

## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

FRIDAY, JUNE 4

9:40 a.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a report of a sex crime. A deputy made contact and took information.  
 2:18 p.m. — A caller reported possible animal abuse on Palmer Junction Road, Elgin. An animal enforcement officer made contact.  
 4 p.m. — A caller reported a hit-and-run on a vehicle on the 800 block of Main Street, Cove. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded, took information and explained options.  
 6:04 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of a sex crime. An officer made contact and took information.  
 9:11 p.m. — A caller reported an intoxicated male was crossing back and forth on the 62700 block of Hunter Road, Island City. Local law enforcement responded, and the male got a ride with a friend.  
 9:22 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 500 block of Palmer Avenue for a person screaming in the street. An officer gave the person a courtesy ride.

SATURDAY, JUNE 5

12:36 a.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy conducted a traffic stop at McAlister Road and Highway 203, La Grande, and arrested Patton Jay Pattee Jr., 40, of Union, for driving under the influence of intoxicants.  
 4:37 a.m. — La Grande police responded to a disturbance on the 1300 block of O Avenue, separated the parties and counseled them.  
 12:37 p.m. — A caller reported an intoxicated person lying in the street on the 2700 block of Island Avenue, La Grande. Officers responded and counseled the subject.  
 1:05 p.m. — A caller reported a transient sleeping in the alley on the 110 block of Adams Avenue, La Grande. An officer responded, and the subject agreed to move along.  
 9:06 p.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy responded to the 700 block of South Second Street, Union, on a report of people using illegal fireworks. The deputy counseled the parties.  
 11:32 p.m. — Union County sheriff's deputies responded to the 68200 block of Mount Glen Road, La Grande, on a report of a domestic disturbance. Deputies separated the people involved.

SUNDAY, JUNE 6

12:22 a.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about a loud party on the 900 block of N Avenue. Officers responded, and the residents agreed to keep down the noise.  
 1:50 p.m. — A caller reported a suspicious person on the 700 block of North 10th Avenue, Elgin. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded and counseled the parties.  
 4:21 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of a possible burglary at a residence on the 1400 block of T Avenue. An officer contacted the caller and set up extra patrols.  
 5:40 p.m. — A caller reported possible gunshots on Hawthorne Drive, La Grande. A Union County sheriff's deputy made contact and took information.  
 10:15 p.m. — A caller reported a possible burglary on the 700 block of Albany Street, Elgin. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded and questioned one person in the area.

## DEATH NOTICE

**George W. Smith**  
Elgin

George W. Smith, 100, of Elgin, died June 4, 2021, at Grande Ronde Hospital. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

# 'Hot Summer Night' to raise funds for GRH patient care equipment

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LA GRANDE — The Grande Ronde Hospital Foundation is putting on a fundraiser — "Eastern Oregon Hot Summer Night" — Friday, June 25, at the La Grande Drive-In, 404 20th St., La Grande.

The event begins at 6:30 p.m. and will include dinner by local chef Merlyn Baker featuring a Brazilian barbecue menu, music and dancing with Ripple Effect from Boise, a wine pull, and a drive-in movie favorite to end the evening. The GRH Foundation also will hold an online auction that anyone can participate in, even if they are not attending the event, according to a press release.

For information on the event and to purchase tickets, view auction items or register to bid on items, go to event.gives/drivein.

Proceeds from "Eastern Oregon Hot Summer Night" will be used to



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The La Grande Drive-In sign points the way to what has been a popular destination on summer nights for decades. The venue will be the site of a Grande Ronde Hospital fundraiser — "Eastern Oregon Hot Summer Night" — Friday, June 25, 2021. The event will include dinner, music, dancing, an auction and a drive-in movie to end the evening.

purchase patient care equipment at Grande Ronde Hospital and Clinics, which, the release stated, will directly impact local health care and benefit all current and prospective patients in the community. This year's projects include the purchase of two "The Torch" UV cleaning and disinfecting devices, new patient care boards in all ICU rooms, and a new secure messaging system for patients to be able to participate in enhanced text messaging conversations with clinic and medical staff.

The Grande Ronde Hospital Foundation has been fundraising for patient care equipment at Grande Ronde Hospital since 1969 and has contributed more than \$4.8 million for hospital projects, according to the release. For questions about the group's fundraising projects or to make a donation, call 541-963-1431 or go to grh.org/foundation.

## HONORS

### Sheehy earns masters degree from Georgia Institute of Technology

ATLANTA, Georgia — Stephen Sheehy, of Union, has earned a master of science in computer science from the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta.

Sheehy was among approximately 4,435 undergraduate and graduate students who earned their degrees during the spring 2021 semester and were recognized during the Institute's 260th commencement exercises May 7-8.

Georgia Tech is a top 10 public research university developing leaders who advance technology and improve

the human condition, according to a press release.

### James Thurman named to Iowa State University spring 2021 dean's list

AMES, Iowa — James Clausen Thurman, of La Grande, was among the more than 10,500 Iowa State University students who were recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the spring semester 2021 dean's list.

To earn this honor students must earn a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded

coursework. Thurman is majoring in aerospace engineering.

### Union County deputies complete basic corrections training

SALEM — The Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training announced the graduation of Basic Corrections Local #BCL045 on June 4 at the Oregon Public Safety Academy, in Salem, Oregon. Among the graduating class were Union County Deputy Sheriff Mary Tambini and Union County Deputy Sheriff John Tuck.

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## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

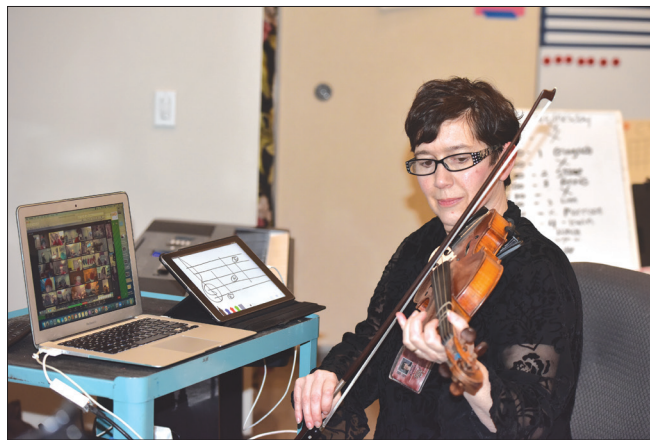
### MEETINGS

• LA GRANDE — A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the La Grande School District will begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 9, in the gym at Willow Elementary, 1305 N. Willow St. Due to physical distancing requirements, the meeting will be available online and by phone. See the agenda at [www.lagrandesd.org](http://www.lagrandesd.org) for meeting access information.

### BRIEFS

#### Literacy Picnics focus on learning to read

LA GRANDE — The La Grande School District is partnering with Head Start, Cook Memorial Library and other local agencies this summer to provide weekly literacy picnics to families with children in preschool up to second grade. There is no registration required and families are encouraged to attend together. The one-hour program will be held on Wednesdays in June and August at 12:15 p.m. at each of the elementary schools in La Grande. The focus will be on learning to read. Books, grade-level curriculum packets, activities, games and snacks will be provided.



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Carla Arnold, music teacher at Central Elementary School, La Grande, teaches students in the La Grande Fiddle Club virtually on Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2021. Arnold will be one of the instructors at this summer's Wallowa Fiddle Tunes Camp, which also will be held virtually.

#### Community Connection offers monthly meal

LA GRANDE — Community Connection of Northeast Oregon beginning mid-June will offer a weekend meal for four each month, provided by the Nutrition Department at the Union County Senior Center, 1504 N. Albany, La Grande. The \$35 meal is available to the public and must be ordered in advance.

The first weekend offering will be available Friday, June 18, for pickup between 2-3 p.m. The menu is roast pork with stuffing, baked apples, seasonal sautéed vegetables with hollandaise, Caesar salad and

freshly baked bread, with lemon chiffon pie for dessert. Meals must be ordered by June 16. Order forms are available at the senior center. Call the kitchen at 541-605-5556 for more information.

#### July's Wallowa Fiddle Tunes Camp offers 95 virtual sessions

WALLOWA — What has traditionally been a gathering on the campus of the Wallowa School, this summer's Wallowa Fiddle Tunes Camp will be adapted to the world of online music instruction. The decision was made earlier in the year by board of directors of the Wallowa Valley Music Alliance after careful con-

sideration regarding the health and safety of camp participants and the local community.

The Wallowa Valley Music Alliance in a press release said the board is excited about reenvisioning what the long-standing music camp could grow to be. A press release said organizers have been "busy crafting the best way to bring top-quality instruction in traditional string band music."

The instructors who will be joining the online camp include Matt Bell, Stuart Mason, Andy Emert, Emily Muller-Cary, John Weed, Larry Chung, Carla Arnold and Alan Feves.

The virtual camp may not take place over the entire week, but there will be at three days of instruction and fiddle tunes community activities, Friday through Sunday, July 16-18, with a whopping 95 sessions to choose from.

All sessions will be held via Zoom. Registration is now open on the WVMA's website. Mix and match session to your playing level and interest. Sign up for as few or as many as you like. The fee per session is \$15.

For the full schedule and details, visit [wvmusicalliance.org/wftc-2021-schedule](http://wvmusicalliance.org/wftc-2021-schedule).

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## UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



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

June 14 — GERALD RIMBEY: 10 a.m. graveside service, Island City Cemetery; reception follows at 11 a.m. at La Grande Christian Church.  
 June 26 — DAVID

COUNCIL: 1 p.m. celebration of life, North Powder City Park.

June 26 — SALLY TOUCHE-MOSER: 1-3 p.m. celebration of life open house, 404 Depot St., Enterprise.

June 27 — MERI OLMSTEAD: 1 p.m. memorial service, Riverside Park Pavilion, La Grande.

— calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande



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