

Shh! Contest allows ‘peeps’ in the library

By LISA BRITTON
Baker City Herald

LA GRANDE — Those sugar-coated marshmallow confections known as Peeps are filling store shelves, and that means the Peeps Diorama Contest is on again at Cook Memorial Library.

“I’m very excited for this little program — I think it’ll be a lot of fun,” said Mackenzie Issak, who works in children’s services at the library.

The diorama display can have any theme — books, movies, TV shows, musicals, science fiction, etc. — as long as it is family friendly.

Here are the other requirements, per the library’s entry form:

- The entire display should fit inside a shoe



Cook Memorial Library/Contributed Photo

Entries in the Peeps Diorama Contest at Cook Memorial Library must be submitted by Saturday, April 16, 2022. For information and an entry form, visit www.cookmemoriallibrary.com.

box, with a maximum size of 12 inches by 18 inches by 12 inches.

- All visible parts, including the outside of the box, should be decorated.
- All characters in the scene should be made with Peeps.

- Limit one entry per person or team. Entries should come from Union County residents, but it is not necessary to have a library card to participate.

There are three categories: kids ages 3-10, teens ages 11-18, and adults.

Entry forms can be found online at www.cook-memoriamlibrary.org and at the library.

Dioramas and an entry form can be submitted at the library, 2006 Fourth St., La Grande, until Saturday, April 16. The library is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays.

Winners will be notified on April 22. All entries will be judged on originality, overall appearance and creative use of Peeps. There will also be a “People’s” Choice Award. Prizes include all things Peeps — books, toys and candy.

Dioramas will be on display through April 27, and must be picked up by 6 p.m. on April 29 or they will be discarded.

La Grande kindergarten registration Round-Up set for April 25

The Observer

LA GRANDE — Children who will be 5 years old before Sept. 1 can be registered to attend kindergarten in the fall.

Registration may be accomplished at the Kindergarten Round-Up on Monday, April 25, which will run from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the gym at the former Willow Elementary School, 1305 N. Willow St. Parents and caregivers are asked to bring a copy of the student’s birth certificate, a copy of his/her immunization records and proof of residency.

This event is also an opportunity for children to meet the La Grande School



Tim Mustoe/The Observer, File

Shylo Fowler, far left, looks through pages of a storybook as teaching assistant Mindee Hayden helps Payton Rock with reading in the newly built kindergarten wing of Greenwood Elementary in 2016, while kindergartner Kiera Hadden reads from her book in a chair.

District’s kindergarten teachers.

In a press release from the school district, Jus-

tinn Droke, a kindergarten teacher at Island City Elementary, said that throughout the year her stu-

dents enjoy math games, drawing, painting, hatching live chicks, investigating the metamorphosis of caterpillars and more.

“We have so much fun!” she said. “And we help them have the necessary foundation for academic success.”

For more information and to register after the Round-Up if necessary, contact one of the following secretaries at the district’s elementary schools:

- Central Elementary School: Angie Malone, 541-663-3501
- Greenwood Elementary School: Eva McKinney, 541-663-3601
- Island City Elementary School: Dena Tams, 541-663-3271

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

MEETING

• LA GRANDE — The La Grande Landmarks Commission meets for a work session Thursday, April 14, at 6 p.m. to review and discuss the commission’s concept report. The public may view the session at www.facebook.com/CityofLaGrande.

BRIEFS

Labyrinth open for walking meditation this weekend

LA GRANDE — The Labyrinth at the Presbyterian Friendship Center, 1204 Spring Ave., La Grande, will be open to the public on Friday, April 15, from 7-9 p.m. and Saturday, April 16, from 8-11 a.m., for walking meditation. Instruction sheets will be available.

The newly formed La Grande Labyrinth Guild will open the Labyrinth for walkers on the third weekend of each month. According to the announcement, “To walk a Labyrinth is to step into a personal journey of discovery and exploration.”

All welcome at ‘Pinochle at the Vine’

ISLAND CITY — Pinochle players of all skill levels, including beginners, are invited to Pinochle at the Vine on Saturday, April 16, beginning at 6 p.m. The event is held at

Urban Vine, corner of Island Avenue and South C Street in Island City, and the cost is \$10 per person.

Dinner and auction to raise funds for Grande Ronde Rodeo

LA GRANDE — A fundraiser for the 2022 Grande Ronde Rodeo, featuring a prime rib dinner and silent auction, is planned for Saturday, April 16. The event takes place at the Blue Mountain Conference Center, 402 12th St., La Grande, with a no-host beer and wine social hour at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m.

Tickets for the meal of prime rib, salad, scalloped potatoes, rolls and dessert are \$35, or two for \$60. Pre-order tickets by calling Debbie Scott at 541-561-8535 or Matt Short at 541-701-8384.

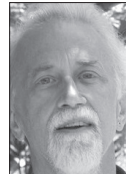
ACE Writing Project stays virtual for April

LA GRANDE — This month’s ACE Writing Project will feature author Gregory Luce. The free, virtual event starts at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 20. To sign up for the Zoom meeting, go to artcentereast.org/calendar and click on the event.

Luce is the author of five books of poems: “Signs of Small Grace,” “Drinking Weather,” “Memory and Desire,” “Tile,” and “Riffs & Improvi-

sations.” His poems have appeared in numerous print and online journals and in several anthologies. He recently retired after 32 years from National Geographic and now lives in Arlington, Virginia, where he is a volunteer writing tutor and mentor.

The ACE Writing Project hosts monthly author readings on the third Wednesday of each month. Facilitators are Nancy Knowles and Amelia Ettinger.



Luce

Shelter hosts march to end sexual violence

LA GRANDE — April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and Shelter From the Storm, 10901 Island Ave., La Grande, is hosting a march to help highlight the issue on Saturday, April 16, from 10 a.m. to noon. Pledges may be made at Shelter From the Storm’s website, www.unioncountysfs.org. There will be kid-friendly walking routes for families.

After the walk, the event will include a silent auction, free food, and at noon an Easter egg hunt. Those who walk or join the event to show their support are asked to wear the color teal.

— The Observer

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

MONDAY, APRIL 11

7:22 a.m. — A Union County sheriff’s deputy responded to the 300 block of Center Street, North Powder, on a complaint about five dogs at large.

7:45 a.m. — A caller reported a vehicle slid off the road at Morgan Lake Road and Skyline Lane, La Grande. This was the first of several reports of disabled vehicles in Union County.

12:21 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff’s Office received a complaint about a domestic disturbance on the 62000 block of Booth Lane, La Grande. A Union County sheriff’s deputy made contact and took a report.

4:04 p.m. — A caller reported a car was blocking a driveway on the 800 block of Grandy Avenue, La Grande. An officer responded and gave three warnings.

4:12 p.m. — A caller on the 1300 block of Y Avenue, La Grande, reported vandalism to a vehicle. An officer made contact and took a report.

4:34 p.m. — A caller reported a restraining order violation at a residence on the 1900 block of H Avenue, La Grande. A Union County sheriff’s deputy made contact and explained options.

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

1:40 a.m. — Local law enforcement received information that Devan Ray Phillips, 36, of La Grande, was arrested in Multnomah County on five Union County warrants for failure to appear, including on charges of first-degree burglary and misdemeanors of criminal mischief, trespass and fourth-degree assault.

7 a.m. — La Grande police received a request to check on the welfare of a person at Island and Adams avenues. An officer responded and found the person was OK but their vehicle ran out of gas. We’ve all been there.

9:28 a.m. — A resident on the 800 block of Division Street, Elgin, made a complaint about fraud. A Union County sheriff’s deputy responded and took a report.

1:05 p.m. — Local law enforcement cited two 13-year-old La Grande girls for harassment.

reported a restraining order violation. An officer responded.

3:50 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of an assault at La Grande Middle School, 1108 Fourth St. Police took a report for fourth-degree assault.

6:05 p.m. — La Grande police responded to Fir Street and Y Avenue on a report of a domestic disturbance. The caller did not want to be a victim. Police gave options.

10:28 p.m. — La Grande police responded to Safeway, 2111 Adams Ave., on a report of an assault. Police arrested a 45-year-old man for second-degree disorderly conduct and first-degree criminal trespass.

Maria M. Onaindia

March 22, 1930 – April 6, 2022

Maria M. Onaindia, of Enterprise, passed away on April 6, 2022. She was born in the Basque country in Vizcaya, Spain, on March 22, 1930. She married Jose Onaindia in Spain. They became partners in Cherry Creek Sheep Co. on the Snake River, where they ran sheep for many years.

Some of Maria’s best memories were made at the ranch, cooking on a woodstove for large shearing and lambing crews. After selling the ranch, Maria and her sister Juana remained active in the community and St. Katherine Catholic Church and were often seen walking together.

Maria is survived by her children, Joe (Bobbie), Juanita (Loren) and Rick (Jeannie); four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Joe; and five sisters and one brother.

A private family burial was held and a Mass is planned for a later date. Memorial donations can be made to Heart ‘n Home Hospice in La Grande in care of Bollman Funeral Home, of Enterprise.

DEATH NOTICES

Phillip E. Haney Jr.

La Grande

Phillip E. Haney Jr., 47, of La Grande, died April 11, 2022, at Grande Ronde Hospital. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Collins Tucker

La Grande

Collins Tucker, 95, of La Grande, died April 11, 2022, at his residence. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



April 14 — BOB BERRY: 10 a.m. graveside service and burial, Island City Cemetery.

April 16 — RICK SPRINGER: 2 p.m. celebration of life, Elgin Community Center.

April 23 — FRANCES BOLLMAN: 11 a.m. graveside service and vault interment, Enterprise Cemetery.

April 24 — MICHAEL ROBINSON: 2 p.m. celebration of life, Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande; followed by reception at Riverside Park Pavilion, La Grande.

May 7 — TODD McCOY: 1 p.m. graveside service, Prairie Creek Cemetery, Joseph.

May 19 — ORVA MURRILL: 2 p.m. graveside service, Union Victorian Cemetery.

May 21 — MARY SCOTT: 11 a.m. celebration of life potluck, Elgin Community Center.

June 23 — DAN KRAMER: 2 p.m. memorial service, Grandview Cemetery, La Grande.

— Calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande

OBITUARY AND DEATH NOTICE POLICY

OBITUARY PACKAGE - Paid - Advertising formatting

- Offering three, templated options featuring one full-color photo*
 - 2 column x 5" (approx. 150 words).....\$79.50
 - 2 column x 10" (approx. 350 words).....\$159.00
 - 3 column x 10" (approx. 575 words).....\$238.50

*Obituaries following the templated format are available in other sizes for \$7.95 per column inch. Obituaries formatted outside of the set templates will be billed at the publishing newspaper’s open rate. **Size may vary. Please contact us for a quote.*

• Package includes: Obituary in the print edition on the publication day of your choice, within deadline. Featured on the publishing newspaper’s website free of charge. Publishing newspaper will also provide 5 complimentary copies of the newspaper (additional copies \$1.50/each). Place your obituary in a sister publication at a 25% discount.

• Paid obituary information should be ready for print prior to submission. If a proof is requested, the obituary will be published in the next available edition once approved, based on the newspaper’s advertising deadlines.

• DEADLINES: Noon Friday for Tuesday publication; noon Tuesday for Thursday publication; noon Thursday for Saturday publication.

• CONTACT: Devi Mathson, dmathson@lagrandeobserver.com • 541-624-6007

DEATH NOTICE - Free of charge - 150-word maximum in newspaper content style

- Includes name, age, town of residency and information about any funeral services or life celebrations. • No add-ons available (photos, etc.).
- DEADLINE: 11 a.m. the day prior to publication
- CONTACT: Lisa Lester Kelly, lkelly@lagrandeobserver.com • 541-624-6019

Kathleen (Jarvis) Hatton

April 4, 1946 - March 25, 2022

Kathleen Hatton, of Imbler, died Friday, March 25, 2022, in La Grande at the age of 75.

Service arrangements will be announced later by Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center.

Born Kathleen Jarvis on April 4, 1946, in Omaha, Nebraska, she was the daughter of Joseph Wear and Marjorie Lola (Woodell) Jarvis. Known as Kathy, she was raised and educated in Nebraska but spent her summers in Summerville, which she always considered home. As soon as she graduated from high school in 1964 she moved here and earned a bachelor’s degree in education from Eastern Oregon College (now EOU). She taught two years of high school English in Dayville until having a dispute with the superintendent over whether academics or athletics should come first in education.

After leaving the school system she moved back to Summerville and was working as a substitute teacher in La Grande when she met John Hatton on a blind date in the fall of 1973. They were married on the Saturday after Thanksgiving in 1975. Though it was the 29th that year, they always celebrated their anniversary on the Saturday after Thanksgiving regardless of the date. The night after their wedding a blizzard hit and all of their guests from out of the area were stranded in Summerville for several days.

Kathleen sold Avon in Island City until she went to work for the Christmas season at J.C. Penney in 1979 and remained a fixture there until she retired in 2002.

Kathleen was an active member of Rainbow for Girls in Omaha and joined the Blue Mountain Chapter, Order of Eastern Star in Elgin as soon as she was old enough. She also belonged to the Jewell Rebekah Lodge of Summerville. She was always doing handiwork: knitting dish cloths and baby blankets as well as quilting and crocheting afghans. She headed up the annual Eastern Star yard sale, which grew from hundreds to thousands of dollars of funds raised each year for the Blue Mountain Chapter. Kathleen was the recipient of the Volunteer of the Year award.

Kathleen and John enjoyed many adventures together including backpacking in the Eagle Cap and Elkhorn mountains, bicycling in Canyonlands National Park, raft trips through Grand Canyon National Park and Hells Canyon, and many travels by car in the western U.S.

Surviving relatives include her husband, John Hatton of Imbler; a son, Christopher Hatton of Singapore; grandchildren, Ashley Johnson and Olivia Hatton; a brother, Joseph Woodell of Cove; and other relatives and friends.

Her parents, Joe and Marjorie Jarvis, died earlier.

Contributions in memory of Kathleen Hatton may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association, 1650 NW Naito Parkway, Portland, OR 97209, or the Shriners Hospital for Children, 3101 SW Sam Jackson Park Road, Portland, OR 97239.

