

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

MONDAY, JULY 26

6:22 a.m. — A caller reported a combative person on the 500 block of 16th Street, La Grande. Police and medics responded.
7:33 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 800 block of Grandy Avenue on a report of loud bangs. Police counseled a person for using fireworks and explained fire restrictions.
8:43 a.m. — A caller again reported a combative person on the 500 block of 16th Street, La Grande. An officer responded and gave assistance.
2:50 p.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy responded to the 62200 block of Robin Road, La Grande, on a report of a disturbance. The deputy provided resources at the scene.
5:25 p.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about telephonic harassment. An officer contacted both parties and warned one for tele-

phonic harassment.
6:59 p.m. — La Grande police received a second complaint about telephonic harassment from the same caller. An officer contacted the person and attempted to contact the other party.
10 p.m. — The Union Hotel & Restaurant & Rv Park, 326 N. Main St., Union, reported a guest was smoking in a hotel room. A Union County sheriff's deputy made contact and explained options.
10:53 p.m. — A caller reported fireworks on the 300 block of Polk Avenue, La Grande. An officer checked the area but did not find anyone setting off fireworks.
10:59 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a report that someone on the 10800 block of South Walton Road, La Grande, may have supplied liquor to a minor. A deputy made contact and counseled a juvenile.

TUESDAY, JULY 27

4:05 a.m. — La Grande police during a foot patrol at Washington Avenue and Walnut Street arrested Nicholas Geatano Olivera, 40, for interfering with a peace officer, third-degree escape, two counts of felon in possession of a weapon and on two Union County warrants for violating parole and failure to appear.
7:53 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 2100 block of Adams Avenue on a call about abandoned property and cited a 40-year-old man for offensive littering.
8:57 a.m. — A caller reported animal abuse on the 900 block of Crescent Lane, Imbler. An animal enforcement officer made contact.
2 p.m. — A caller on the 200 block of South 12th Avenue, Elgin, reported a disrespectful juvenile. A Union County sheriff's deputy made contact and explained options.

5:30 p.m. — Police and other emergency services responded to a report of a traffic crash involving an injury at U Avenue and Spruce Street, La Grande. Police took a report.
5:55 p.m. — A caller reported the theft of an electric bicycle from a residence on the 2600 block of Bearco Loop, La Grande. An officer made contact and took a report.
7:48 p.m. — La Grande police arrested Sean Robert Stellings, 26, on a Marion County warrant for violation of a stalking order.
9:54 p.m. — A caller reported a person was creating a disturbance at a residence on the 1300 block of Adams Avenue, La Grande. An officer warned the person for disorderly conduct.
11:40 p.m. — Local law enforcement responded to the 1300 block of Cherry Street of a report of a disturbance and found the situation did not rise to the level of a mandatory arrest.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

MEETINGS

• COVE — The Cove City Council meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 3, at city hall, 504 Alder St. The agenda includes COVID-19 relief funding and the upcoming Cove Cherry Fair. For instructions on how to connect to the meeting virtually, go to www.cityof-cove.org or email cityadmin@cityof-cove.org for the link and an agenda.
• LA GRANDE — The Union County Board of Commissioners will meet Wednesday, Aug. 4. The meeting begins at 9 a.m. in the conference room in the east end of the Joseph Building, La Grande.

BRIEFS

'Comedy of Errors' is first performance on outdoor stage

ELGIN — Shakespeare's "Comedy of Errors" will be presented by the Elgin Opera House on its new outdoor stage Friday and Saturday, July 30-31. The 6:30 p.m. performances are free to attend. Bring chairs and blankets for seating on the lawn outside the Opera House, 100 N. Eighth St., Elgin. For more information, go to www.elginoperahouse.com or call 541-663-6324.

Play bingo at the Union County Senior Center on Tuesdays

LA GRANDE — The Union County Senior Center, 1504 N.



Alex Wittwer/The Observer

Director Grant Turner gives guidance to actors Abby Hale and Maddie Hale as they rehearse Shakespeare's "A Comedy of Errors" at the Elgin Opera House on Tuesday, July 6, 2021. The play will be performed on the venue's new outdoor stage July 23-24 and 30-31.

Albany, La Grande, is again opening its doors for community activities with Tuesday night bingo. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and all are welcome. Proceeds benefit Union County senior programs including Meals on Wheels. (Incorrect bingo details were previously published in The Observer and Go! Magazine.)

Literacy Picnics continue in August at local schools

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 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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DEATH NOTICES

Rita A. Lanman

La Grande

Rita A. Lanman, 87, of La Grande, died July 26, 2021, at her residence. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Steven E. Merrick

Union

Steven E. Merrick, 71, of Union, died July 27, 2021, at Grande Ronde Hospital. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Elaine Voetberg

La Grande

Elaine Voetberg, 72, of La Grande, died July 24, 2021, at her home. Arrangements are by Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Halfway.

UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



July 31 — PAUL & OZIE SMITH: 11 a.m. joint memorial service, Summerville Baptist Church (casual dress preferred).
Aug. 14 — ALVIN MONTGOMERY: 12:30 p.m. celebration

of life, Zion Lutheran Church, La Grande.
Sept. 18 — JAMES YOST: 2 p.m. celebration of life, Cloverleaf Hall, Enterprise.
Oct. 16 — MELVIN ELDER: 10 a.m. memorial service, La Grande First Christian Church.
— calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande

Final archery elk proposal set for Aug. 6 commission consideration



This bull elk in Northeastern Oregon was captured by a photographer rather than a hunter. The elk hunting season for archers could change from a general season to a controlled season starting in 2022 in many parts of the region.

Gary Lewis/Contributed Photo

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SALEM — The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has released the final proposal for commission consideration regarding changes to how archery elk season is managed for portions of Eastern Oregon within the Blue Mountain region, according to a press release.

This final proposal includes two major modifications from the original draft proposal released in March: Five units would be combined into a single Eagle Cap Zone hunt, and there would be a single general season hunt for any part of the state not proposed for controlled hunting.

A map on the big game review page has more information. (The original proposal was for a general Western Oregon and general Eastern Oregon tag for any units not

HOW TO WATCH

The Aug. 6 commission meeting will be online via Zoom. To testify about the proposal, register at www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_5F152fCyYdyidRFGazIDRw no later than 48 hours before the meeting (Wednesday, Aug. 4, at 8 a.m. PT). Comments can also be sent to odfw.commission@odfw.oregon.gov.

MORE INFORMATION

To read the full proposal, see Exhibit B at https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/21/08_Aug/index.asp.

rifle hunting over the last 30 years.

This proposal will be presented at the Aug. 6 commission meeting for potential adoption.

Additional information about the big game review process can be found at https://myodfw.com/articles/big-game-hunting-season-review.

The remainder of the 2022 hunting regulations will be presented at the September commission meeting.

Under the proposal, 13 wildlife management units and three sub-unit hunts would move to controlled archery seasons. These hunts would be added to the current

seven WMUs within the Blue Mountains already managed for regulated archery seasons. These controlled hunts would be the only opportunity for archers who draw and purchase those tags.

Within the units proposed for regulatory change, ODFW is proposing a mix of single WMU and a zone hunt to obtain the reduction in harvest that is the goal of moving to controlled archery. Both alternatives provide the control necessary for wildlife managers to regulate take to achieve the overall bull harvest reduction needed to meet agency objectives.

WMUs not proposed for controlled hunts would remain under the current statewide general season framework, allowing archers to continue to move in response to conditions throughout the state during the archery season.

HONORS

Local students earn academic success

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Academic achievements

PENDLETON — Blue Mountain Community College spring term 2020-2021 honor roll recognition went to the following full-time Union County students:

• President's List (3.75-4.00 GPA) — Stacey Adams, Jacey Childs, Bailey Cole, Reece Dixon, Brittany Elliott, Rachel Free, Bianca Garcia, Chelsy Goodwin, Abigail Hale, Amanda Lamiller, Cade Lind, Alyssa McDowell, Dylan Miles, Riggan Nedrow, Arin Nichole, Katherine Oglesbee, Romaine Ricker, Viri Rodriguez-Medrano, Calvin Shaffer, Mattie Spencer, Kenzie Williams.
• Vice President's List (3.5-3.74 GPA) — Zoe

Adamson, Sarrah Berg, Brianna Kohr, Wil Slagle, Brandon Wyland.

RED WING, WINONA, Minn. — Sarrah Magner, of La Grande, was named to the Minnesota State College Southeast spring 2021 President's List.

To be eligible for the President's List, students must complete a minimum of 12 credits at MSC Southeast during an academic term and achieve a GPA of 3.5 or above.

PRESQUE ISLE, Maine — Madison Ruth Exferd, of La Grande, earned a place on the honor roll at the University of Maine at Presque Isle for the 2021 spring semester.

Bachelor's degree in chemistry

FOREST GROVE — Abby Lene Tescher, of Union, graduated magna cum laude from Pacific University in Oregon in May

2021 with a bachelor of science degree in chemistry from the College of Arts & Sciences. According to a press release, Pacific is the No. 1 private research university in the Pacific Northwest and serves nearly 4,000 students in a diverse and sustainable community dedicated to discovery and excellence in teaching, scholarship and practice.

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