

COMMUNITY

Meetings

• COVE — A regular meeting of the Cove City Council will be held Tuesday, June 1, at 7 p.m. at Cove City Hall, 504 Alder St. The public may attend the meeting virtually. The agenda and instructions are available at www.cityofcove.org, or email a request to cityadmin@cityofcove.org. The agenda includes presentations on this summer's Cove Cherry Fair and discussion and approval of the city budget. Written public comment may be emailed to cityadmin@cityofcove.org before 6:45 p.m. the night of the meeting.

• IMBLER — A special session of the Imbler School District Board of Directors begins at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 1, in Room 1 of the high school to discuss the appointment of an interim superintendent.

• LA GRANDE — The Union County Democratic Party will meet virtually Wednesday, June 2, beginning at 7 p.m. To register for the Zoom meeting, email your contact information to rknop@eoni.com or call at 541-562-6289.

• LA GRANDE — The city of La Grande Urban Renewal District Budget Committee will hold a hearing Wednesday, June 2, beginning at 6 p.m. Following the hearing will be a general budget committee hearing, a regular session of the Urban Renewal Agency and a regular session of the La Grande City Council. The consecutive meetings will be virtual. For Zoom and phone access information, contact the city recorder, Sandra Patterson, at 541-962-1309 or spatterson@cityoflagrande.org or go to www.cityoflagrande.org.

Menus

Children's free takeout breakfast and lunch menu

Free breakfast and lunch for anyone age 18 and younger, available on days school is in session. Pick up 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at any La Grande elementary school. Fresh vegetables, seasonal fruit and 1% milk are offered daily. To-go meals are handed out at La Grande schools to on-campus students.

JUNE 1-4

Central & Island City elementary schools

Tuesday: BREAKFAST: mini French toast, apple juice; LUNCH: crispy chicken sub, veggies, fruit.

Wednesday: BREAKFAST: yogurt pak with bagel, fresh fruit; LUNCH: sunbutter sandwich, veggies, fruit.

Thursday: BREAKFAST: mini-cinnis, orange juice; LUNCH: corn dog, goldfish crackers, veggies, fruit.

Friday: BREAKFAST: cocoa cereal breakfast bar, fresh fruit; LUNCH: hamburgers, kettle chips, veggies, fruit.

Greenwood Elementary School

Tuesday: BREAKFAST: mini French toast, apple juice; LUNCH: popcorn chicken bowl, breadsticks, veggies, fruit.

Wednesday: BREAKFAST: yogurt pak with bagel, fresh fruit; LUNCH: variety of sandwiches, veggies, fruit.

Thursday: BREAKFAST: mini-cinnis, orange juice; LUNCH: ravioli with meat sauce, veggies, fruit.

Friday: BREAKFAST: cocoa cereal breakfast bar, fresh fruit; LUNCH: hamburgers, kettle chips, veggies, fruit.

La Grande High & Middle schools

Tuesday-Friday: chef's choice!

EDITOR'S NOTE: THE SENIOR CENTER MENU WAS NOT AVAILABLE AT PRESS TIME.

OBITUARIES

Jean 'Jeannie' D. Huizenga

La Grande

Jean "Jeannie" Delorse Huizenga, 73, of La Grande, died May 19, 2021. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Pauline 'Ann' (Gillikin) Steele

1945-2021 • La Grande

Pauline "Ann" Steele, 75, of La Grande, died May 3, 2021, at Grande Ronde Retirement Residence. Known as Ann, she was born June 17, 1945, in Morehead City, North Carolina, to Thomas Pickett and Pauline Glee (Crump) Gillikin.

She married Thomas Glenn Steele in Virginia Beach on May 16, 1961. Ann and Thomas had four



children and had a loving and adventurous marriage. Thomas passed away in October 2019.

Ann loved being with friends and family and especially loved being a grandmother. She enjoyed singing karaoke, telling stories and being outdoors. She surely had the "gift of gab."

Ann worked as an insurance agent in La Grande for many years and enjoyed working with the public. Her friendly, outgoing attitude made her many friends and she will be missed greatly.

Surviving relatives include her children, William Steele, David Steele, Connie Carter and Patti Steele, and grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to the Blue Mountain Humane Society in care of Tami's Pine

Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, PO Box 543, Halfway 97834.

Online condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneral-home.com.

Shirley M. Nice

La Grande

Shirley M. Nice, 85, of La Grande, died May 26, 2021, at Grande Ronde Hospital. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Howard E. Castle

La Grande

Howard Ernest Castle, 81, of La Grande, died Jan. 7, 2021, of natural causes. A military service will be held June 25 at 2 p.m. at Loveland Funeral Chapel, followed by a gathering from 3-5 p.m. at the American Legion, all in La Grande.

Upcoming local services



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

May 29 — BEVERLY LEDRIDGE: 1 p.m. memorial graveside service, Summerville Cemetery.

May 30 — MARLON BRYANT: noon celebration of life Irish-style wake and dinner, Bryant ranch, 68381 Chumos Road, Elgin.

May 30 — CANDY WILLIAMS: noon to 2 p.m. celebration of life, Elgin Community Center.

June 5 — BETTY ALAM: 11 a.m. memorial service, Grandview Cemetery, La Grande.

June 5 — BARBARA "BOBBY" BUCE: 11 a.m. memorial service, Damascus Road Community Church, La Grande.

June 6 — ERMAL GOUCHER: 11 a.m. celebration of life, Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande; reception immediately follows at Island City City Hall.

June 14 — GERALD RIMBEY: 10 a.m. graveside service, Island City Cemetery; reception follows at 11 a.m. at La Grande Christian Church.

June 25 — HOWARD CASTLE: 2 p.m. military service, Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande; gathering follows from 3-5 p.m. at La Grande American Legion.

— calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

6:59 a.m. — La Grande police responded to a residence on the 1800 block of 26th Street for a disturbance and explained options.

11:42 a.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a call about a burglary at Howell's Nursery, 10707 S. Walton Road, Island City. A deputy responded and took a report.

2:53 p.m. — A caller reported baby goats were loose at Second and Patton streets, La Grande. An animal enforcement officer contacted their owner to

round up the kids.

3:24 p.m. — La Grande police took a report for identity theft and explained options to the victim.

4:17 p.m. — A caller reported a disturbance on the 1200 block of Hill Street, Cove. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded and counseled the parties involved.

4:52 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a report of the theft of guns from the 56700 block of Lowell Road, Union. A deputy made contact and took down information.

6:49 p.m. — A resident

on Dove Road, La Grande, reported a dog bit a person, who went to a hospital emergency department.

A Union County sheriff's deputy took a report.

10:34 p.m. — La Grande police responded to Mamacita's International Grill, 2003 Fourth St., La Grande, on a report of a disturbance. Officers escorted a person from the business.

THURSDAY, MAY 27

12:02 a.m. — A resident on the 700 block of South Second Street, Union, called for assistance for a person causing

a disturbance and refusing to leave. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded and arrested a 30-year-old woman for trespass.

6:55 a.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy responded to a residence on the 200 block of Second Street, North Powder, and took a report for a burglary.

10:31 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 2000 block of Fourth Street for a disturbance. Officers separated the parties involved.

2:53 p.m. — Oregon State Police received a report of a domestic disturbance on Interstate 84 near

milepost 272.

5:42 p.m. — La Grande police responded to Max Square for a disturbance. An officer counseled the party.

9:25 p.m. — La Grande police responded to a residence on the 1500 block of 21st Street on a call about a possible stalking situation. Police arrested Sean Robert Stellings, 26, for a stalking order violation.

10:47 p.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy responded to a residence in Elgin for a person threatening self-harm. The deputy gave the person a courtesy ride.

Summer Reading Program for all ages begins in June



ROSE PEACOCK OFF THE SHELF

The library is open and happy to be serving and supporting the community. In addition to library books, there are programs and activities planned in June for all ages.

The Summer Reading Program kicks off Monday, June 14. This year's theme is "Reading Colors Your World." We have program tracks for children, teens and adults. Register at www.cityoflagrande.beanstack.org or download the Beanstack app. The program will conclude Aug.

6. This year we're giving away lanyards to those who want to keep track of the badges they earn with corresponding buttons.

Children's activities include the Page Turner Animal Adventures with weekly craft kits, Read Around the World contest and Family Dinner Book Clubs. Teen activities include a photo scavenger hunt, bingo cards and monthly Take & Make kits. Activities for adults include two online book clubs, bingo cards and monthly Take & Make craft kits.

DIY activities in the library in June will feature a tissue paper flower craft, I Spy display, mosaic sticker mural and a Wings

of Color photo backdrop. Adults may enter a drawing for a prize basket, one ticket per book read. Activities begin June 14.

A new book will be installed along the Riverside Greenway: "Maybe Something Beautiful" by Isabel F. Campoy, based on the true story of the Urban Art Trail in San Diego.

Tangled Tiles craft kits for teens and adults include a pen, a ceramic tile and design inspiration. These Take & Make kits will be available for pickup starting Monday, June 7.

Children's Book Box registration for July and August will be open soon. Book boxes contain library

books plus treats to keep.

Oregon Battle of the Books selections for 2021-22 are available. OBOB is open to students grades 3-12 through local schools. Learn more at www.oregonbattleofthebooks.org.

Library users can pay lost or damaged charges, collections fees or other account charges online through the Sage Catalog.

The Genre Book Club for adults meets online Thursday, June 24, at 2 p.m. Join us in discussing books about travel adventure. Email rpeacock@cookmemoriallibrary.org for the meeting login.

The library's hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Monday-Friday. Masks are required for entry. Patrons have one hour for browsing, checkout or library computer use.

If you created an eCard during our closure, you may come in and update your account.

The library's Wi-Fi (LGPLWiFi) is on from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. The signal reaches to the building's entrances and the parking lot and does not require a password.

Learn more at www.cookmemoriallibrary.org, call 541-962-1339 or stop by the library at 2006 Fourth St., La Grande.

Rose Peacock oversees adult services at Cook Memorial Library, La Grande.

Fiddlers in the park



A group of young fiddlers practice before the start of the La Grande Fiddle Club concert held at Riverside Park in La Grande Thursday, May 27, 2021. The event featured performances by the La Grande Symphony Quartet, members of the Fiddle Club and a bluegrass band.

Photos by Alex Wittwer/The Observer



The La Grande Fiddle Club concert at Riverside Park Thursday, May 27, 2021, showcased the a variety of instruments and included performances by the La Grande Symphony Quartet, members of the Fiddle Club and a bluegrass band.

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Kathy Thimmes of the Grande Ronde Symphony Association assists a young fiddler with tuning her violin before the start of the La Grande Fiddle Club concert at Riverside Park Thursday, May 27, 2021.

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