

'Tis the season to give



The Elgin Lions Club recently held its annual Shopping for a Deserving Family event. With the support of a Walmart donation, Logan Sandifer and his younger brother, JW, picked out clothing and toys for the Christmas season. From left, JW, Kim Sieber, Lion Darlene Garver, Lion Gerald Hopkins and Logan enjoy a day of shopping for gifts in December 2021.

Elgin Lions Club/Contributed Photo

DVD of local plays benefits Cancer for College

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BAKER CITY — Local actors have collaborated with an acting troupe in Texas to create a holiday-themed DVD to raise funds for the nonprofit organization Cancer for College.

Copies of "Just Be 'Claus' It's Christmas" are on sale now for \$15 each at Random Resales, 2450 Cherry St. Each DVD comes with a treat box.

DVDs can also be purchased online at www.actorsstudioinc.com/shop-or-donate-now.

This is a production of Actors Studio Inc. The short plays recorded in Baker City were directed by Cherie Evans. The skits filmed in Texas were directed by Leanne Hinkle, who recently relocated there from Baker County.

Proceeds from the DVD sales will go to Cancer for College, which provides college scholarships to cancer survivors. The nonprofit was founded by Craig Pollard, who was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease at age 15. He beat that, but then the cancer came back when he was 19 and attending the University of Southern California.



Cherie Evans/Contributed Photo

Santa and Mrs. Claus (Doug Evans and Lisa Ensworth) look over the "nice and naughty list" during a skit for "Just Be 'Claus' It's Christmas," a DVD of plays performed by local actors to raise funds for the nonprofit Cancer for College.

During his senior year at the USC Business School, Pollard wrote a business plan for a charity that would provide college scholarships to cancer survivors. He called it Cancer for College.

The local connection to that nonprofit is Isabella Evans, who beat leukemia and is a four-time recipient of a Cancer for College scholarship. She is currently a senior at Eastern Oregon

University. She also stars in several of the plays featured on "Just Be 'Claus' It's Christmas."

Actor Will Farrell is a major supporter of Cancer for College, and he will match any funds raised by the sales. (Each year Farrell pledges to match up to \$250,000 — to learn more, visit www.classy.org/campaign/will-farrells-holiday-miracle-match-madness-donation-challenge/c376289.)

Plays featured on the DVD include "The Gift of the Magi," "The Fruitcake Zone," "Elf Locker Room," "Scrooge's Christmas Eve" and "The Santa Interviews."

Local actors include Doug Evans, Isabella Evans, Lisa Ensworth, Kendall Cikanek, Jarren Cikanek and Max Jacoby. Gary Hutton created the DVD.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

FRIDAY, DEC. 17

5:23 a.m. — La Grande police responded to a report of a person suffering mental or emotional duress. Police gave the person a ride to Grande Ronde Hospital, La Grande.

7:27 a.m. — A caller reported two horses on the loose in the area of 72400 Cone Drive, Elgin.

12:57 p.m. — A caller reported the theft of a vehicle from the 100 block of Willow Street, La Grande. An officer made contact and determined this was civil.

2:56 p.m. — La Grande police responded to MJ Goss Motor Company, 1415 Adams Ave., and cited Corey Mykel Woll, 34, for felon in possession of a weapon, and Jaden Cynthia Rae VanLeuven, 20, for unlawful use of mace and second-degree disorderly conduct.

3:03 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of identity theft. An officer made contact and took information.

4:12 p.m. — La Grande police responded to Grande Woods Apartments, 2005 Gekeler Lane, on a report of a drug violation. Police cited a 14-year-old boy for minor in possession of marijuana.

9:49 p.m. — La Grande police responded to a disturbance at a home on the 700 block of N Avenue and cited Logan Robert Sandoval, 19, for disorderly conduct, minor in possession of alcohol and unlawful use of a weapon.

11:21 p.m. — La Grande police received

a complaint about child neglect. An officer made contact and took a report.

SATURDAY, DEC. 18

2:54 a.m. — La Grande police responded to a disturbance at a residence on the 100 block of Adams Avenue. Police determined it was a civil issue and separated the parties.

1:28 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of a sex crime. An officer made contact and took information.

3:16 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 900 block of Y Avenue on a report of a domestic disturbance. An officer made contact and took a report.

4:11 p.m. — A caller reported a safety hazard at Max Square, La Grande.

6:22 p.m. — A caller reported a fight at a residence on the 2400 block of Riddle Road, La Grande. Union County sheriff's deputies responded and took a report.

6:25 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of possible animal neglect on the 2600 block of Cove Avenue. Police took information.

6:36 p.m. — A caller reported suspicious circumstances on Mount Harris Loop, Imbler. Union County sheriff's deputies responded and determined a vehicle was stuck.

10:46 p.m. — A caller on the 71000 block of Hindman Road, Elgin, reported a possible missing person. A Union County sheriff's deputy made contact and took information.

SUNDAY, DEC. 19

3:08 a.m. — A caller reported suspicious circumstances on the 2700 block of Bearco Loop, La Grande. An officer responded and found a disabled vehicle. Officers assisted in getting the vehicle clear.

11:40 a.m. — A caller on Blackhawk Trail Lane, La Grande, reported a dog bit a person. An animal enforcement officer made contact and took a report.

3:05 p.m. — A La Grande police officer responded to Market Place Fresh Foods, 1912 Fourth St., La Grande, on a report of a disturbance. The officer trespassed one person.

4:45 p.m. — La Grande police and medics responded to a home at Rocks Trailer Court, 703 18th St., on a report of a person who died. Police took a report.

5:50 p.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy responded to Catherine Creek Mobile Manor, 247 N. Main St., Union, on a report of a juvenile involved in a disturbance. The deputy cited one juvenile.

6:03 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 2900 block of Third Street on a complaint about harassment and took a report for theft.

7:04 p.m. — A caller reported a domestic disturbance at a residence at Green Tree Apartments, 2310 E. Q Ave., La Grande. Officers responded and found this did not rise to the level of an arrest.

DEATH & SERVICE NOTICES

Robert R. Ahlbrandt Elgin

Robert R. Ahlbrandt, 72, of Elgin, died Dec. 19, 2021, at Grande Ronde Hospital. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Kathleen K. Costa La Grande

Kathleen K. Costa, 68, of La Grande, died Dec. 19, 2021, at her residence. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Michelle Crepeau Union

Michelle Crepeau, 48, of Union, died Dec. 19, 2021, at her residence. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Billy D. Doty Formerly of Joseph

Billy Darrell Doty, 86, formerly of Joseph, died Dec. 13, 2021, in Beaverton. A memorial service will be held Dec. 31 at 10:30 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Enterprise. A graveside service will follow at the Prairie Creek Cemetery, Joseph.

Nancy M. Loper Union

Nancy M. Loper, 83, of Union, died Dec. 18, 2021, at Grande Ronde Hospital. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



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

Dec. 31 — BILLY DOTY: 10:30 a.m. memorial service,

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Enterprise; graveside service immediately follows at Prairie Creek Cemetery, Joseph.

Jan. 15, 2022 — JIM LUNDY: 2 p.m. memorial service, Gilbert Center, Eastern Oregon University, La Grande. — calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel

UNION COUNTY SENIOR CENTER LUNCH MENU

Dine-in meals: Served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; use front entrance and observe social distancing.

Takeout meals: Pick up from noon to 1 p.m. at kitchen's back door. **Cost:** Age 60+, \$3 suggested donation; all others, \$6.

DEC. 21-24

Tuesday: lasagna, Caesar salad, steamed asparagus, garlic bread,

fresh fruit, cookie.

Wednesday: honey-glazed ham, scalloped potatoes, steamed vegetables, salad greens, fruit, dessert.

Thursday: roast pork, whipped potatoes with gravy, baked apples, steamed Brussels sprouts, salad greens, dessert.

Friday: closed for Christmas holiday.

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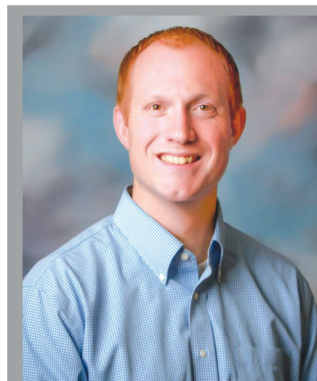
Welcomes new Pastor

It is with great pleasure that Elgin Baptist Church, 1325 Hartford Street, Elgin, OR, welcomes Pastor Bobby Johnson as the new Pastor of our congregation. His first service with us was the beginning of Advent, Sunday, November 28th. He is coming from Valley Baptist Church in McMinnville, OR with his wife, Priscilla, and their five children. Pastor Johnson is the son-in-law of our former Pastor Brad Richmond, who was called home to be with the Lord in 2016.

We would be delighted to have you come and meet and learn all about the Johnsons at our Christmas Eve service, 6:00 p.m. at Elgin Baptist Church. Our regular services are 10:00 a.m. adult Sunday School and 11:00 a.m. worship service. We welcome all who choose to attend.



Top left: Josiah, Pastor, Amelia Lower row: Jesse, Mom Priscilla, Justice & Abigail



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