

DEATH NOTICE

Janet Allread

La Grande

Janet Allread, 86, of La Grande, died Feb. 12, 2022, at a local care facility. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

BRIEFS

Union food bank is open on Feb. 18

UNION — The Union food bank is open on Friday, Feb. 18, at 10 a.m. The service is available to those who meet the income requirements. The food bank is at Catherine Creek Community Center, 667 N. Main St. For more information, call 541-562-2038 or email ccccenter667@gmail.com.

Sign up for senior lunch in Cove by Feb. 22

COVE — Cove senior lunches are served at Founders Hall on the Ascension School grounds on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Coffee and tea are available at 11:30 a.m., and lunch is at noon. The menu for Tuesday, March 1, is country-fried steak, potatoes and gravy, peas, salad bar, rolls and carrot cake. The price is \$5 per meal and reservations are requested to ensure there is food for everyone. If you wish to participate, call Betsy Arnson at 541-568-4902 or Virginia Fischer at 1-907-299-6072 by Feb. 22.

— The Observer

Elgin Lions honored



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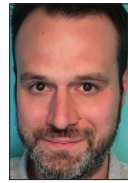
At the January 2022 meeting of the Elgin Lions Club, President Barbara Hawes, right, presented an award to Governor Kathy Oliver for 15 years of service to the organization. Also during the meeting, Debbie and Jared Rogers received their 25-year membership pins, and Steve Oliver was presented with a 15-year pin.

Award-winning poet reads at virtual event

The Observer

LA GRANDE — John Sibley Williams will headline the first Art Center East Writing Project of 2022 with a virtual presentation Wednesday, Feb. 16. The program, held via Zoom, begins at 7 p.m. Williams is the author of nine poetry collections, including “Scale Model of a Country at Dawn” (Cider Press Review Poetry Award), “The Drowning House” (Elixir Press Poetry Award), “As One Fire Consumes Another” (Orison Poetry Prize),

“Skin Memory” (Backwaters Prize, University of Nebraska Press) and “Summon” (Juxta-Prose Chapbook Prize). His book “Sky Burial: New & Selected Poems” is forthcoming in translated form by the Portuguese press do lado esquerdo.



Williams

A 27-time Pushcart nominee, Williams is the winner of numerous awards, including the Wabash Prize for Poetry, Philip Booth Award, Phyllis Smart-Young Prize and Laux/Millar Prize. He serves as editor of The Inflectionist Review and founder of the Caesura Poetry Workshop series. Previous publishing credits include Best American Poetry, Yale Review, Verse Daily, North American Review, Prairie Schooner and TriQuarterly. Williams has an MFA in creative writing from Rivier University and a master’s in book publishing from Portland State University. He is the head teacher of Caesura Poetry Work-

shop, a virtual workshop series, and also works as a poetry editor and book coach. He lives in Portland. To learn more, visit his website, www.johnsibleywilliams.com. Attendance at the ACE Writing Project is free. To join, go to www.artcentereast.org/calendar/ace-writing-project-johnsibley-williams/. Guest writers can also sign up to participate in an open mic on Art Center East’s website. The evening’s facilitators are Nancy Knowles and Amelia Ettinger.

Pendleton exhibit features Chinese brush painting

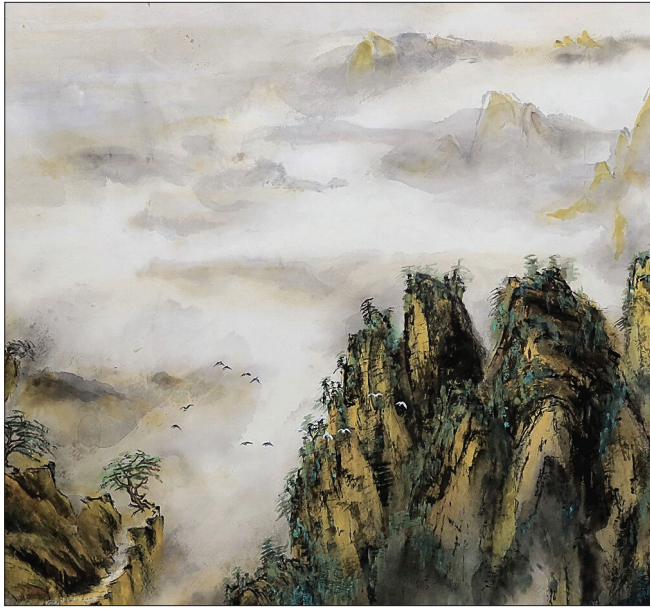
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PENDLETON — “Chinese Brush Painting: A Progression” by Tien-chu Loh opened with an artist reception on Thursday, Feb. 10, at the Betty Feves Memorial Gallery at Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton.

Nearly 30 ink paintings of landscapes, animals and calligraphy are featured in the solo show.

Born and raised in Hong Kong, Loh attended Oregon State University and earned degrees in microbiology and pharmacy. He worked as a pharmacist for more than 30 years, including a few years in Pendleton in the early 1980s.

Now retired, he enjoys spending time on his creative endeavors, including photography and Chinese brush painting. Loh participates in exhibitions and demo sessions at local art shows, libraries



Tien-chu Loh/Contributed Photo

The artwork of Tien-chu Loh is featured in “Chinese Brush Painting: A Progression,” an exhibit that opened Feb. 10, 2022, at Betty Feves Memorial Gallery at Blue Mountain Community College, Pendleton.

and the Lan Su Classical Chinese Garden in Portland.

Loh experiments with various Chinese brush techniques. He also works

with round brushes, ink, color and Xuan paper, a traditional style of rice paper known for its fine surface.

“I prefer the Xieyi

(expressive) over the Gongbi (meticulous and formal) style,” he said. “I enjoy working with my hands, thus I construct a lot of my frames and display my works in a non-conventional fashion.” His paintings reflect both his heritage as well as his immersion in Western culture.

The exhibition includes art pieces that exemplify a range of technical skills and Loh’s refined artistic sensibilities. The Betty Feves Memorial Gallery is nonprofit exhibit space. Its mission is to connect emerging and established artists and their work with BMCC students and staff, as well as the general public.

Regular hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Admission is free.

For more information, visit www.bluecc.edu/community/feves-art-gallery.

UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



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.

Online at lagrandeobserver.com

Michael “Mikey” Richard Jacobs

August 3, 1953 - January 24, 2022

Michael Richard Jacobs, aka Mikey, 68, of La Grande, Oregon, passed peacefully Jan. 24, 2022, at his residence. Mikey’s family is planning a celebration of his life in July of 2022. Details are forthcoming.



Mikey was born Aug. 3, 1953, to Patrick and Barbara (Lindsey) Jacobs in San Diego, California. When he was young, his family moved to Parris Island, South Carolina, where his father was stationed in the United States Marine Corps. When his father retired from the Marine Corps, his family moved to Pocatello, Idaho, where he graduated from Pocatello High School with the class of 1972. After graduation, he was a crane operator in Pocatello, Idaho. He was a truck driver for the last 25 years and he had recently retired and moved to La Grande, Oregon, to be closer to family.

He enjoyed four-wheeling and target shooting with his cousin Randy Lindsey, brother-in-law Boyd Rock and his nephews Justin, Jason and Josh Rock. He loved barbecuing brats and turkey legs with his family. He loved going to the cabin in Starkey, Oregon. He enjoyed spending holidays with family. He owned a 1976 blue and white Chevy pickup short box that he bought brand-new, and his brother Dan bought a blue one just like it on the same day. He put a lot of time and money into his beloved truck.

Mikey loved his job so much that he would tell his family he was going on vacation when he would go on his route for work. He was not fond of technology, as his family very well knew. He would get lost on occasion on his route and he would call his family to have them look up how to get him out and back on his way. Mikey was a kind and caring person who would give his shirt off his back for anyone who needed it. He had a great sense of humor.

He is survived by his brother, Dan (Glenda) Jacobs of Pocatello, Idaho; sister-in-law, Judy Jacobs of Pocatello, Idaho; sister, Vikki (Boyd) Rock of La Grande, Oregon; brother, Rick (Melanie) Jacobs of McCall, Idaho; sister, Linda Jacobs of Venice, California; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Patrick Jacobs; mother, Barbara (Lindsey) Jacobs; brother, Sam Jacobs; cousin, Wendy (Lindsey) Jorgensen; and his grandparents.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his honor to the La Grande Rifle Pistol Club, c/o Oregon Trail Trader, 2312 Adams Ave., La Grande, OR 97850.

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

RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, SHOOTING

Umatilla officer among first responders to help

Lt. Keith Kennedy performed ‘perimeter watch’ in case suspect remained in vicinity

By ERICK PETERSON
 East Oregonian

RICHLAND, Wash. — Following a deadly shooting in Richland, Washington, the Umatilla Police Department sent one of its own to help.

Lt. Keith Kennedy rushed to the scene of the shooting on Monday, Feb. 7. Two people had been shot, and one had died, at the Fred Meyer store in Richland. Officers from numerous agencies were present. Kennedy’s job was to perform a “perimeter watch” in case the suspect remained nearby, according to the Umatilla Police Department.

“They wanted anyone who could come to come,” Kylie Baker, Umatilla police administrator, said. “They really didn’t know at that point what the scale of this event was going to be.”

Her department, Baker said, only had two or three officers on duty at the time, including the school resource officer, charged to look over Umatilla schools. That left Kennedy as the only person available to assist, Baker said.

“Basically, what happens from a law enforcement perspective, is once they get on scene at a major event like that, they check in with a command post,” Baker said. “Whatever the most immediate need is at that time, that’s what they get assigned for that event.”

Kennedy’s perimeter watch was with a pair of other officers from different departments.

Baker said it is uncommon for her department to send officers to locations as far away as the Richland Fred Meyer, which is more than 40 miles away.

“I’ve worked here about 10 years, and normally that’s not standard protocol,” Baker said. “But normally, we don’t really have five-scale events occurring in our area, fortunately. So, it doesn’t happen very often, but when agencies call and say, ‘We need help,’ if we have someone available, we’ll definitely go.”

Baker said there were “definitely people from other departments in this area, as well” to assist. Aaron Christopher Kelly, 39, was arrested late Feb. 7 on the freeway between the town of Sprague and Spokane, Richland police said in a Facebook posting. Police dispatchers in



Kennedy

Richland received a call reporting yelling and possible gunshots in the store at 11:03 a.m. Feb. 7. The first officers responding arrived just one minute later, police said.

Richland interim Police Chief Brigit Clary said responding officers found the two victims near each other in the store and said that although lifesaving measures were tried, one had already died.

The wounded victim was a store employee who was taken to a hospital, she said. He had surgery and was listed in critical condition, police said. Neither victim was identified.

The suspect and the victim who died talked before the shooting, according to store video footage seen by police. Police said they don’t know what was said and whether the two knew each other. The person who died was not a store employee, according to police.