

COMMUNITY

Meetings

• PENDING — The Board of Directors of the InterMountain Education Service District will meet for a regular session Wednesday, April 21, 2021, at 4 p.m. at the IMESD, 2001 S.W. Nye Ave., Pendleton. Discussion will include the 2021-22 budget and the Oregon Association of Education Service District Task Force on Equity and Racial Justice. The IMESD serves Umatilla, Union, Baker and Morrow counties.

• LA GRANDE — The La Grande School District board is holding a special board meeting and work session beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, in the Central Elementary School library, 701 H Ave., to discuss the district's unfunded accrued liability. The agenda includes a public forum. The meeting will be open to the public online and by phone. Access instructions are available at www.lagrandesd.org. To sign up to speak or for access help, contact Gaye Young at 541-663-3202 or gaye.young@lagrandesd.org.

Briefs



Art Center East/Contributed Image

ACE Writing Project features Amelia Diaz Ettinger

LA GRANDE — The April ACE Writing Project virtual gathering begins at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 20, via Zoom, featuring Amelia Diaz Ettinger of Summerville. Ettinger, who was born in Mexico and raised in Puerto Rico, has published poetry and short stories. Her most recent publication, the chapbook "Fossils on a Red Flag," explores the complexity of emotions and historical moments of the colonialism present in Culebra, a small municipality of Puerto Rico.

The ACE Writing Project is a free series of monthly author readings. An open mic for sharing original work follows the featured reading. Writers of all genres are welcome to share readings of 5 minutes or less. For more information, register for Zoom access, or sign up for the open mic, click on the event at www.artcentereast.org/calendar.

Lottery

- Megabucks:** \$1.5 million
23-26-35-38-41-45
- Powerball:** \$79 million
10-21-26-41-49—PB 25 x2
- Mega Millions:** \$240 million
17-27-28-50-55 — MB 25 x4
- Win for Life: April 17**
3-24-65-66
- Pick 4: April 18**
- 1 p.m.: 3-4-5-2
 - 4 p.m.: 0-4-9-1
 - 7 p.m.: 1-6-6-7
 - 10 p.m.: 3-4-5-2
- Pick 4: April 17**
- 1 p.m.: 7-8-3-0
 - 4 p.m.: 1-0-7-7
 - 7 p.m.: 2-9-1-2
 - 10 p.m.: 7-8-3-0
- Pick 4: April 16**
- 1 p.m.: 5-8-6-2
 - 4 p.m.: 4-2-5-4
 - 7 p.m.: 8-9-5-0
 - 10 p.m.: 5-8-6-2

DELIVERY ISSUES?

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Michael L. 'Larry' Keffer

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Michael Lawrence "Larry" Keffer, 79, of La Grande, died April 13 at Grande Ronde Hospital.



A graveside service will be held April 24 at 2 p.m. at Grandview Cemetery, La Grande. The family requests casual dress. Attendees must wear a mask and practice social distancing to meet COVID-19 guidelines.

Known as Larry, he was born May 23, 1941, in

La Grande, to Leslie and Edna (Wilson) Keffer. He was raised in La Grande and attended Ackerman Grade School and graduated from La Grande High School. Larry served in the U.S. National Guard for 20 years. He was married to Carol Gunderson and they later divorced.

Larry owned and operated Trotter's Men's Store in La Grande. He did not know any strangers, and his door was always open. Larry loved his dogs. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and golfing.

Surviving relatives

OBITUARIES

include his children and their spouses, Michael Alan and Laura Keffer of Beaverton, Christian Wallace Keffer of La Grande, and Molli and Brady Angelos of Elgin; brother and sister-in-law, Alan H. and Jan Keffer of La Grande; five grandchildren; and three nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leslie and Edna Keffer.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Blue Mountain Humane Association, 3212 Highway 30, La Grande 97850.

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

Christian A. Skinner

La Grande

Christian A. Skinner, 46, of La Grande, died April 18 at his residence. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

George D. Carratello

Union

George D. Carratello, 74, of Union, died April 16 at Grande Ronde Hospital. Arrangements are by Love-

land Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Ivy Read

La Grande

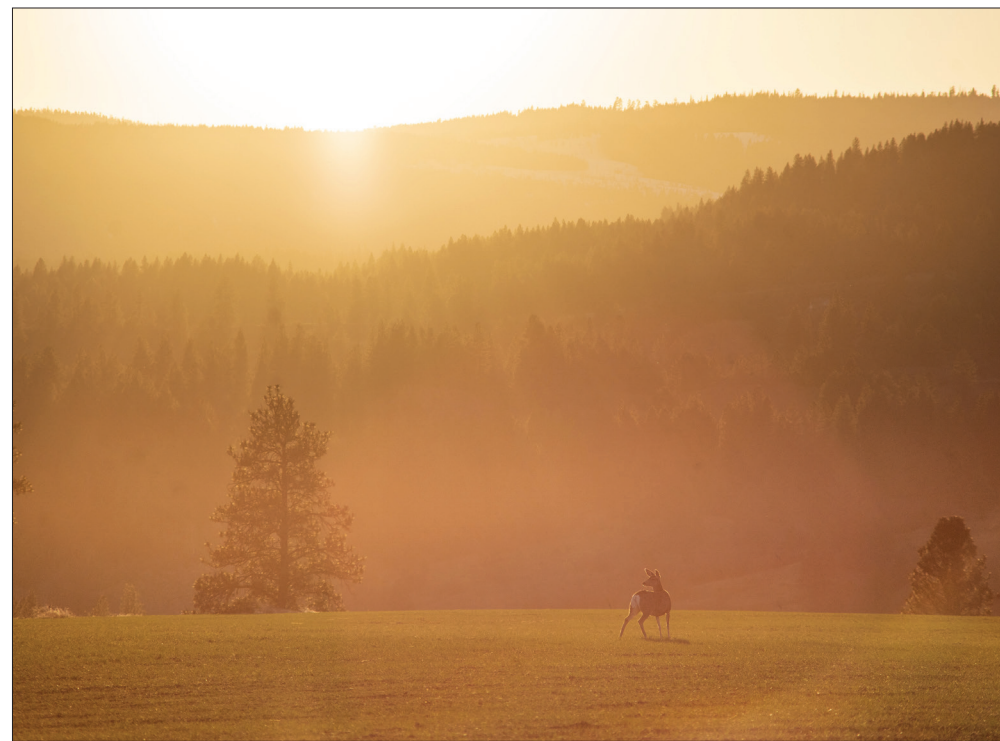
Ivy Read, 85, of La Grande died April 15 at her home. Arrangements are by Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, La Grande.

Steven Bloyed

La Grande

Steven Bloyed, 73, of La Grande, died April 15 at his home. Arrangements are by Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, La Grande.

Watching the sunset



Alex Wittwer/The Observer

A lone mule deer stands in a field Tuesday, April 13, 2021, as the sun sets near Elgin.

Upcoming local services



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

April 24 — RICHARD BIDWELL: 2 p.m. graveside service, Elgin Cemetery.

April 24 — LARRY KEFFER: 2 p.m. graveside service, Grandview Cemetery, La Grande; casual dress preferred.

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

April 29-30 — ROBERT STALEY: 10 a.m. April 29 Recitation of the Rosary

and 10:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial, Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, La Grande; 2 p.m. April 30 graveside service, Juniper Haven Cemetery, Prineville.

May 1 — MICHELLE SANDOVAL: 10 a.m. celebration of life, Riverside Park Pavilion, La Grande.

May 17 — JERRY BROOKSHIRE: 2 p.m. graveside service, Union Historic Cemetery; reception follows at Catherine Creek Community Center, Union.

June 26 — DAVID COUNCIL: 1 p.m. celebration of life, North Powder City Park.

— calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

FRIDAY, APRIL 16

7:55 a.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a complaint about an animal from the area of 66900 Miller Lane, Union. An animal enforcement officer responded and provided options.

11:09 a.m. — La Grande police and emergency services responded to a single vehicle crash at N Avenue and Cherry Street. Police took a report.

12:59 p.m. — The La Grande Police Department arrested 32-year-old Justin Harold Sheline on a warrant for mail theft, identity theft, and second-degree forgery and theft. The arrest occurred at the Union County Correctional Facility, La Grande, where Sheline already was in custody.

7:43 p.m. — A caller on the 2000 block of

Walnut Street, La Grande, reported the theft of a vehicle. An officer made contact and took a report.

8:51 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the first block of Depot Street on a disturbance domestic call. Police arrested Richard Francis Grieco II, 52, for fourth-degree domestic violence assault.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

3:07 a.m. — La Grande police responded to a residence on the 2000 block of Gekeler Lane for a disturbance domestic call. An officer made contact and provided information about domestic violence services.

5 a.m. — La Grande police responded to a domestic disturbance at a residence on the 1800 block of G Avenue. Officers separated the parties.

9:55 a.m. — A caller

reported a theft of the 1500 block of Adams Avenue. An officer responded and gave a warning for initiating a false report.

2:10 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a restraining order violation on the 700 block of North Ninth Avenue, Elgin. Deputies arrested Drake Allen Christensen, 39, on a restraining order violation.

2:20 p.m. — Local law enforcement responded to the Island City Market, 10101 W. First St., on a report of a domestic disturbance. Officers separated the parties and determined this situation did not rise to the level of a crime.

5:25 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a report that a vehicle crashed into a

telephone pole at Division Street and North 12th Avenue, Elgin. A deputy responded and cited a 16-year-old male for driving under the influence of intoxicants and hit-and-run.

5:37 p.m. — A La Grande resident on the 1100 block of Adams Avenue reported the theft of a firearm.

10:24 p.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about loud music at a residence on the 2000 block of Gekeler Lane. An officer responded and resolved the situation.

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

8:55 a.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office arrested Michael Patrick Piggott, 23, of La Grande, for unlawful use of a credit card and first-degree theft.

2:40 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 2100 block of Fir Street on a report of a civil disturbance. An officer made contact and explained options.

10:11 p.m. — A resident on the 900 block of Newport Avenue, Imbler, reported a window was shot out. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded but could not determine how the window was damaged and will follow up.

11:05 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office arrested Shawn Michael McAdams, 29, for third-degree escape, interfering with a peace officer, giving false information to a peace officer, first-degree criminal trespass, second-degree criminal trespass, second-degree disorderly conduct and misdemeanor driving while suspended.

EOFF offers special screening

The Observer

LA GRANDE — The Eastern Oregon Film Festival is presenting the film "Beast Beast" on Friday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m. Afterward, the audience can participate in a live virtual Q&A with the maker of the film, Danny Madden.

EOFF is presenting "Beast Beast" online as well as to 25 people in person at HQ, 112 Depot St, La Grande.

Madden adapted his award-winning short film "Krista" into an "unsettling feature exploration of adolescence, performance and identity," according to a press release from EOFF. "Newcomer Shirley Chen gives a remarkable breakout performance, crackling with the vulnerability and joy of first love, while Will Madden and

Jose Angeles deliver disquieting turns as young men grasping for individuality in an uncertain time."

The screening is part of the "Path to The Liberty Theatre Screening Series," a campaign to raise funds for EOFF's use of the under-restoration historic Liberty Theatre in downtown La Grande. The film festival aims to partner with the historic theater for the 2021 Eastern Oregon Film Festival planned for October. The EOFF website states the Liberty Theatre Foundation is working to get the space ready for the public and to finalize funding for the installation of the a cinema system.

The Eastern Oregon Film Festival also reported it will provide monthly programming at the Liberty following the festival and plans to engage with

more community and visitors through a curated series of film.

Learn more about the Liberty Theatre project and the progress of preserving this community treasure at www.libertyonadams.org.

For more information about the "Beast Beast" showing and to buy tickets, visit www.eofilmfest.com and click on the information about the event.

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