

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 20

11:03 a.m. — A caller on the 1300 block of L Avenue, La Grande, reported finding drug paraphernalia. An officer responded, confiscated the item and took a report.

1:06 p.m. — La Grande police received a report about harassment. An officer made contact, determined this was occurring at school in Cove and referred the matter to the Union County school resource officer.

2:36 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of family abuse. An officer made contact and will follow up.

2:43 p.m. — La Grande police responded to Polk Avenue and Umatilla Street on a report of a domestic disturbance. Officers warned the subjects for disorderly conduct.

4:34 p.m. — A caller on the 1500 block of 21st Street, La Grande, reported criminal mischief. Officers responded and the parties reached a civil compromise.

6:51 p.m. — A caller reported a woman screaming in the area of Second Street and C Avenue, La Grande. An officer checked the area but found no one in distress.

9:17 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of harassment at the Chevron station at 2706 Island Ave. An officer made contact, explained options and attempted to contact the other party involved.

THURSDAY, OCT. 21

1:59 a.m. — A Union County sheriff’s deputy responded to a residence on the 1300 block of Alder Street, Elgin, for two hang-up 911 calls. The deputy found the situation was fine and counseled one person.

7:02 a.m. — A caller reported the theft of a trailer from U.S. Forest Service Road 77 near Union. A Union County sheriff’s deputy made contact and took a report.

7:47 a.m. — The Union County Sheriff’s Office received a report from Union High School, 540 S. Main St., of a minor in possession of alcohol. A deputy took a report.

9:17 a.m. — A caller reported cattle on the loose in the area of 68700 Highway 82, Elgin. An animal enforcement officer made contact and would notify the cattle owner.

9:37 a.m. — A caller reported abandoned kittens in the area of 62700 Standley Lane, La Grande. An animal enforcement officer made contact and provided contact information to the local animal shelter.

12:55 p.m. — Local law enforcement responded to Safeway, 2111 Adams Ave., La Grande, on a report of shoplifting. Union County sheriff’s deputies arrested a 16-year-old male on a Multnomah County juvenile warrant for violating probation and a 17-year-old male on a Baker County juvenile warrant also for violating probation.

4:25 p.m. — La Grande police responded to a residence on the 1900 block of H Avenue for a disturbance. Police counseled and separated the parties involved.

5:59 p.m. — La Grande police responded to a disturbance at a residence on the 1200 block of Adams Avenue. Officers counseled the parties involved.

10:12 p.m. — A Union County sheriff’s deputy responded to East Ash and North Bellwood streets, Union, on a report of a domestic disturbance. Both parties denied anything happened.

OBITUARY

Shelia M. (Hansen) Evans

1969-2021
La Grande

Shelia Maureen Evans, 52, of La Grande, died Oct. 9, 2021, at Grande Ronde Hospital. A celebration of her life will be held Oct. 30 at 10 a.m. at the Lighthouse Pentecostal Church, Island City.

Nicknamed “Gigi,” Shelia was born March 14, 1969, in La Grande, to Lorin Hansen and Barbara (Cushing) Hansen. She attended school in La Grande and resided in Caldwell, Idaho, and La Grande. Her first marriage was to Anthony Grove. She was currently married to Will Evans.

Shelia worked at Apple Eye Care for 22 years as a billing specialist. She was the president of the Island City Lions Club. She enjoyed crafting, shopping, horseback riding on

the beach and loving her grandbabies.

Survivors include her husband, William Evans of La Grande; daughters, Toni Grove of La Grande and Kayla Hansen of La Grande; siblings, Shannon Hansen, Shawn Hansen, Shane Hansen, Stacey Corthen and Shelley Buettner; three grandchildren; and 10 nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lorin and Barbara Hansen, and mother-in-law, Bertha Evans.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to www.gofund.me/c9ce103f.

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



Evans

DEATH NOTICES

Joseph Aragon

La Grande

Joseph Aragon, 91, of La Grande, died Oct. 20, 2021, at a local care facility. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Susan V. Schultz

La Grande

Susan Viola Schultz, 65, of La Grande, died Oct. 21, 2021, at Grande Ronde Hospital from an extended illness. Arrangements are by Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, La Grande.

Samuel F. Orr

Formerly of Haines

Samuel F. Orr, 70, formerly of Haines, died Sept. 21, 2021, in Portland. A celebration of his life will take place in the spring of 2022. Arrangements are by Tami’s Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Halfway.

Skip T. Beardsley

Elgin

Skip T. Beardsley, 81, of Elgin, died Oct. 19, 2021, in La Grande. A memorial service will be held Oct. 29, 2021, at 11 a.m. at Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, La Grande.

BIRTHS

GRANDE RONDE HOSPITAL

BOLIN: Isabelle Kay Bolin, born Oct. 5, 2021, to Julie Kay Dick and Corey Lynn Bolin, of La Grande. Grandparents are Brenda Dick and Tracy and Loree Bolin.

DEWITT: Parker Franklin DeWitt, born Oct. 4, 2021, to Jordann DeWitt and Eric DeWitt, of Union. Grandparents are Wendy Roberts, Ladd Roberts, and Jim and Connie Twisselman.

JENKINS: Jayda May Jenkins, born Oct. 6, 2021, to Sarah Elizabeth Jenkins and Jonathan Jay Jenkins, of Imbler.

VANCE: Eternity Rose Dove Vance, born Oct. 13, 2021, to Janice Marie Vance and Jesse James Vance, of La Grande.

A perfect thank-you



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Elgin residents enjoy free ice cream and pie on Thursday, Oct. 16, 2021, courtesy of the Elgin Lions Club. The Lions wanted to honor their friends and neighbors for their support of the club and the community’s activities. The club members decided sharing homemade ice cream and a variety of pies was the perfect way to express their appreciation.

City hands out two fall beautification awards

The Observer

LA GRANDE — The home of Zane and Quinn Hanna, 1430 Monroe Ave., received the city of La Grande fall beautification award for a residential property. The property at the corner of Monroe Avenue and Greenwood Street has benefited from extensive landscaping work since the Hannas bought their home three years ago.

“We spent a lot of time in selecting the plants and designing the irrigation system,” said Zane Hanna, according to a press release from the city. “It’s been hard work but we have really enjoyed the transformation.”

The landscaping features a colorful border of shrubs and perennials along the sidewalk and new shade trees in the yard. The Hannas also replaced a weedy lawn in the parkway with low-maintenance decorative rock and provided large mulched beds for the existing street trees.

In an area of mixed residential and commercial properties, the landscaping has been a positive change to the neighborhood, stated the press release. “We’ve had a lot of compliments from the neighbors and people



Fall beautification awards went to the Grande Ronde Apartments, 1902 Third St., La Grande (left), and to a home at 1430 Monroe Ave., La Grande.



City of La Grande/Contributed Photos

just passing by, and we are looking forward to making more improvements,” said Hanna.

The commercial award went to Grande Ronde Apartments, 1902 Third St. Built in 1928, this classic brick building is owned and operated by Sharon Carpenter. The front entry is framed by a diverse mix of shrubs and perennials, and the porch is lined with colorful containers of annuals. The sunny south side of the building provides more space for flowers, fruits and vegetables. The alley behind the building features a brick wall that provides a backdrop for more plants.

Once a repository for brush and debris the alley now provides an inviting place to sit and enjoy the outdoors, the city reported.

Carpenter gives all the credit to one of her tenants: “Halina does all the landscaping. She loves to garden and wanted the building to be welcoming and pleasant and look like home.”

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

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

BRIEFS

Make an appointment for a fall nature walk

JOSEPH — This fall the Wallowology Natural History Discovery Center, based in Joseph, is offering daily Discovery Walks at 9 a.m. by appointment. The two-hour family-friendly walks begin at Wallowa Lake Lodge. Reservations must be made 24 hours in advance. To schedule a walk, email judys@wallowology.org.

Genealogy center open

LA GRANDE — The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints’ Family History Center, at 1802 Gekeler Lane, La Grande, is open Monday and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon, Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Wednesday from 6-9 p.m. The center is open to anyone wishing to work on their family’s genealogy.

MENU

Union County Senior Center takeout lunch

Pick up between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. at 1504 N. Albany St., La Grande.

For delivery, call 541-963-7532 before 10 a.m. Age 60+, \$3 suggested donation; all others, \$5. All are welcome.

Oct. 25-29

Monday: ravioli, Caesar salad, fresh fruit, light dessert.

Tuesday: beef stir-fry over pasta, bread, fresh fruit, ice cream.

Wednesday: BBQ chicken, baked beans, potato salad, tomato-cucumber salad, fresh fruit.

Thursday: sweet and sour meatballs, potato salad, grilled tomatoes, fresh fruit, oatmeal cookie.

Friday: chicken strips, seasoned steak fries, cashew-pea salad, grapes, dessert.

— The Observer

UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



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

Oct. 23 — ERIC BARKER: 11 a.m. memorial service, La Grande First Baptist Church.

Oct. 23 — BILL DURAND: 11 a.m. celebration of life, La Grande Youth for Christ building.

Oct. 23 — MARK KUBIN: noon to 4 p.m.

celebration of life, The Barn at Tamarack Springs, Summerville.

Oct. 23 — DEXTER HODGE: 2 p.m. funeral, Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande.

Oct. 23 — STEVEN KING: 2 p.m. celebration of life, Island City City Hall.

Oct. 23 — EDDIE CASCIO: 4:30 p.m. virtual memorial service (Zoom ID 849 0734 2216, passcode 1935).

— calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande



The Week Communities Pledge to Stay Drug Free
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Union County Safe Communities Coalition

