

# May 18 virtual author reading will feature Tashon Phoenix

The Observer

LA GRANDE — The next ACE Writing Project features Tashon Phoenix on Wednesday, May 18, at 7 p.m. The virtual literary event is free and open to all via Zoom.

Phoenix (they, them, theirs) is a non-binary transmasculine creative and spoken word artist, according to an Art Center East press release.

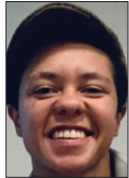
Formerly of Omaha, Nebraska, they played defensive back for the Nebraska NiteHawks of the WNFC until their transition.

Phoenix has been featured on the social audio app Clubhouse by Love & Lyrics as well as Mike Guinn Entertainment and performs live at such local Portland venues as The Queens Head and Alberta Street Pub.

Visit [www.mindstateless.com](http://www.mindstateless.com) to read their poetry, view videos and art and listen to their podcast.

Wednesday's free event will conclude with a community open mic. To sign up and for access to the Zoom gathering, go to [www.artcentereast.org/events/ace-writing-project](http://www.artcentereast.org/events/ace-writing-project).

The ACE Writing Project is held the third Wednesday of the month and facilitated by Nancy Knowles and Amelia Ettinger.



Phoenix

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### BRIEFS

#### Free movie for teens shown at the library

LA GRANDE — The Teen Mid-Week Movie for May will be shown Wednesday, May 18, at Cook Memorial Library, 2006 Fourth St., La Grande. The monthly free event begins at 4 p.m. and is open to anyone in middle or school. For the movie title and more information on other activities for teens at the library, go to [www.cookmemoriallibrary.org](http://www.cookmemoriallibrary.org) or call 541-962-1339.

#### View EOU students' projects at Spring Symposium

LA GRANDE — Spring Symposium, Eastern Oregon University's annual undergraduate academic presentation event, returns in person for 2022. Giving students the opportunity to show off their hard work, the event will run from 8:15 a.m. to 2:50 p.m. on Wednesday, May 18.

A keynote address will begin at 9 a.m. in Loso Hall's McKenzie Theatre and will be livestreamed on

the Mountie Network YouTube channel.

Spring Symposium is open to the public and will be hosted in various buildings across campus. Additional information for attendees and presenters and a full schedule can be found at [www.eou.edu/symposium](http://www.eou.edu/symposium).

#### 'The Word Gobblers' event set for May 20

JOSEPH — Author Catherine Matthias and illustrator Joan Gilbert will share their book, "The Word Gobblers" on Friday, May 20, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Josephy Center for Arts and Culture, 403 N. Main St., Joseph. The handbook is for parents and teachers working with children who struggle with reading.

Matthias is a children's writer who has Irlen syndrome, which causes difficulties in reading. The May 20 gathering will feature a slideshow about this perceptual disorder, which is caused by the brain's inability to process specific wavelengths of light.

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# Two series of ceramics classes planned at Josephy Center

Wallowa County Chieftain

JOSEPH — Two series of ceramics classes will begin later this month, taught by longtime ceramic instructor Pamela Beach, at the Josephy Center for Arts and Culture in Joseph, according to a press release.

Beginning ceramics will run from 2-4 p.m. on Wednesdays from May 25 to July 13. In this class, students will learn the basics of handbuilding with lessons in pinch pots, coils and slab forms.

Intermediate ceramics will be held on Thursdays from May 26 to July 14 from 6-8 p.m. Students will be guided on taking their clay-making to the next level with handbuilding lessons in design, form and texture.

The cost of each series is



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**Ceramics instructor and sculptor Pamela Beach stands alongside her creation "Endless Coiled Bottle," one of the works in the November 2020 "Hello From Lockdown" exhibit at the Josephy Center for Arts and Culture in Joseph.**

\$195. Clay, glazes and firing are included in both classes.

Preregistration is required. To sign up, click on the class you want at [www.josephy.org/calendar](http://www.josephy.org/calendar), call 541-432-0505 or email [artdirector@josephy.org](mailto:artdirector@josephy.org).

## DEATH & SERVICE NOTICES

### Robert Crouser

Elgin

Robert Crouser, 82, of Elgin, died May 11, 2022, at his home. A celebration of his life will be held May 20 at 2 p.m. at the Elgin Stampede Hall. Casual dress is preferred by the family. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

### Harvey L. Hendrickson

Formerly of La Grande

Harvey L. Hendrickson, 74, of Rupert, Idaho, and formerly of La Grande, died May 15, 2022, at a care facility in Twin Falls, Idaho. A funeral service will be held May 21 at 10 a.m. at the Island City Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

### Rodney McKee

La Grande

Rodney McKee, 69, of La Grande, died May 13, 2022, at his residence. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

### Phyllis N. Robertson

La Grande

Phyllis N. Robertson, 88, of La Grande, died May 13, 2022, at a local care facility. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

### FRIDAY, MAY 13

8:09 a.m. — A caller reported a restraining order violation on the 1100 block of Alder Street, Elgin. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded.

11:22 a.m. — A caller asked La Grande police to check on the welfare of a person on the 200 block of 16th Street. An officer responded and found the subject was just sleeping.

1:10 p.m. — A caller reported people were cutting tree branches in the back lot of the La Grande VA Clinic, 202 12th St., La Grande. Police did not find the subjects.

2:34 p.m. — A La Grande resident asked to speak to an officer regarding threatening text messages. An officer made contact and explained options.

10:45 p.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about harassment at La Grande Quick Sign, 405 Jefferson Ave. An officer made contact and took information.

### SATURDAY, MAY 14

1:49 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the Longbranch Bar & Eats, 208 Depot St., on a report of a disturbance. Officers warned subjects for disorderly conduct.

2:00 a.m. — La Grande police received a report of a possible vehicle theft at Jefferson Avenue and Hemlock Street.

3:02 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1900 block of H Avenue on a report of a domestic disturbance. Officers made one arrest.

4:37 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1400 block of Adams Avenue on a report of an assault. Medics also responded. Police will follow up.

4:41 p.m. — Union County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue responded to an area on Forest Service 2036 Road for an all-terrain vehicle accident.

6:58 p.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy responded to Walmart, 11619 Island Ave., Island City, on a report of shoplifting. The deputy arrested Ross Carlisle Vanetta, 41, for third-degree robbery, second-degree trespass, second-degree theft and two counts of harassment.

10:28 p.m. — La Grande police responded to Grande Ronde Hospital, 900 Sunset Drive, on a report of an unruly patient. An officer found the patient and returned hospital property.

11:52 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 2200 block of Jakob Avenue on a report of a loud party. An officer found the party was breaking up.

### SUNDAY, MAY 15

12:07 a.m. — A caller reported a possible break-in to the freezer at Antlers Espresso, 1701 Washington Ave., La Grande. An officer responded and tried to find a suspect.

12:56 a.m. — La Grande police received multiple calls about gunshots on the 1600 block of Seventh Street. Officers checked the area thoroughly but were unable to locate any evidence gunshots.

1:14 a.m. — A caller reported animal neglect on the 1200 block of X Avenue, La Grande.

1:59 a.m. — La Grande police stopped a vehicle at 16th Street and H Avenue and arrested Quantavion Ladondray Young, 32, for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

2:17 p.m. — La Grande police received a request for contact on Seventh Street regarding an assault. An officer responded and took a report.

4:20 p.m. — A resident in the area of 56600 Highway 203, Union, reported the theft of gas cans.

5:08 p.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about vandalism to a mailbox on the 2200 block of Gekeler Lane.

5:12 p.m. — La Grande police responded to Max Square on a report of people arguing. An officer made contact and logged information.

5:57 p.m. — A caller reported finding a gun in the Catherine Creek area, Union. A Union County sheriff's deputy made contact and took a report.

9:09 p.m. — La Grande police responded to Island and Adams avenues on a report of suspicious circumstances. Officers returned a child to parents.

## UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



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

May 20 — ROBERT CROUSER: 2 p.m. celebration of life, Elgin Stampede Hall (casual dress preferred).

May 21 — LORRAINE CRAWFORD: 10 a.m. graveside service, Prairie Creek Cemetery; followed by gathering with light refreshments at Enterprise Community Church.

May 21 — HARVEY HENDRICKSON: 10 a.m. funeral, Island City Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

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

May 21 — RON JENKINS: 1-3 p.m. celebration of life, Union County Senior Center, La Grande.

May 28 — DORIS TSIATSOS: 11 a.m. memorial service, family cemetery, Starkey; potluck follows at home of Bill and Donna Tsiatsos, 53540 Baseline Road, Starkey.

May 28 — ANN PAYNE: 3 p.m. celebration of life, Enterprise Community Church.

June 4 — JOSEPH BRESHEARS: 1 p.m. graveside service, Wallowa Cemetery.

June 4 — DENNY LEWIS: 2 p.m. celebration of life, Mount Emily Building, Union County Fairgrounds, La Grande.

June 18 — GERRY KEFFER: 11:30 a.m. celebration of life and lunch, Island City City Hall.

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

— Calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande

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## Mary "Lorraine" (Christman) Crawford

April 7, 1937 - May 12, 2022

Mary "Lorraine" (Christman) Crawford, resident of Joseph, passed to heaven on May 12, 2022, at her home. Born April 7, 1937, in Baker, to Fred and Lillian (Transue) Christman, Lorraine grew up in North Powder, graduating from North Powder High school in 1955 and completing business school in Baker.



She met Gerald Crawford of Baker in 1955, and they married on Oct. 5, 1956. The couple moved to Pilot Rock in 1957 where they started their family. When Gerald returned to college in 1962, Lorraine worked at Payless Drug and the EOC registrar's office. Gerald was hired to teach by the Pine Eagle School District in December of 1965, and the family moved to Halfway. For the next 20 years, Lorraine dedicated her life to her family, supporting them in all their endeavors and annually raising a huge garden and preserving food. The family enjoyed countless days outdoors, camping, snowmobiling, fishing and hunting.

In the summer of 1976, a teaching position for Gerald moved the family to Joseph and Lorraine to the life of work outside her home once again. She began "in the potato shed" but soon moved on to employment more suited to her abilities as one of two employees of the newly opened Pioneer Federal Savings and Loan in Enterprise. As the bank grew, she moved from teller to loan officer, helping many locals finance their homes and befriending most of her customers. Over the years that institution, currently Umpqua Bank, became Pioneer Bank and then Sterling before Lorraine retired in 1994.

Thereafter, Lorraine and Gerald enjoyed a happy and fulfilling life traveling extensively across North America, remaining active in the community and attending every sporting event and activity in which their grandchildren participated that they possibly could. They continued to attend every JV and varsity basketball game of the Enterprise teams for the next 20 years, and Lorraine continued this even after Gerald's death in the spring of 2021.

Lorraine lived a life of joyful service. A member of the Eastern Star for over 50 years, she served in various state offices and committees and was an avid supporter of the local Rainbow, Masons and Shriners. She was also a member of Beta Sigma Phi and the Enterprise Community Church. Through all these organizations and on her own, Lorraine volunteered countless hours toward a multitude of local service projects.

Lorraine was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald, and her twin brother, Larry Christman. Survivors include her sons, Michael (Tammy) of Enterprise and Darryl (Tammy) of Cocolalla; grandchildren, Michael "Bo" (Catherine) Crawford of Las Vegas, Kyle (Kate) Crawford of Enterprise, Chelsey (Jed) of Tacoma, and Brandi (Joey) Kent of Post Falls; and eight great-grandchildren.

Graveside services for Lorraine will be held at Prairie Creek Cemetery at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 21, followed by a gathering with light refreshments for close friends and family at the Enterprise Community Church. In lieu of flowers please make a contribution to the Wallowa County Healthcare Foundation.

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