

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

BRIEFS

Enjoy Last Friday at Catherine Creek Community Center

UNION — The next monthly “Last Friday” event at the Catherine Creek Community Center, 667 N. Main St., Union, is on Friday, April 29. The stage is open from 5-8 p.m. for an open jam session. Concessions, local artists, crafters and classes will be located in the community hall. For updates, check the center’s page on Facebook.

Join evening of stories about food April 26

LA GRANDE — “Setting the Table: Community Storytelling about Food” happens tonight, April 26, beginning at 6 p.m. at HQ, 112 Depot St., La Grande. Hosted by Art Center East, the free conversation event will explore food as identity, scarcity, beauty, business and healing. Online access via Zoom will also be available.

The evening features storytellers Merlyn Baker, Carrie Caselton Lowe, Anna Kreutz, Robin Maille and Colette Marie. Music will be provided by Gregory Rawlins. Light refreshments, including beer and wine, will be available.

Donations of nonperishable food, hygiene products, and cash will be collected for local organizations focused on food and food scarcity. Preferred nonperishable food items include easy pop-top soups or other items that can be easily heated and eaten, canned meats and other canned food, pastas, boxed food, beans, rice, and items for people with dietary

restrictions (low-sodium, low sugar, and/or gluten free).

This storytelling event is one of four in a series sponsored by Oregon Humanities. Look for future events this summer. Visit www.artcentereast.org or contact ACE at 541-624-2800 or info@artcentereast.org for more information.

Sunflower seeds sale benefits Ukraine relief efforts

COVE — Nella Mae’s Farm is partnering with Seeds from Italy to support the relief effort in Ukraine. Proceeds from the sale of packets of sunflower seeds will be donated to CARE, a humanitarian organization supporting Ukrainian refugees. Packets of mixed giant sunflowers are \$5 each and can be purchased at Community Merchants in La Grande or at Nella Mae’s Farmstand, 69361 Antles Lane, Cove (always open, self-serve) beginning Tuesday, April 26. The goal is to raise \$400 by May 30. For more details, visit www.nellamaefarm.com.

Community town hall targets opioid misuse and prevention

LA GRANDE — The Union County Safe Communities Coalition is hosting a free community town hall in the La Grande High School auditorium on Thursday, April 28, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. to discuss rising opioid misuse and prevention of drug use in Union County. Guest speakers include Deputy David Gomez, a school resource officer with the Boise County Sheriff’s Office, and Dale McQueeney of the Center for Human Development, who specializes

in addictions and mental health services.

The session will include an open discussion, allowing community members to ask experienced professionals questions about opioid misuse and how to prevent it. Learn more at www.ucsafecommunities.com or by contacting the UCSCC at 541-963-1068.

Pancake breakfast and yard sale planned at Union VFW

UNION — The Veteran of Foreign Wars High Valley Post 4060 in Union is serving a pancake breakfast and hosting a yard sale on Saturday, April 30. A \$9 breakfast featuring pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, coffee and juice runs from 7-10 a.m. The yard sale begins at 8 a.m.

Fishtrap offers online writing workshop in May

ENTERPRISE — Catherine Johnson will lead an online workshop titled “Two Ideas: Grappling with Paradox and Tension in Personal Essay and Memoir” on Wednesdays in May from 6-8 p.m. The first session is May 4. Registration is \$240 or \$215 for Fishtrappers. Register at www.fishtrap.org.

In this workshop, participants “will examine the essay as a natural vehicle for intellectual and emotional work, both by reading other writers who do this masterfully, and looking for opportunities to do this in our own writing,” according to a press release.

Johnson has an MFA in creative non-fiction from Portland State University, and was a 2021 Fishtrap Fellow. She is an assistant lecturer at the University of Wyoming in Laramie.

Head to Imnaha for Into the Hills Music Festival April 30

IMNAHA — In celebration of spring in the canyon, the Imnaha Store and Tavern is putting on the Into the Hills Music Festival on Saturday, April 30, from 3-7 p.m. Bart Budwig, Jezebel’s Mother, The Never Knows, Country Moonshine, Lyle Witherrite and E. Wayne Jones will perform at the downtown outdoor stage. Admission is free, and donations to support the musicians will be appreciated.

Camping is available at the rodeo grounds and festival attendees are asked to bring their own seating to enjoy the performances. The Tavern will be closing early that evening, but food, drinks and souvenirs will be sold (cash only) at the family-friendly outdoor festival.

Make your reservations for Mother’s Day brunch

LA GRANDE — The Union County Senior Center, 1504 N. Albany St., La Grande, invites the community to a brunch on Mother’s Day, on Sunday, May 8, served from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The menu includes quiche, country potatoes, sausage, muffins, yogurt, cheese platter, fresh fruit, juice and more.

Tickets are \$18, or \$9 for ages 6-12; those younger than 12 eat for free. Proceeds benefit the sight and hearing preservation efforts through the La Grande Lions Club and senior programs with a focus on Meals on Wheels. For reservations, call the senior center at 541-605-5556.

— The Observer

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

7:05 a.m. — The Union County Sheriff’s Office received a report from the 800 block of North 10th Street, Union, on a report of a possible missing person. Deputies responded, and the individual was located and was OK.

11:21 a.m. — The Union County Sheriff’s Office received a complaint about a person causing a traffic hazard in the area of 56500 Highway 237. A deputy and Oregon State Police responded and contacted the Center for Human Development Inc.

3:11 p.m. — A Union County sheriff’s deputy responded to the 62700 block of Buchanan Lane, La Grande, on a report of a domestic disturbance. The deputy arrested a 32-year-old man for harassment and attempt to elude on foot, both misdemeanors.

4:01 p.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about a restraining order violation on the 2100 block of Fir Street. Police arrested a 36-year-old man on a Union County Parole and Probation detainer.

11:59 p.m. — La Grande police and Oregon State Police received a report that a stolen vehicle could be driving through La Grande.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

5:06 a.m. — A caller reported a suspicious intoxicated person on the 1400 block of Fourth Street, La Grande. An officer responded and counseled the subject.

9:33 a.m. — A resident on the 62300 block of Wagoner Hill Lane, Summerville, reported a burglary. A Union County sheriff’s deputy responded and took a report.

1:26 p.m. — La Grande police responded to a call about a fight at Clover Glen Apartments, 2212 Cove Ave.

4:46 p.m. — A caller reported a domestic disturbance at the Royal Motor Inn, 1510 Adams Ave., La Grande. An officer responded and found there was an argument and no crime.

8:23 p.m. — A caller reported a juvenile caused a disturbance on the 2000 block of Aries Lane, La Grande. Police responded and counseled the juvenile.

11:03 p.m. — A Union County sheriff’s deputy responded to the area of 62800 Ernest Road, Elgin, on a report of an accident. The deputy arrested Peter J. Dandridge, 53, for driving under the influence of intoxicants, second-degree criminal mischief, vehicle theft and third-degree escape and on a Texas Parole Board warrant.

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

12:04 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 200 block of Polk Avenue on a report of a disorderly person. An officer responded, and found an intoxicated person but there was no crime.

2:09 a.m. — La Grande police stopped a vehicle at Adams Avenue and Hemlock Street and arrested Jesse James Prout, 26, for DUII.

8:26 a.m. — A caller reported a burglary on the 1500 block of X Avenue. An officer responded and will follow up.

10:25 a.m. — A caller reported a dog chased chickens on the 3300 block of Union Street, La Grande. An animal enforcement officer made contact and resolved the situation.

12:41 p.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about noise on the 2100 block of Second Street. An officer made contact and explained options.

1:47 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1500 block of Adams Avenue, La Grande, on a report of a disturbance. An officer advised all parties of the nuisance ordinance for repeated calls.

4:52 p.m. — A caller reported a runaway who was driving carelessly on the 100 block of South 20th Street, La Grande. Local law enforcement responded and arrested a juvenile.

8:05 p.m. — La Grande police on the 1000 block of 21st Street arrested a 54-year-old man for violating a restraining order.

9:21 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the area of Fir Street and Monroe Avenue on a complaint about fireworks. Officers were unable to locate the source.

10:01 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1500 block of Washington Avenue on a report of a disturbance. Police found this was verbal and there was no crime.

Egg drop a smashing good time



Alex Wittwer/EO Media Group

Egg-carrying contraptions designed and built by students in Megan Sherer’s and Missy Rinker’s fifth grade classes at Greenwood Elementary School, La Grande, are loaded into an Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative truck, assisted by OTEC lineman Travis Smart, above left, on Friday, April 15, 2022, at the school. The excitement is evident as students react when their eggs are dropped one by one from a distance of more than 50 feet, above right. The hands-on STEM project teaches students about how physics interact with engineering principles as they try to increase drag and wind resistance to keep their egg from cracking when it hits the ground.

UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



April 30 — ALBERT DIXON: 11 a.m. funeral service, Union Victorian Cemetery.
April 30 — TED FREELS: 11 a.m. celebration of life, Chief Joseph Days Thunder Room, Joseph.
April 30 — SAM WHEELER: 2 p.m. celebration of life, Elgin Community Center.
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

DEATH & SERVICE NOTICES

Theodore ‘Ted’ K. Freels

Enterprise

Theodore “Ted” Keith Freels, 72, of Enterprise, died April 21, 2022. The family will hold a private burial. A celebration of his life will begin at 11 a.m. April 30 at the Chief Joseph Days Thunder Room, Joseph. Arrangements are by Bollman Funeral Home, Enterprise.

Torry A. Hardenbrook

La Grande

Torry A. Hardenbrook, 53, of La Grande, died April 25 at his residence. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

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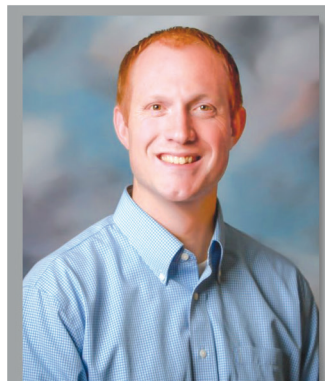
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