

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

FRIDAY, JUNE 18

5:56 a.m. — La Grande police responded to a residence on the 500 block of Washington Avenue for a domestic disturbance and counseled a subject involved.

9:22 a.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office responded to an Elgin residence for a person in mental or emotional duress. The person went to Grande Ronde Hospital, La Grande.

10:06 a.m. — A caller complained about an aggressive dog on the 58000 block of Weaver Road, Union. An animal enforcement officer responded and gave the dog owner a warning.

10:45 a.m. — A traffic crash on the 3300 block of Alder Street, La Grande, injured at least one person. La Grande police and other emergency services responded. An officer took a report.

4:55 p.m. — La Grande police received a report that a mentally ill person was causing a disturbance on the 1500 block of Adams Avenue. Local law enforcement responded and warned the parties involved for disorderly conduct.

5:07 p.m. — A caller reported a goat was loose on the 500 block of F Street, North Powder. An animal enforcement officer contacted the owner of the goat.

8:13 p.m. — A caller at Eastern Oregon University, 1 University Blvd., La Grande, reported vandalism. An officer made contact and took a report.

11:06 p.m. — A caller in mental duress on the 10000 block of Railroad Avenue, La Grande, requested assistance. Police provided the caller with contact information for help.

SATURDAY, JUNE 19

1:19 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1900 block of Spruce Street on a report of several loud bangs but did not locate any source for the noise.

1:45 a.m. — A group causing too much noise on the 2200 block of Washington Avenue, La Grande, prompted a complaint to police, who responded and warned the people involved for violating the city's noise law.

8:57 a.m. — A caller reported possible animal abuse on the 1000 block of North Bellwood Street, Union. An animal enforce-

ment officer contacted the caller and explained options.

10:59 a.m. — La Grande police responded to a residence on the 1900 block of Second Street on a report of a domestic disturbance. Officers separated the parties involved.

9:57 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1400 block of 21st Street on a report of gunshots. Police did not find anyone shooting.

11:17 p.m. — La Grande police arrested a 57-year-old man on a Union County warrant charging him with three counts of furnishing alcohol to a minor.

11:45 p.m. — The Benton County Sheriff's Office in Washington reported it arrested Robert Jordan Hastings, 32, on a Union county warrant charging vehicle theft, second-degree theft and second-degree criminal mischief.

SUNDAY, JUNE 20

1:14 a.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about noise from a residence on the 3000 block of Q Avenue. Officers responded and the subject turned down the music.

3:53 a.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a complaint about a male yelling and slamming doors on the 600 block of East Ash Street, Union.

8:25 a.m. — Union County sheriff's deputies responded to the 90 block of North 17th Avenue, Elgin, on a report of a suspicious person. Deputies arrested Ashley Marie Farris, 33, for menacing, resisting arrest, second-degree disorderly conduct and assault on a peace officer.

2:54 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a report of a stuck kitten on the 100 block of Main Street, Summerville. An animal enforcement officer responded and gave assistance.

4:12 p.m. — A caller reported animal neglect at a location in Elgin. An animal enforcement officer responded, retrieved a puppy and took it to the shelter at the Blue Mountain Humane Association, La Grande.

10:12 p.m. — A caller reported loud bangs on the 600 block of 18th Street, La Grande. An officer responded and determined the sound was from fireworks.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

BRIEFS

Fishtrap sets first in-person event in more than a year

ENTERPRISE — A summer solstice open mic reading and potluck begins at 6 p.m. Friday, June 25, in the backyard of the Fishtrap House, 400 E. Grant St., Enterprise. The event is free and open to all. Those who attend are encouraged to bring something to share to eat, read or both. Visit with friends and neighbors in the open air for Fishtrap's first live in-person event in more than a year. For more information, visit fishtrap.org.

Faith Lutheran's annual yard sale is Saturday

LA GRANDE — Faith Lutheran Church of La Grande will have its annual yard sale Saturday, June 26. The sale will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church, 104 S. 12th St.

Meet the growers on June 27 Union County Farm Crawl

LA GRANDE — The 2021 Union County Farm Crawl is this Sunday, June 27. The self-guided driving tour includes 12 local farms and agricultural businesses that will be wel-

coming visitors from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Complete details and the map are available at www.visitunioncounty.org/annual-events (scroll down to June and click on "Union County Farm Crawl"), on the event's Facebook page, and at the Union County Chamber of Commerce, 207 Depot St., La Grande. If you have questions, call 541-963-8588.

Two Bike Blast events planned for children

LA GRANDE — La Grande Parks and Recreation and the Safe Routes to School program are putting on a Bike Blast Thursday, June 24, at Benton Park and again two weeks later, July 8, at Candy Cane Park. Each Bike Blast will provide bikes for kids, helmet fitting and cycling safety tips, plus activities and cotton candy. The events run from 6-7 p.m. Everything is free. For more information call 541-962-0514.

Register for July day camps from La Grande Parks & Rec

LA GRANDE — Offered by La Grande Parks and Recreation, preschool mini-camps will be held Thursdays in July from 9-10 a.m. in the Birnie Park Pavilion. Each session

costs \$5 and will include crafts, games and science learning for children ages 4-6. Parent participation is encouraged but not required.

Upcoming Parks and Rec day camps for older children include Skateboard Camp, held July 5-9 from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The week-long camp is an introduction to the basics of skateboarding and an opportunity to improve skills. Boards and helmets will be available for those who do not have them. The camp is for ages 4-9. Cost is \$30, and the registration deadline is June 28.

The annual Youth Entrepreneur Camp is July 12-16, culminating in Lemonade Day July 17. Lemonade Day is a community-wide educational initiative designed to introduce youth to entrepreneurship through the real world experience of starting their own business — a lemonade stand. The camp, open to ages 6-12, meets 8 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday and features mentors, field trips and guest speakers. Participants will use the skills they've learned on Saturday's Lemonade Day. Cost is \$50. Registration deadline is June 30.

Pre-registration is required for all camps. For more details and to register, go to www.lagrandeparks.org or call 541-962-1352.

— The Observer

La Grande names spring beautification award winners

The Observer

LA GRANDE — The home of Tracy and Michael May, 2013 First St., received the city of La Grande's spring 2021 residential beautification award.

Kerr Chiropractic, 1802 Fourth St., was selected as winner of the commercial award.

According to a press release from the city, in place of the standard grass in the right-of-way, the Mays have built attractive raised beds filled with perennial plants that require a minimal amount of watering.

"This colorful and creative use of the space, along with well-maintained shade trees, contributes to the diversity and sustainability of the landscape, providing much needed habitat for our native pollinators," the release stated.

Kerr Chiropractic, 1802 4th St. was chosen for the work done to improve the landscaping of the business and the adjoining parking area, including the addition of five street trees.

"The repeating selection of perennials, grasses and shrubs draw the eye and complement the building," according to the release. "The landscaping around the perimeter of the parking area provides natural drainage and filters stormwater, beautiful and beneficial."

The Beautification Awards Program, sponsored by the La Grande Landscape and Community Forestry Commission, recognizes residential and commercial properties that add to the beauty and diversity of La Grande's environment.

Nominations for this award are made by members of the commission, city employees, neighbors and property owners.

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2021 summer awards. Landscaping must be visible from the street.

Email nominations to trees@cityoflagrande.org, send a message via the La Grande Parks and Recreation Facebook page or call the Urban Forestry Division at 541-663-1952.



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The blue summer morning sky complements the red blooms against the facade of Kerr Chiropractic, 1802 Fourth St., La Grande, which won the city of La Grande's 2021 spring commercial beautification award.



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A sign at 2013 First St., La Grande, recognizes the home's contribution to the beauty and diversity of La Grande's environment. The owners, Tracy and Michael May, received the city of La Grande's spring 2021 residential beautification award.

OBITUARY

Brenda A. (Bernhardt) Bomberger

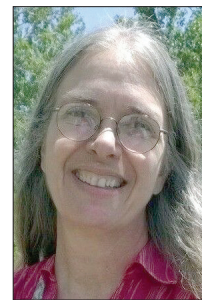
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La Grande

Brenda A. Bomberger, 63, of La Grande, died June 1, 2021, at her home. A funeral service was held June 5 at Faith Lutheran Church, La Grande.

Brenda was born Jan. 21, 1958, in La Grande, to John and Edna (Burriss) Bernhardt. She resided in La Grande, Island City, Union and Wallowa.

She attended Ackerman Grade School, La Grande Middle School and La Grande High School. As a young adult, she swam competitively and spent two years as an exchange student in Japan, sparking a lifelong love of Japanese culture. She graduated with a bachelor of science in education from Eastern Oregon University.

Brenda was a devoted wife to Kent A. Bomberger, her high school sweetheart and husband of 42 years, and the loving mother of four children, whom she homeschooled from kindergarten through high school. She taught Latin at Providence Academy in Los-



Bomberger

and played bassoon with the Wallowa Valley Orchestra. She read voraciously and also loved gardening, spinning wool and other traditional household crafts. She was a strong Christian throughout her life and an active member of Faith Lutheran Church for more than four decades.

Surviving relatives include her husband, Kent Bomberger; children and their spouses, Kenneth J. and Rachel Bomberger, of Norfolk, Virginia., Konrad H. Bomberger, of Goldendale, Washington, Sarah E.L. and Michael Bittick, of La Grande, and Crista A.M. and Brenton Hardy, of Wallowa; brother, and sister-in-law, Thomas H. and Shelly Bernhardt; 13 grandchildren; and nine nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Edna Bernhardt.

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

DEATH NOTICE

Scott D. Baker

La Grande

Scott D. Baker, 57, of La Grande, died June 20, 2021, at home. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



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

June 25 — CATHERINE PETERS: 10 a.m. celebration of life, La Grande First Baptist Church; interment follows at Grandview Cemetery.

June 25 — DONALD SCHAEFFER: 11 a.m. graveside service, Bramlet Memorial Cemetery, Wallowa.

June 26 — TED VANDENBERG: noon

to 4 p.m. celebration of life gathering (lunch provided), Riverside Park Pavilion, La Grande.

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

Local seniors earn scholarships for future education

The Observer

LA GRANDE — Five local seniors — Anika McDonald, of Imbler, Gage McKay, of Elgin, Haiden Wiggins, of Cove, Taryn Miller and Katie Brown, both of La Grande — were awarded scholarships from Valley Insurance of La Grande.

According to a press release, each student will receive \$1,000 toward their college education this fall. McDonald will be attending Montana State University and will study microbiology. McKay will be attending Walla Walla Community College with plans to study diesel technology. Wiggins will be attending University of Wyoming to study business management. Miller will be attending Eastern

Oregon University with an area of study in elementary education. Brown also will be attending Eastern Oregon University with plans to study nursing.

These five recipients were chosen from 20 applicants based on their scholastic achievement, school activities and community service.

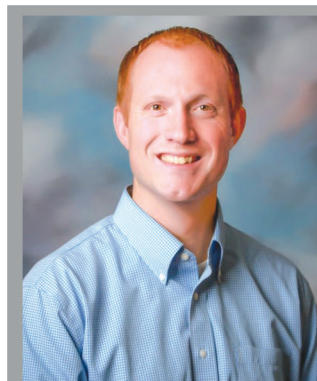
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