PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

FRIDAY, JULY 30

8:31 a.m. — A caller reported an aggressive dog on the 300 block of West Grande Street, Union. An animal enforcement officer made contact, made sure the dog was inside a fence and took

9:52 a.m. — A La Grande resident on the 2800 block of Fourth Street reported a trespasser stole a bird feeder. Officers responded, counseled the male and returned the bird feeder, which satisfied

3:14 p.m. — La Grande police received multiple 911 hang-ups from a residence on the 2000 block of Scorpio Drive. An officer responded and counseled children on using 911.

7:37 p.m. — La Grande police responded to a residence on the 2200 block of Cove Avenue on a report of a domestic disturbance. Officers counseled the subjects involved.

8:09 p.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy was waved down on the 1800 block of 26th Street, La Grande, for a domestic disturbance. The deputy separated the people involved.

11:09 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of a possible vehicle theft on the 2300 block of Q Avenue.

SATURDAY, JULY 31

2:02 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 2200 block of Jakob Avenue on a noise complaint and shut down a party.

9:53 a.m. — A caller reported a theft on the 900 block of J Avenue, La Grande. An officer made contact and arranged for extra patrols

3:52 p.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy responded to the 69400 block of Common Lane, Cove, to assist with a fire.

4:50 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of a possible

vehicle theft on the 500 block of Second Street.

5:06 p.m. — A caller reported an assault at Church and Alder streets, Cove. A Union County sheriff's office responded but no one wanted to pursue charges.

7:25 p.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy responded to the 200 block of North Main Street, Union, for a juvenile disturbance and counseled parties involved.

10:25 p.m. — A caller reported a domestic disturbance at a residence on the 1800 block of 26th Street. An officer responded and arranged to follow up.

SUNDAY, AUG. 1

12:46 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 2200 block of Jakob Avenue for a loud party and shut it down.

11:47 a.m. — Local law enforcement received numerous complaints about a traffic jam at Island Avenue and Interstate 84, La

12:48 p.m. — A caller reported the theft of a vehicle on the 2300 block of Q Avenue, La Grande. An officer made contact and will fol-6:07 p.m. — La Grande police responded to a residence on the

300 block of 20th Street for a juvenile disturbance and cited one

8:31 p.m. — Union County sheriff's deputies responded to a residence on the 2400 block of Riddle Road for a juvenile disturbance. Deputies separated and counseled the parties involved.

10:03 p.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy responded to the 1100 block of Church Street, Cove, on a report of a juvenile disturbance. The deputy counseled a person and resolved the situation.

Free books, crafts and new faces at the library



PEACOCK OFF THE SHELF

Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's Summer Reading Program, which ends Friday, Aug. 6. More than 260 children, teens and adults signed up, dozens of paper flowers were made, and hundreds of hours of reading were accomplished. Prize drawing winners will be notified Monday, Aug. 9.

Be sure to stop by Cook Memorial Library and say hello to our new employees. We're excited to have Mackenzie Isaak as our new children's librarian, and Wyatt Christensen and Alicia McConnell as our new part-time employees.

A new exhibit, "Black in Oregon: 1840-1870," is on display at the library. The exhibit was developed by the Oregon State Archives in collaboration with the Oregon Black Pioneers. The exhibit explores the experiences of Black pioneers and is also available to view online on the State Archives website. The exhibit was funded by the Roundhouse Foundation in Sisters. Due to its

size, half of the display panels will be up through Aug. 25, the other half will be on display through the end of September.

The Community Room is again open for reservations. Please call the library for more information or visit our website to check the calendar and submit reservation requests.

August craft kits for teens and adults are Crayon Block Candles. Kits include supplies needed to make one candle and are now available. Supplies are limited, first come, first served.

The Literacy Center is giving away free children's books in front of the library during Tuesday Farmers Markets, from 3-5:30 p.m. Giveaway books were donated by families, The Archives, People Helping People, the ReStore and Community Kindness.

The library's Literacy Center staff will also be at the La Grande School District Registration and Resource Fair on Thursday, Aug. 12, at the La Grande Middle School. The Literacy Center will open for tutoring and drop-ins after the school year

Need an idea for your book club? The library now has seven book club kits for adults available to check out.

Kits include at least six copies of the book and discussion questions. Kits are available at the front desk.

near the circulation desk. Regularly stocked with non-perishable snacks, canned goods, water and the occasional fresh fruit or veggies, the pantry is self-serve and open to all. Donations are accepted.

Sign up for our weekly e-newsletter at www.cookmemoriallibrary. org (search for "Wowbrary"). Newsletters include the latest items added to our physical and digital collections, news updates and more.

Current hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday. Beginning Aug.14, we again will be open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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.

Visit us at 2006 Fourth St., La Grande, or call us at 541-962-1339. Find out more at www.cookmemoriallibrary.org and follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

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

The Little Free Pantry is located

Cheryl Rae Culmerly of Elgin and La Grande, died July 23,

July 30 at Restlawn Funeral Home, Salem.

born April 3, 1936, at the family home in Baker, to Floyd Culley and Fern (Pearson) Culley. She was the oldest of three siblings.

Cheryl lived in many small Eastern Oregon towns when she was younger, as her dad traveled and worked with the Sumpter dredge. She was quite the daddy's girl and still standing to this day is a playhouse in Granite her dad built for her 80 years ago. When she was 13, she contracted polio and was hospitalized for

a time in Portland. Cheryl was a stay-athome mom. When her

MILESTONE

David and Nancy Dahlstrom to celebrate 55th anniversary



David and Nancy Dahlstrom, of Union, will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary Friday, Aug. 6.

OBITUARIES

Cheryl R. Culley-Stubblefield

1936-2021 Formerly of Elgin and La Grande

ley-Stubblefield, 85, for-2021. A service was held

Cheryl was

children were grown, she had a 20-year career

Steven E. Merrick, 71,

of Union, died July 27,

Union Baptist

summer.

born Aug.

28, 1949, in

Baxter Mer-

rick and Jean

in Baker City,

Klamath Falls,

Mt. Vernon, Hermiston

and Union. He graduated

from Baker High School

and what is now Eastern

Oregon University with

June 16, 1973, he married

Steven taught at sev-

a teaching degree. On

eral school districts in

Eastern Oregon and for

a few other employers.

Kathryn A. Hiatt.

with ODOT.

Cheryl was her children's greatest cheerleader, confidante and mentor. She gave and loved uncondi-

tionally to her entire family. Her unwavering heart is a tapestry with threads permanently woven into all of their lives.

She was **Culley-Stubblefield** diagnosed with Lewy Body dementia in 2014.

Cheryl was preceded in death by her oldest child, Brent Stubblefield, in 2006.

Surviving relatives include her husband of 65 years, Keith; sisters, Jo-Jean Nelson and Jackie Dixon; children and their partners, Tami and Alisa Allen-Stubblefield, Rick and Wendy Stubblefield, and Kimberly Stubblefield and Jason Coulter; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

LA GRANDE — Gage Park, physical therapist, will be the guest

MEETINGS

speaker at the monthly meeting of the Union **County Retired Educators** Thursday, Aug. 5. The gathering begins at 11:30 a.m. at the Cock 'n' Bull Restaurant in Pat's Alley, La

• LA GRANDE — The La Grande Swim Club will hold its annual general meeting on Thursday, Aug. 12, at 7 p.m. at Pioneer Park, next to the pool. Any questions may be directed to the club president, Tatiana Ricker, at

BRIEFS

541-963-5961.

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Don't miss last free music of the summer at Riverside Park

LA GRANDE — Enjoy free weekly live music at Riverside Park, North Spruce Street, La Grande, courtesy of the La Grande Arts Commission. The music begins each Thursday at 6 p.m. Bring lawn chairs, blankets and snacks. The final August lineup is Blue Plate Special on Aug. 5, Shahayla on Aug. 12 and KC Kunkle and Madeline Ford close out this summer's series on Aug. 19.

Back Country Bash is this weekend

JOSEPH — The Back Country Bash — a weekend of American/Red Dirt music — happens Friday and Saturday, Aug. 6-7, in Joseph. The weekend includes two nights of music, optional onsite camping, vendors, and an After Party Breakfast — all at the Harley Tucker Memorial Rodeo Grounds. Gates

open at 4:30 p.m. and the





Longtime La Grande bluegrass band Blue Plate Special, shown here in 2012, performs a free concert Thursday, Aug. 5, 2021, at 6 p.m. at Riverside Park in La Grande. Lawn chairs, blankets and snacks are welcome.

music starts at 5:30 p.m. both days. For full details and to purchase advance tickets, go to www.backcountrybashjoseph.com. Tickets will also be sold at the gate, with a two-day pass available.

Sign up for classes at the Josephy Center

JOSEPH — Sign your kids up for art workshops at the Josephy Center. A class on Thursday, Aug. 12, children will learn the art of printmaking while designing a postcard. The following Thursday, Aug. 19, crafty youth can build their own kite from scratch. There are two sessions of each workshop: ages 5-8 from 10-11:15 a.m., and ages 9-12 from 1-2:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 per workshop. The in-person classes are held at the Josephy Center for Arts & Culture 403 N. Main St., Joseph. To ensure a spot in class, reg-

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August brings a class just for grown-ups, too. "Wine & Flower Arranging" is a two-hour gathering for the 21+ crowd on Saturday, Aug. 21, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Josephy Center. Sign up now to join instructor Dawn Highberger and arrange summer flowers while sipping your favorite wine. Tickets are \$45. Sign up

online or call 541-432-0505.

Thursday lecture series continues at Wallowa Lake Lodge

WALLOWA LAKE VILLAGE — This summer the Wallowa Lake Lodge is hosting a variety of free events, including talks on Thursdays at 7 p.m. The talk this week, on Aug. 5, will be given by Jude Graham, curator of the Wallowa County Museum in Joseph, who will tell the stories and drama associated with prohibition times

in historic Joseph. The following Thursday, Aug. 12, Wallowology will host a "Perseid Peaks" presentation at the lodge by D.J. Lincoln of the Wallowa Valley Astronomers. The annual Perseid meteor shower peaks in mid-August, with hundreds of meteors shooting across the summer sky.

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UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



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.

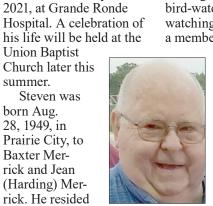
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Elgin Tona R. Helbling, 74, of Elgin, died July 30, 2021.

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Steven E. Merrick

1949-2021

Union

He enjoyed photography, reading, woodworking, bird-watching and watching baseball. He was a member of the Union Baptist Church.

> He was preceded in death by his wife, Kathy, and parents, Baxter and Jean.

Surviving relatives include his children and their spouses, Paul D. and Terra Merrick of

Gladstone, Missouri, and Amy J. and Ken McCants of Union; six grandchildren; brother, Craig Merrick of McMinnville; sister, Becky Merrick of Baker City; and 12 nieces and nephews.

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

DEATH NOTICE Tona R. Helbling

Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.