

Events planned to celebrate Earth Day

The Observer

NORTHEASTERN OREGON — Earth Day is Friday, April 22, and a variety of activities and events are planned for the next few days in Union and Wallowa counties to promote the practice of taking care of our planet.

■ **LA GRANDE** — Liv Fit and Dance is putting on a Zumba dance party celebration of Earth Day on Friday, April 22, from 4-5:30 p.m. at Max Square, corner of Adams Avenue and Fourth Street, La Grande. In addition to the Zumba, participants can choose to make seedballs and environmental testers.

■ **LA GRANDE** — Children can learn about chemistry during a free Earth Day event Friday, April 22, from 3-5 p.m. at Cook Memorial Library, 2006 Fourth St., La Grande. Hands-on activities will be provided by the chemistry club at Eastern Oregon University in the library's community room. Children must be accompanied by an adult. This year's theme is "The Buzz About Bugs: Insect Chemistry."

■ **COVE** — The Cove Community Association is organizing a clean-up day on Saturday, April 23, at the Cove Ascension School. The event will focus on removing invasive plants and improving the public walking trails. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. at Founders Hall and the event will run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers are asked to bring work gloves and yard tools such as shovels and clippers. Lunch will be provided.



Wallowa County Chieftain, File Alder Miller, age 3, adds some water to the seed he just planted for Earth Day in 2020.

■ **WALLOWA** — Volunteers are called to gather at the Wallowa Public Library, 201 E First St., on Friday, April 22, to clean up Wallowa from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Trash grabbers, bags and gloves will be supplied. All ages are welcome. Youth younger than 18 will need guardian consent to participate. Youth volunteers can earn prizes, with winners announced at the end of the event.

■ **JOSEPH** — Wallowology Natural History Discovery Center, 508 N. Main St., will offer family-oriented Earth Day activities on Friday, April 22, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

On Saturday, April 23, a service project to pick up baling twine found on the roadsides and in fields begins at 9 a.m. (meet at the center). Also on Saturday, naturalist Judy Swank will lead a two-hour family-friendly hike up the East Moraine beginning at 9 a.m. Meet at the roadside trailhead between mile markers 4 and 5 on the Wallowa Lake Highway. To learn more, visit Wallowology's Facebook page or www.wallowology.org.

■ **ENTERPRISE** — An Earth Day fundraiser for the Wallowa Land Trust is slated for Friday, April 22, featuring silent auctions for local art, live music, drinks, food and beer donated by Terminal Gravity Brewing. Funds will go to the trust's conservation work. The event runs from 5-7:30 p.m. at the Tomas Conference Room, 309 S. River St., Enterprise. Visit www.wallowaland-trust.org/ for ticket information.

■ **ENTERPRISE** — The Friends of Wallowa County Recycling are hosting a three-day spring cleaning and educational event — Thursday, April 21, to Saturday, April 23 — at the Recycling Center in Enterprise. Come learn about recycling and help clean up the center. There will be activities for children.

On Saturday, April 23, a Community Upcycle Yard Sale will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to maintain the recycling center. Drop off donated items April 21-22 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday morning before the sale. Bring any and all of your reusable items such as tools, housewares, furniture, clothing and outdoor gear.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Enjoy ice cream at Hurricane Creek Grange

JOSEPH — The Hurricane Creek Grange is hosting an ice cream social on Sunday, April 24, from noon to 3 p.m., to celebrate Grange Month. The grange is at 82930 Airport Lane, Joseph. The event is free and all are invited.

New first responders group forming in Union County

UNION — All members of the military, EMTs, firefighters and law enforcement are invited to join a new organization being developed in Union

County. It will be similar to the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, but it will be its own separate organization and run by its members.

An informational meeting will begin at 4 p.m. Monday, April 25, at the VFW Post in Union, 518 N. Main St. For more information call 541-805-9321.

EOCenes bring bluegrass to Churchill School in Baker City

BAKER CITY — The bluegrass band EOCenes will perform live on Saturday, April 23, at Churchill School, 3451 Broadway St., Baker City. Doors

open for the concert at 6 p.m., and the music starts at 6:45 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance at www.churchillbaker.com, or \$15 at the door. Enter through the 16th Street parking lot. Visit Churchill's website for vaccination requirements.

The EOCenes formed at Eastern Oregon College (now Eastern Oregon University) in La Grande. The musicians were members of the EOC Ambassadors from 1969-1971 and performed concerts around the Northwest as a recruiting program for the college.

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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

MONDAY, APRIL 18

2:51 a.m. — A resident on the 1500 block of Adams Avenue, La Grande, reported a domestic disturbance. Officers responded, found the subjects were arguing and they agreed to keep the noise down.

8:46 a.m. — A Union resident reported telephonic harassment. A Union County sheriff's deputy made contact and provided options.

12:10 p.m. — A resident on the 2000 block of Cove Avenue, La Grande, reported the theft of cans and bottles. An officer took information.

12:47 p.m. — A Union resident reported an assault. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded and took information.

4:19 p.m. — A caller reported a domestic disturbance on the 300 block of 20th Street, La Grande. Officers responded and warned the subjects for disorderly conduct.

7:14 p.m. — La Grande police responded to La Fiesta Mexican Restaurant & Lounge, 1802 Adams Ave., on a report of indecent exposure. Officers trespassed one male.

7:37 p.m. — La Grande police responded to a request from an ambulance crew at an apartment on the 1800 block of G Avenue. Officers arrested a 30-year-old woman for harassment.

9:14 p.m. — A resident on the 2000 block of Gekeler Lane, La Grande, reported a dog bit a person. An officer responded and took information for an animal enforcement officer.

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

9:40 a.m. — A caller complained about a dog on the 3300 block of Columbia Street, La Grande. An animal enforcement officer responded and warned the dog's owner for allowing the dog into the neighbor's backyard.

11:44 a.m. — A resident of Union reported an assault. A Union County sheriff's deputy made contact, but the person did not want to be a victim. The deputy explained options.

12:34 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a report of a burglary at a residence on the 200 block of Second Street, North Powder. A deputy tried to contact the subjects and left a message.

3:26 p.m. — A resident on the 63900 block of McDonald Lane, La Grande, reported mail theft. A Union County sheriff's deputy took a report.

4:21 p.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about the theft of lumber on the 2900 block of Second Street. An officer took a report.

4:25 p.m. — A caller reported the theft of panels and posts on the 73500 block of Gordon Creek Road, Elgin. A Union County sher-

iff's deputy left a message.

11:31 p.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about vandalism on the 200 block of Fir Street. Offices responded and took a report.

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The family of Sergeant Marcus McDowell

wishes to thank the Wallowa County community, Union County community, Oregon State Police, local police and all other police departments, for their thoughts and prayers over the last few weeks. Many showed up in support of our family in every way. We watched as everyone witnessed Marcus McDowell's procession from Baker City to Enterprise in his memory. The outpouring support bears witness to Marcus's impact and love of so many people in the Wallowa and Union County communities and beyond. Our gratitude for the support is inexpressible, and we are blessed to live in such a supportive community.

We are fortunate to have a strong, faithful family who joined together to face this tragedy. Yet the death of a police officer fractures not only a family and a police department, but a community as well. The overwhelming support from the communities is a testament to what Marcus meant to Oregon residents.

Thank you for allowing us the privacy to grieve our beloved Marcus as a family. We know that we are not struggling with this loss alone. We are surrounded by our family and friends, comforted by our faith, and embraced by the entire community. We know Marcus's spirit of service and sacrifice will live on in the heart of every police officer who was close with him and worked with him.

"Lord, be gracious to us; be our strength." - Isaiah 33:2

DEATH & SERVICE NOTICES

Albert Dixon

Union

Albert Dixon, 93, of Union, died Jan. 26, 2022. A funeral service will be held April 30 at 11 a.m. at the Union Victorian Cemetery. Arrangements are by Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, La Grande.

Virginia L. Flanery-Drew

La Grande

Virginia L. Flanery-Drew, 95, of La Grande, died Dec. 12, 2021, at her residence. A celebration of her life will be held May 14 at 1 p.m. at the La Grande Country Club. Casual dress is preferred by the family. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Jeffery L. Hardy

Elgin

Jeffery L. Hardy, 66, of Elgin, died March 6, 2022, at his residence. A graveside service will be held May 7 at 2 p.m. at the Highland Cemetery, Elgin. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Myrtle M. Huber

Summerville

Myrtle M. Huber, 96, died April 16, 2022, at her home near Summerville. A funeral service will be held April 23 at 2 p.m. at the Summerville Baptist Church. Arrangements are by Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, La Grande.

Leonard G. Spears

La Grande

Leonard G. Spears, 92, of La Grande, died Feb. 9, 2022, at a local care facility. A celebration of his life will be held May 16 at 10 a.m. at Loveland Funeral Chapel. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

R. Ray Wheeler

Enterprise

R. Ray Wheeler, 81, of Enterprise, died April 13, 2022, at his home. The family will have a celebration of life at a later date. Arrangements are by Bollman Funeral Home, Enterprise.

UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



April 22 — RUSTY & DONNA BRODHEAD: 11 a.m. joint memorial service, North Powder Cemetery.

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

April 23 — MYRTLE HUBER: 2 p.m. funeral service, Summerville Baptist Church.

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

April 30 — ALBERT DIXON: 11 a.m. funeral service, Union Victorian Cemetery.

May 7 — TODD McCOY: 1 p.m. memorial service, Grace Lutheran Church, Enterprise.

May 7 — JEFFERY HARDY: 2 p.m. graveside service, Highland Cemetery, Elgin.

May 14 — VIRGINIA FLANERY-DREW: 1 p.m. celebration of life, La Grande Country Club (casual dress preferred).

May 16 — LEONARD SPEARS: 10 a.m. celebration of life, Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande.

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

Jordan Michael-Patrick Murphy

February 14, 1994 – March 31, 2022

Jordan Michael-Patrick Murphy of Chuluota, Florida, age 28, passed away March 31, 2022, at home surrounded by family. Jordan was born February 14, 1994, in La Grande, Oregon, and moved to Florida at the age of 1. He graduated from Hagerty High School in 2012 and studied psychology at Seminole State College. Jordan was an active member of the Friedrich's Ataxia Research Alliance (FARA) community and passionately engaged in treatment studies with the hope that his involvement would benefit others.



Jordan was preceded in death by his grandmother, Sally Smith, and sister, Harriet Shaw Murphy. He is survived by his mother, Jodie Gale Murphy, and beloved family friend, Wes Bartelson, and his father, Michael James Murphy, and stepmother, Carey Beth Murphy; siblings, Cole Goodwin and Idgie Gray Murphy; grandparents, Dennis and Glenda (Meema) Smith, Debbie Rutherford-Coffman and Tom and Mary Robillard; great-grandmother, Greta "GGG" Helmer; uncles and aunts, Jeff Robillard and Georgie Mitchell, Jamie Robillard and Ben Dubin, Sam and Debbie Romaldo and Jon and Linda Dickl; great-aunts and great-uncles, Rose Loehr, Kelly and Louie Loper, Sandy Hansen and Randy and Paula Carroll; cousins, Cierra Livingston, Chantel Romaldo, Jonathan Dickl, Garrett Dickl, Kaiden Hood, Summer Postill, River McCue, Ryder Livingston and Everleigh Livingston; and many other cousins and extended family and loving friends.

A memorial service will be held at River Run Christian Church in Chuluota, Florida, on Saturday, April 23, 2022, at 11 a.m. with a reception immediately to follow in the church lobby.

In lieu of flowers, a random act of kindness or a donation to FARA (www.curefa.org) would be most appreciated. DeGusipe Funeral Home, Maitland, Florida, is entrusted with arrangements (www.degusipe.com).

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