979-2021 • Formerly of La Grande

Elizabeth Ann McCallister, 41, formerly of La Grande, died March 11 in Page, Arizona.

Elizabeth, also known as Liz, was born Nov. 9, 1979, in La Grande, to Roger and Maggie Gawith.



Elizabeth was married and divorced two times, first to Jimmy K and then to Jay McCallister, the father of her children.

Elizabeth loved her children and her animals with all of her heart. She would talk about her children to people who were close to her. Elizabeth was also a huge animal person. She was always rescuing some sort of animal even if she was allergic to it. She also loved photography.

Surviving relatives include her father, Roger Gawith of Albany; son, Hunter, 13; daughters, Leah, 16, and Jade, 12; sisters, Catherine Rasmussen of Page, Arizona, and

Upcoming local services



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

April 2 — JIM ROMINE: 1 p.m. memorial service, Pine Valley Presbyterian Church, Halfway.

April 3 — VIRGINIA ANDERSON: 1 p.m. memorial service, Union Sportsman Club.

April 9-10 — DOUGLAS CARPER:

5-7 p.m. April 9 viewing, Loveland Funeral Chapel; 2 p.m. April 10 graveside service, Cove Cemetery (view the livestream at www.lovelandfuneral-chapel.com).

April 10 — BRUCE ARBOGAST: 11 a.m. graveside service, Cove Cemetery; reception follows at the Cove Sportsman Club.

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

— calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande

Angela Karns of Temecula, California; aunts, Sharon McCraw, Verla Trump, Phyllis Mento and Juanita Myers; and nieces and nephews: Samone, Dante, Dakota and Georgia.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Maggie Gawith, and uncles, Billie, Harry and Vern Gawith.

Memorial donations

can be made to Catherine Rasmussen; email gndsmommy@gmail.com for more information.

Mary J. Whitaker

La Grande

Mary June Whitaker, 88, of La Grande, died March 29 at her residence. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

MONDAY, MARCH 29

7:33 a.m. — Local law enforcement responded to Woodgrain Lumber, 2111 Island Ave., La Grande, and trespassed two people from the property and railroad tracks.

9:34 a.m. — A caller reported a tree and power line fell at Bean-Coffin Lane and Pumpkin Ridge Road west of Elgin.

10:07 a.m. — A caller reported possible animal abuse on the 700 block of North Bellwood Street, Union. An animal enforcement officer responded and performed a welfare check.

12:51 p.m. — A caller reported possible animal abuse on the 1200 block of Jasper Street, Cove.

1:53 p.m. — A caller reported possible animal abuse at 12th Street and H Avenue, La Grande.

5:24 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of fraud from the 300 block of 12th Street. An officer responded and took a report.

9:48 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a report of a disturbance on the 63200 block of Highway 203, La Grande. A deputy responded and found this was a civil situation.

TUESDAY, MARCH 30

2:22 a.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy responded to a crash on the eastbound side of Interstate 84 near milepost 244 and took a report.

4:23 a.m. — A caller reported a transient sleeping in the laundry room of apartments on the 2000 block of Second Street, La Grande. An officer responded and the subject left.

7:27 a.m. — La Grande parking enforcement had a vehicle towed from the 800 block of Z Avenue.

9:56 a.m. — A caller on the 1600 block of Gekeler Lane, La Grande, reported mail theft. An officer searched the area but did not find the suspect.

2:56 p.m. — A caller reported a transient camp on Mount Emily Road, Island City.

3:41 p.m. — A caller reported one juvenile chased another on the 1500 block of Adams Avenue, La Grande. The caller did not want follow-up contact from police.

7:30 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1800 block of Z Avenue for a disturbance. Officers counseled the parties.

10:07 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1800 block of Fourth Street for a disturbance and counseled the people involved.

Recent Oregon State Police activity

March 27, 9:32 a.m. — A driver on Interstate 84 tried to pick up a cigarette and ended up crashing her car.

An OSP trooper responded to the east-

bound side of the freeway in the area of milepost 275 and found the 2006 Scion hatchback had rolled.

The driver, a 33-year-old woman from Weiser, Idaho, reported she was going west when she dropped her cigarette, tried to pick it up and veered onto the soft gravel shoulder.

She then lost control and the car crossed the median and both east-bound lanes through oncoming traffic before rolling at least once on the outside shoulder and landed upright.

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Blake Allen Nelson
May 6, 1996 - March 23, 2021

On Tuesday March 23rd, 2021, Blake Allen Nelson of Elgin/La-Grande passed away at age 24. He was a loving son, grandson, brother, nephew, cousin and friend.

Blake was born on May 6th, 1996 in Carmichael, California, to Michael and Pauline (Linde) Nelson. He was the proudest older brother of 7 younger siblings. Blake was a Wildland Firefighter and enjoyed the adventure of learning and exploring new places.

His eyes were as blue as a summer's sky and could melt your heart with a single glance. He had an infectious smile and laugh.

Blake was very well mannered, humble, loving, funny and had a heart of gold! He loved spending time with his family and friends, going up in the mountains shooting, playing Xbox and doing as he would say his "Cowboy Stuff".

Blake "Lil Man" is survived by his parents; grandparents Richard and Sandra Nelson of Auburn, California and Paul Hicks of La Grande; his 7 siblings; aunts, uncles and many cousins.

He is preceded in death by his great-grandmother Myrtle Nelson; uncle Clint Siefker Sr; and grandma Cheryl Hicks.

There will be a celebration of Blake's life held at a later date.

Greater Idaho org rallies in Eastern Oregon

BAKER CITY — The organization for shifting Oregon's border to create the state of Greater Idaho is holding rallies in Eastern Oregon.

Mike McCarter, president of political action committee Move Oregon's Border, in a press release announced the organization will carry out most of its work under the Citizens for Greater Idaho and hold rallies in the five counties that will have border relocation on their May 18 ballots: Baker, Grant, Lake, Malheur and Sherman.

The Baker County rally begins at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 3, at The Squeaky Stirrup, 2110 Broadway St., Baker City.

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March into Spring!!!

Throughout the entire month of March shopping, supporting and saving local can EARN YOU BIG PRIZES

- Shoppers collect punches by making purchases at participating locations (EACH DOLLAR spent earns a punch). Fill as many cards as you wish.
- Up to 50 punches per purchase!
- Turn in punch cards by 3/10, 3/17, 3/24 for weekly drawings
- All punch cards must be turned in by 4:00 p.m. on March 31st for a chance to win the Grand Prize Drawing!

Turn cards in at Chamber (207 Depot), La Grande Main Street (102 Depot St.) or any participating location.

The Union County Chamber and La Grande Main Street have teamed up with local businesses to encourage you to safely shop and support local businesses as we March into Spring!!

UNION COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

La Grande MAIN STREET

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