

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

MEETINGS

• **LA GRANDE** — The Cook Memorial Library Advisory Commission will meet in regular session Thursday, June 17, at 4 p.m. in the Living Room/Atrium of the library, 2006 Fourth St., La Grande. The public is welcome.

BRIEFS

Volunteers welcome at school work party

FLORA — The next work party at the Flora School will be Saturday, June 19, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Plans are to work on the library along with sorting books, installing the copier and organizing the office.

Keep Oregon Green launches billboard poster contest

SALEM — Keep Oregon Green is celebrating its 80-year history by unveiling its first billboard poster art contest. The association is asking Oregonians of all ages to create and submit entries and share their vision for keeping Oregon free of wildfire. The contest opened June 1 and the entry deadline is 5 p.m. Aug. 9, which is Smokey Bear's birthday.

"As over 70% of Oregon's wildfires are human-caused, the power of prevention is 100% our shared responsibility," said Kristin Babbs, president of the Keep Oregon Green Association. "The purpose of the poster contest is to involve the public in helping reduce the number of careless wildfires we see each year and remind everyone how critical it is to prevent

them."

Winning artwork will be displayed on billboards across the state. The contest includes cash prizes and certificates in three categories based on the age of the artist. For more wildfire prevention inspiration, contest rules, prizes and information on how and where to send your artwork, go to <https://keeporegongreen.org/kog-billboard-contest-submissions>.

Campground hosts sought for Jubilee and Bull Prairie lakes

PENDLETON — The Umatilla National Forest is looking for volunteers to spend the summer as campground hosts at the Jubilee Lake and Bull Prairie Lake campgrounds. Hosts will visit with campers and day-use visitors, clean and maintain restrooms, restock supplies and carry out general cleaning and minor maintenance as needed.

Hosts need to be friendly, flexible and responsible. Individuals or couples can apply and must supply their own trailer, camper or motorhome. A food allowance and propane is offered, and personal vehicle mileage associated with hosting duties is reimbursed.

For more information on becoming a Forest Service volunteer campground host at Jubilee Lake Campground, contact Kiyoshi Fujishin at 509-522-6277 or kiyoshi.fujishin@usda.gov. For information on hosting at Bull Prairie Lake Campground, contact Janel Lacey at janel.lacey@usda.gov.

— *The Observer*

Keith L. Hallmark

1929-2021
Formerly of Union County

Keith Leon Hallmark, 92, formerly of Union County, died June 11, 2021, in Pendleton. A celebration of his life will be held June 18 at 1:30 p.m. at Pendleton Pioneer Chapel in Pendleton, followed by a small graveside service.

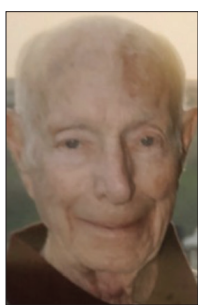
Keith was born April 10, 1929, in Cove, to William and Dorothy Hallmark. He graduated from La Grande High School and lived the majority of his life in Pendleton. After working for Sears and Roebuck for 30 years he retired in 1993.

Keith married Donna Scott on Nov. 22, 1951. They had three children: Kelly, Michael and Tami. During that time Keith worked as a delivery milkman and at First Interstate Bank before joining Sears and Roebuck. He and Donna had been married 13 years when she preceded him in death.

On May 26, 1965, Keith married Anne Murphy and gained four stepchildren. Ann preceded him in death in January 1992.

On June 5, 1994, Keith married Jeanne Fassler and extended his family with four more stepchildren and grandchildren. Jeanne brought Keith's relationship closer with the Lord over the past 27 years. They enjoyed family functions, traveling, laughing and caring for each other to the very end.

Keith had many hobbies and passions throughout his years, but a highlight would be dancing. He taught his daughters and granddaughters how to dance by standing them on his feet and spinning them around the dance floor. If you were at a function with music, Keith would have you on the dance



Hallmark

floor. Keith took his love of fishing to the next level by building large aquarium tanks himself just to keep his favorite rare bass fish alive. He had a special beagle named Lady. He saved a stray cat and would always say, "That darn cat Whatsit!" Keith never threw away anything and was proud of his 30-year Sears and Roebuck catalog collection. His most talked about passion was his annual trip to Kauai. Keith never knew a stranger.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Jeanne Fassler Hallmark; children, Kelly Anderson, Mike Hallmark and Tami Gugin; stepchildren, Michael Fassler, Janis Gundlach, Douglas Fassler, Clair Tiffany, Sherry Murphy, Carol Goddard and Pat Murphy; and 29 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, siblings and a stepson, John Murphy.

Online condolences may be made at www.pioneerchapel.com.

OBITUARIES

Catherine A. (Morris) Peters

1953-2021
La Grande

Catherine Anne Peters, 68, of La Grande, died May 22, 2021. A celebration of her life will be held June 25 at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in La Grande. Interment will follow at Grandview Cemetery.

Catherine was born Feb. 18, 1953, in Reedsport, to Bolin and Peggy Morris. She attended junior high and high school in La Grande, graduating in 1971. She married Larry Eugene Peters in October of that year.

Catherine was a preschool teacher for 35 years, starting at Heidi Ho kindergarten in La Grande. During her career she also taught in Tillamook and Hermiston for several years each before returning to La Grande. She officially retired in 2016 but continued to volunteer for several years afterward.

Catherine loved reading to her children, grandchildren and the students at her schools. As a lifelong avid reader, she enjoyed sharing her love of books with others. Catherine also loved spending time outdoors

with friends and family. An avid wildflower enthusiast, she greatly enjoyed taking trips with her friends and sisters to find new flowers and birds as well as spending countless hours in her own flower garden.

Catherine was an active member of her church. She also enjoyed ATV riding, camping in the woods and taking her dog for walks around town. Outgoing and social, she could start a conversation with anyone and made new friends everywhere she went.

Surviving relatives include her children and their spouses, Raymond and Jenny Peters, of Pendleton, Melanie and Chuck Pinkerton, of Salem, Justin and Kara Peters, of Enterprise, and Julie and Rich Brainerd, of Tillamook; siblings, Elizabeth Robertson, Sharron Hornbeck, David Morris and Judith Morris; and 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Larry, in 2018 as well as her parents and parents-in-law.



Peters

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

MONDAY, JUNE 14

11 a.m. — A caller reported finding drug paraphernalia on the 2700 block of Island Avenue, La Grande. An officer responded and saw the disposal of the drugs.

11:28 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1300 block of Alder Street on a report of a disturbance. Police arrested Steven Thomas Payne, 25, for unlawful discharge of a firearm in the city limits.

2:47 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office responded to a residence on the 300 block of South 11th Street, Elgin, for a domestic disturbance and arrested a 30-year-old man for harassment.

5:48 p.m. — A caller reported a dog bit someone at Wolf Creek Reservoir, North Powder. An animal enforcement officer made contact and took a report.

11:07 p.m. — A caller reported a horse at large in the area of Valley View Road and Highway 204, Elgin. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded, found the horse and returned it to its pasture with the help of a neighbor.

TUESDAY, JUNE 15

3:12 a.m. — A caller reported two juveniles were trying to get into cars at the

Center for Human Development, 2301 Cove Ave., La Grande. Police responded and found no juveniles nor evidence of any crimes.

6:46 a.m. — A caller asked La Grande police to check on the welfare of a person at the La Grande Town Center, 2212 Island Ave. An officer responded and found the subject was OK and sleeping.

7:34 a.m. — A caller reported possible animal neglect on the 1100 block of O Avenue, La Grande. An animal enforcement officer checked and found a neighbor was caring for the dogs.

10:56 a.m. — A caller reported feral cats on the 800 block of West Grande Street, Union. An animal enforcement officer contacted the caller and explained options.

1:25 p.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about a disturbance involving a juvenile on the 2100 block of First Street. An officer made contact and explained options.

2:03 p.m. — La Grande police returned to the same address on the 2100 block of First Street for a disturbance involving a juvenile. An officer separated the parties; no one wanted to pursue charges.

5:34 p.m. — A caller on the 2100 block of Pine Street, La

Grande, reported an injured chicken. An animal enforcement officer responded and found nothing afoul with the fowl.

7:44 p.m. — A caller reported two boys on the 2000 block of Q Avenue, La Grande, were throwing rocks at another boy. Police checked the area but did not locate the youths.

7:56 p.m. — A caller reported possible animal abuse on the 2800 block of Oak Street, La Grande.

THURSDAY, JUNE 16

1:03 a.m. — La Grande police arrested Brett Allen Edwards, 37, on three Union County warrants for failure to appear for a contempt of court case and vehicle theft cases, a Wallowa County warrant for failure to appear in burglary and theft cases and on a Clackamas County warrant for failure to appear in a burglary and theft case.

2:25 a.m. — La Grande police arrested Braydon Wilburn Carroll, 22, of La Grande, for fourth-degree domestic violence assault.

RECENT OREGON STATE POLICE ACTIVITY

May 25 — A search of a vehicle during a traffic stop led to two arrests on multiple

weapons and drug charges. A trooper at 10:51 a.m. stopped a red pickup for traffic violations near milepost 279 on the eastbound side of Interstate 84 about 6 miles west of North Powder. The trooper asked to search the vehicle. That led to the arrests of Billy Eugene Harris, 56, and Kathy Marie Ickes, 55, both of Spokane, Washington, for the following: conspiracy, possession of 2 grams or more of methamphetamine, importing/exporting marijuana items, money laundering, engaging in financial transaction in property derived from unlawful activity and felon in possession of a firearm.

May 27 — A trooper responded to a report of a person walking in the middle of the westbound side of I-84 near milepost 254 west of La Grande. OSP transported a 27-year-old man of Prescott Valley, Arizona, to the Union County Jail, La Grande, where he received a citation for disorderly conduct.

June 8 — A trooper near milepost 264 on I-84 saw a man in the median waving his arms and disrupting traffic. The trooper arrested the man, 41, of Battle Mountain, Nevada, for disorderly conduct.

Local students garner academic achievements this spring

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UNION AND WALL-LOWA COUNTIES — The following students from Union and Wallowa counties in the spring of 2021 earned a place on their university's honor rolls, based on their academic performance, and/or received a degree in their chosen field of study.

BRADEN BELL, La Grande — Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington: President's List (GPA 3.85-4.00).

OWEN BURBANK, La Grande — Eastern Oregon University, La Grande: Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi (membership by invita-

tion only).

GRACIE CARLSEN, Lostine — George Fox University, Newberg: Dean's List (GPA 3.50-4.00).

WILLIAM COSTON, Imbler — George Fox University, Newberg: Dean's List (GPA 3.50-4.00).

WHITNEY EVANS, Joseph — George Fox University, Newberg: Dean's List (GPA 3.50-4.00) and bachelor of science in biology.

NATALIE GORHAM, Joseph — Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington: Dean's List (GPA 3.50-3.84).

KIRSTEN JOHNSON, La Grande — University of Iowa, Iowa City: master of

fine arts in English.

SCOTT REMILY, La Grande — Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington: President's List (GPA 3.85-4.00).

RIANNA RICHARD, La Grande — Eastern Oregon University, La Grande: Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi (membership by invitation only).

ARIANNA SHUKLE, La Grande — George Fox University, Newberg: Dean's List (GPA 3.50-4.00).

VICTORIA SUTO, Enterprise — College of Saint Mary, Omaha, Nebraska: President's Honor Roll (GPA 3.89-4.00).

UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



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

June 18 — WILLIE HAMANN: 11 a.m. graveside service, Island City Cemetery.

June 19 — GEORGE SMITH: 10 a.m. graveside service, Elgin Cemetery (casual dress preferred); reception follows at his home.

June 25 — CATHERINE PETERS:

10 a.m. celebration of life, La Grande First Baptist Church; interment follows at Grandview Cemetery.

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*

The family of **Betty Alam** would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Bryan Conklin, Grande Ronde Retirement, Heart 'n Home Hospice, Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, Sally Wiems, Island City Market and Deli and all of those who sent cards, flowers or prepared food.

With deep gratitude,
John and Kim Satterlee & Dennis and Karen Fenn and family



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