

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 9

5:25 a.m. — A resident on the 1900 block of Cedar Street, La Grande, asked to talk to police about harassment. An officer responded and resolved the situation.

10:11 a.m. — La Grande police arrested Heidi Noel Williams, 45, on a Union County warrant charging resisting arrest and two counts of misdemeanor domestic violence assault.

11:37 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 2100 block of Adams Avenue on a report of a domestic disturbance. Officers determined people were arguing and warned them for disorderly conduct.

11:43 a.m. — A caller reported possible animal abuse in the area of 76400 Palmer Junction Road, Elgin.

1:57 p.m. — A caller reported a person was yelling and being threatening at a residence on the 1600 block of Carolyn Terrace, Elgin. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded and trespassed the person.

7:51 p.m. — A caller reported juveniles at Walmart, 11619 Island Ave., Island City, rode a motorized cart from a store. An officer responded and found the cart.

10:13 p.m. — La Grande police during a traffic stop at Cove Avenue and 21st Street arrested Brice Edward Waite, 35, of Union, for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

THURSDAY, FEB. 10

9:55 a.m. — A caller complained about animal cruelty in the area of 68100 Moses Creek Lane, Elgin. An animal enforcement officer attempted contact and left a message.

11:07 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 2500 block of Depot Street on a report of a civil issue. An officer made contact and explained options.

11:54 a.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy responded to the 1600 block of Division Street, Elgin, on a report of a suspicious person and trespassed the subject.

12:32 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a complaint about vandalism on the 1100 block of North Main Street, Union. A deputy made contact and will follow up.

1:34 p.m. — La Grande police responded to La Grande Middle School, 1108 Fourth St., on a report of a disorderly person. An officer counseled the subject.

4 p.m. — La Grande police responded to a residence on the 1300 block of O Avenue based on a noncommunicative 911 call. An officer determined there was an argument and the parties separated.

6:42 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1000 block of Jackson Avenue on a report of a juvenile disturbance and separated the parties.

8:06 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1500 block of M Avenue on a report of a juvenile disturbance and counseled the parties.

10:42 p.m. — A caller reported the theft of a vehicle on the 70 block of Harrison Avenue, La Grande. An officer responded and determined this was a civil dispute.

DEATH NOTICES

L. Jean Mahan

La Grande

L. Jean Mahan, 99, of La Grande, died Feb. 9, 2022, at Grande Ronde Hospital. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Lindsay 'Ray' McDaniel

Union

Lindsay "Ray" McDaniel, 77, of Union, died Feb. 9, 2022, at his home. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Leonard Spears

La Grande

Leonard Spears, 92, of La Grande, died Feb. 9, 2022, at a local care facility. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Charlotte Stonebrink

Wallowa

Charlotte Stonebrink, 90, of Wallowa, died Feb. 6, 2022, in Yuma, Arizona. Arrangements are by Bollman Funeral Home, Enterprise.

Eric Eugene Bates

November 2, 1990 – February 1, 2022

Eric Eugene Bates, 31, of Union, passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2022, at his residence. A memorial service will be held at a later time.

Eric was born on Nov. 2, 1990, in La Grande, Oregon, to Eugene and Carla (Thompson) Bates. He was raised in Union and graduated from Union High School.

Eric was employed with Northwood Manufacturing. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, dirt bike riding, snowmobiling and playing soccer.

Eric is survived by his parents, Eugene and Carla Bates, of Union; grandfather, Victor L. Thompson, of La Grande, and many nieces and nephews; aunts and uncles, Kathy and Richard Musick, Jim and Chris Cochran, Larkin Thompson, Janis Hart and Letta Benner.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Virginia Thompson, grandmother, Wilmerth Bates, and grandfather, Floyd Bates.

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



Dorothy "Jean" (Ledridge) Dillon

November 25, 1925 – January 31, 2022

Dorothy "Jean" Dillon, age 96, of Island City, died Jan. 31, 2022, at her home. At her request there will be no public services at this time. Those who wish may make contributions in her memory to 4-H in care of Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, 1502 Seventh St., La Grande.

Jean was born on Nov. 25, 1925, the daughter of Samuel Owen and Princess (Bond) Ledridge in La Grande. She graduated from La Grande High School with the class of 1943. On Sept. 4, 1945, she married Vernon Dolph Dillon in Vancouver, Washington. She worked as an office manager for Bonneville Dam until her retirement. They moved to La Grande in 1991, and he preceded her in death in 1993.

She attended the La Grande Church of the Nazarene. She was a longtime member of the Quilt Questers and enjoyed quilting. She also enjoyed rock mining and spending time with her nieces and nephews.

Survivors include her brother, Jim Ledridge of Lake Oswego; niece and caregiver, Cody and James Eby of Island City; and nieces, nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews. She was preceded in death by brother, Samuel Ledridge, and sister, June Gibson.



Joan Frances Johnson

June 26, 1930 - January 30, 2022

Joan Frances Johnson, 91, died peacefully in her sleep in the early morning hours of Jan. 30, 2022, at her daughter and son-in-law's home in Portland. Joan was born on June 26, 1930, in Steubenville, Ohio, to James Harvey and Helen Frances Johnson. She was one of eight children, five girls and three boys. She is survived by her sister, Elizabeth Justine; her children, Victoria Jassenoff, Colleen and Jeff Johnson, Steve Tillotson, and Rhonda Pehrson; grandchildren, Matthew Jassenoff, Michael Tillotson, Rachel Pehrson, Cody Pehrson and Cassidy Pehrson; and great-grandchildren, Sonny Pehrson and Lincoln Tillotson.

Joan moved to Long Beach, California, in 1944 with her family and graduated from St. Anthony's High School in 1948. She attended nurse's training at Orange County Hospital and subsequently spent her career in the medical profession. She worked in a variety of medical settings, including laboratory and X-ray departments and five years in obstetrics and traumatic medicine in Big Bear Lake, California. In 1966 she took a position at Bristol Park Medical Group in Costa Mesa, California, and remained there for 29 years. She started as a part-time insurance clerk in 1966 and was promoted to office manager in 1970 where she was responsible for the reorganization of the business department. In 1979 she



was appointed assistant administrator, a position she held until her retirement in 1995. As assistant administrator she helped to oversee the expansion of BPMG from a single office to a corporation with multiple offices around Southern California.

After retirement, Joan moved to La Grande, Oregon, to be closer to her children. She was actively involved in Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church and various community organizations. She loved dancing, reading mysteries, playing cards and sitting on her porch watching the world go by. Her favorite poem was "Trees" by Joyce Kilmer.

She was happiest when surrounded by her family, in particular her grandchildren, whom she adored. She will be greatly missed.

Her family plans a celebration of her life in the spring in La Grande, Oregon.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

MEETINGS

• UNION — The VFW High Valley Post 4060, of Union, meets at 7 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of the month. The next meeting is slated for Thursday, Feb. 17, at the VFW Hall, 518 Main St.

• PENDLETON — The Board of Directors of the InterMountain Education Service District, which oversees Union County school districts, will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 16, at 4 p.m. at the IMESD, 2001 SW Nye Ave., Pendleton. Following a regular meeting, the board will hold an executive session to conduct deliberations regarding real property transactions.

BRIEFS

Sign up now for Little Pinecones Book Club

LA GRANDE — The next Little Pinecones Book Club at Art Center East happens Friday, Feb. 18, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. The new activity is for ages up to 5 years along with a parent or guardian, and pre-registration is required. There are a couple spots available. To sign up, go to www.art-centereast.org/calendar and click on the event, or call 541-624-2800.

The monthly gathering includes a story-time related to an ACE exhibit or event, followed by a complementary art-making activity. This month's book, "Last Stop on Market Street" by Matt de la Peña, was chosen to go along with The Big Read. The in-person event is free and held at the art center, 1006 Penn Ave., La Grande.

Catherine Creek Community Center launches 'Last Fridays'

UNION — Catherine Creek Community Center, housed in the former Methodist Church buildings on Main Street in Union, is launching a new monthly program called "Last Fridays." Beginning Feb. 25, on the last Friday of the month the center will be open from 4-8:30 p.m. for vendors to sell their wares. Spaces are open to artists, crafters, farmers, foodies, home-based businesses, etc.

Vendor spaces start at \$20. The center's commercial kitchen may be used with advance reservations, and the stage will be open for musicians. The goal is to give local makers and home-businesses a storefront, and to create a farmers market-type program with a variety of



Art Center East/Contributed Photo
The Little Pinecones Book Club on Friday, Feb. 18, 2022, at Art Center East, La Grande, features a story based on The Big Read — "Last Stop on Market Street" by Matt de la Peña.

products, services and activities.

To sign up or for more information, email ccc667@gmail.com, visit the center's Facebook page or call 541-562-2038.

Free genealogy classes offered

LA GRANDE — The Church of Latter-day Saints invites the public to take advantage of free family history classes from the upcoming virtual RootsTech 2022 conference. The courses are open to anyone interested in learning how to research family genealogy. Visit www.rootstech.org to learn more and register for events that will take place March 3-5.

Help children cope with divorce, separation

LA GRANDE — The next session of "Helping Children Cope with Divorce and Separation," the court's mandatory parent education course, will be offered virtually via Zoom Wednesday, Feb. 23, from 6-9 p.m. The free class is led by Mary Lu Pierce and sponsored by the Union County Family Law Advisory Committee.

Space is limited and pre-registration is required. To sign up, email teala.sunderman@ojd.state.or.us including your name, mailing address, phone

number and the date of the class. Call Teala Sunderman at 541-962-9500, ext. 42, for more information.

BIRTHS

GRANDE RONDE HOSPITAL

BRENCE: Blair Diana Jordan Brence, born Jan. 27, 2022, to Cortny Fuller and David Brence, of La Grande.

FRASIER: Callum Ewing Frasier, born Dec. 30, 2021, to Jessica Yvonne Frasier and Devin Michael Frasier, of La Grande. Grandparents are Martha and J. Michael Frasier.

GUSTAVES: Clyde Modi Gustaves, born Jan. 26, 2022, to Noelle Ayre-rose and Clay Ryan Gustaves, of La Grande. Grandparents are Thomas and Tamara Rose and Gary and Jeanne Gustaves.

HOPWOOD: Sophia Faith Hopwood, born Jan. 24, 2022, to Paige Nicole Aldred and Tyler Lee Hopwood, of La Grande.

LAURENCE: Vincent Marcus Paul Laurence, born Jan. 18, 2022, to Jessica Laurence and James Laurence, of La Grande. Grandparents are Marle and Shaunda Davis, James Coles and Toni Bennett, Amanda and Ted Thorpe, and Joe and Jessica Laurence.

LONG: Omen Long, born Jan. 25, 2022, to

Grace Miller and Jessie Long, of La Grande.

MOFFIT: Atreyu Trevor Moffit, born Jan. 19, 2022, to Anlyn Moffit and Cody Moffit, of Lostine. Grandparents are Terri and Gary Moffit.

MENUS

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+, \$4 suggested donation; all others, \$7 (note 2022 price increase).

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Monday: tender beef strips, grilled red potatoes, sauteed vegetables, garden salad, baked bread, chocolate mouse.

Tuesday: Southwest tacos, Mexi-rice, salad greens, chips and salsa.

Wednesday: baked potato bar with chili, salad greens, fresh fruit.

Thursday: almond-lemon chicken over rice pilaf, steamed carrots, salad greens, fresh fruit, pie.

Friday: Salisbury steak over noodles, steamed vegetables, salad greens, fresh fruit, dessert.

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UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



Feb. 12 — TY HALLGARTH: 1 p.m. celebration of life, Elgin Stampede Hall (casual dress preferred, cowboy hats encouraged).

Feb. 19 — WANDA LOWE: 1 p.m. memorial celebration, Mountain

Life Church, La Grande.

March 26 — JUDY HUNT: 3 p.m. celebration of life, La Grande Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Please follow guidelines regarding face coverings and social distancing at gatherings. Calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande.

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Robert Conklin

January 16, 1950 - February 2, 2022

Robert Eugene Conklin, of Stanfield, was born Jan. 16, 1950, in La Grande, Oregon, the son of Robert and Elaine (Martindale) Conklin. He passed away in Hermiston on Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022, at the age of 72 years.

Robert lived in Pendleton during his childhood where he attended school. He graduated from Pendleton High School in the class of 1968. After high school, he served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. He served as a boatsman's mate aboard the USS Ajax. He served in the Navy for a total of four years and received the Purple Heart.

After his honorable discharge, Robert returned to Oregon and began his career with the U.S. Postal Service. He worked as a mail carrier and a clerk at the La Grande Post Office until retiring. He moved from La Grande to the Hermiston area in 2005 where he lived until his death.

Robert enjoyed many activities such as fishing, gold mining, hunting, golfing and woodworking. He is survived by his two sons, Nate Conklin and Nick Conklin; two granddaughters, Addison and Alivia Conklin; and his two dogs, Jack and Jill.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his beloved dog, Keno.

A private family service will be held. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

To leave an online condolence for the family please go to www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

