

La Grande names 2022 spring beautification award winners

The Observer

LA GRANDE — The homes of Anne Morrison and Michael Howard, 1501 Cedar St., and of Joanne Walter, 2107 N. Greenwood St., were selected as the winners of the city of La Grande's Spring 2022 Beautification Awards Program.

Over the past 10 years, Morrison and Howard have converted part of the lawn to native plants. They have multiple shrubs, including sagebrush, bitterbrush, rabbit brush, hawthorn, currants, wild roses, and snowberries. They also have native grasses and cactus, and flowers including penstemons, blanketflower, globemallow, milkweed, flax, wild strawberries, lupine, coneflowers, asters, buckwheat, balsam root and lomatiums.

"Native plants need less water and are easier to maintain," Morrison said in the city's press release. "They attract pollinators, and the garden changes constantly and different plants bloom from early spring through early frost. Using native plants brings the unique beauty of our area direct into our yard."

Pollinators that visit the residential garden include bees, wasps, ants, butter-



City of La Grande/Contributed Photo

The home of Anne Morrison and Michael Howard at 1501 Cedar St., La Grande, received recognition by the city's Beautification Awards Program in the spring of 2022.



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Joanne Walter's home at 2107 N. Greenwood St., La Grande, won a beautification award from the city in the spring of 2022 for the side yard's colorful collection of flowering trees, shrubs and perennials.

BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS PROGRAM

The Beautification Awards Program recognizes residential and commercial properties that add to the beauty and diversity of La Grande's environment. Nominations for the seasonal awards are made by members of the La Grande Landscape and Forestry Commission, city employees, neighbors and citizens. The award criteria includes landscaping that integrates color, texture, seasonal diversity and appropriate use of hardscapes and space; landscaping that promotes resource conservation, wildlife habitat and/or food production; and owners who have overcome special circumstances. Nominations for the summer beautification award can be sent to trees@cityoflagrande.org or called in to the Urban Forestry Division at 541-663-1952.

flies, moths, beetles and hummingbirds.

"They pollinate the foods that people depend on but up to 40% of all pollinator species may be at risk of extinction from habitat loss," Morrison said. "Our garden is designed to replace lost habitat for the pollinators we need."

This year Morrison and Howard also observed No Mow May, a nationwide campaign to encourage people to postpone mowing their lawns to provide pollinator food from the flowering plants and weeds that grow in the grass.

"By June 1, our lawn was a knee-high meadow," she

said. "We appreciate that our neighbors were very tolerant."

Landscaping gives new life to burned home

Walter's home at 2107 N. Greenwood St. originally was a rental property. It was rebuilt and re-landscaped after a fire destroyed the house. The home was chosen for a beautification award for the side yard's colorful collection of flowering trees, shrubs and perennials.

"I just like flowers," said Walter, who has lived in the new house for eight years.

She also replaced grass in the city right-of-way with a small vegetable garden and grows tomatoes, cucumbers and zucchini to share with her neighbors.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

MEETING

• LA GRANDE — The La Grande Rural Fire District will have a budget committee meeting at 6 p.m. followed by a regular board meeting on Tuesday, June 14, at the fire hall. For details, call 541-910-3114.

BRIEFS

Flag Retirement Ceremony set for June 14

UNION — Union's Veterans of Foreign Wars High Valley Post 4060 and La Grande's American Legion will be holding a ceremony to retire old faded and tattered flags

on Tuesday, June 14, at 10 a.m. at the VFW Hall in Union. Anyone who has a flag that needs to be retired may drop it off at the Union hall or call Ken McCormack at 541-805-9321.

Brown Bag discussion looks at suicide in Wallowa County

JOSEPH — The Josephy Center's next Brown Bag session will discuss "The Issue of Suicide in Wallowa County." The gathering is set to begin at noon on Tuesday, June 14.

Due in part to the COVID-19 pandemic, suicide rates across the country have surged over the past three years. Wallowa County is not immune to this

national problem, and the Wallowa Valley Center for Wellness is the focal point for dealing with suicide locally. Led by the center's director, Chantay Jett, and clinical director, Mollie Cudmore, the June 14 Brown Bag presentation will address the rising tide of suicides, and talk about seeing early signs of potential suicide and finding help.

Brown Bags are free and open to the public. Attend in person at 403 N. Main St., Joseph, or virtually via the link published at www.josephy.org. For further information contact Rich at 541-432-0505.

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UC SENIOR CENTER TAKEOUT LUNCH MENU

LA GRANDE — Lunch is served at the Union County Senior Center, 1504 N. Albany St., La Grande, on weekdays. The meal is open to the public, and both sit-down and grab-and-go options are available.

For information on having lunches delivered

by Meals on Wheels, call 541-605-5556.

Dine-in meals: Served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; use front entrance. Suggested donation is \$4 for age 60+, \$7 for all others.

Takeout meals: Pick up from noon to 1 p.m. at kitchen's back door. Cost is \$7 for

all takeout meals.

JUNE 13-17

Monday: almond chicken over rice pilaf, broiled tomatoes, Caesar salad, fresh fruit, lemon bar.

Tuesday: Reuben sandwich, four-bean salad, fruit garnish, cookie.

Wednesday: baked potato bar, chili, salad greens, fresh fruit.

Thursday: chicken stir-fry with vegetables and cashews, rice, beet salad, raspberry sherbet.

Friday: fish and chips, seasoned fries, coleslaw, baked beans, fruit garnish.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

TUESDAY, JUNE 7

7:59 a.m. — Union County Sheriff's Office received a call about a burglary on the 1400 block of Birch Street, Elgin. A deputy responded and will follow up.
8:06 a.m. — A caller reported the theft of a vehicle on the 1400 block of X Avenue, La Grande. An officer made contact and took a report.
9:07 a.m. — A caller reported aggressive dogs at large on the 700 block of North 11th Street, Union. An animal enforcement officer responded. Parties reached a civil compromise.
9:43 a.m. — A caller reported a trespasser in the area of 69200 Highway 237, Cove. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded and determined the trespasser was a neighbor with a loose cow.
6:09 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1800 block of Gekeler Lane, La Grande, on a report of a person refusing to leave the parking lot. An officer arrived and gave the person until 9 p.m. to leave.
7:36 p.m. — A caller reported a disturbance on the 600 block of North Second Street, Union. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded and separated the parties.
9:30 p.m. — A caller made a complaint about noise at La Grande High School, 708 K Ave. An officer responded and counseled the parties involved.
9:43 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of gunshots on the 1900 block of Penn Avenue. An officer responded but did not find anyone shooting.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

2:32 a.m. — A caller on the 10400 block of South E Street, Island City, reported a juvenile involved in a disturbance. A Union County sheriff's deputy made contact and gave options.
8:28 a.m. — A caller on the 1600 block of Seventh Street, La Grande, reported a dog attacked another dog. An animal enforcement officer responded and issued a citation.
10:50 a.m. — A resident on the 200 block of North Main Street, Union, asked for contact from a Union County sheriff's deputy regarding an assault. A deputy responded. The sheriff's office then served a restraining order.
3:36 p.m. — A resident at Booth Lane and Lower Cove Road, Cove, reported a suspicious person on a motorcycle may have been casing the property. A Union County sheriff's deputy made contact, took information and gave options about trail cameras.
4:27 p.m. — A resident on the 1200 block of Hall Street, La Grande, reported the theft of an oxygen tank. An officer advised the person of options.
5:32 p.m. — Union County Sheriff's Office and medical help responded to the 10400 block of South E Street, Island City, on a report of a minor having a mental breakdown and took the youth to Grande Ronde Hospital, La Grande.

8:14 p.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy responded to a residence on the 10500 block of H Avenue, Island City, on a report of a person threatening self-harm. The deputy found the person and helped make an action plan.
8:18 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of a sex crime.
9:49 p.m. — A caller reported a juvenile was involved in a disturbance on the 2100 block of Oak Street, La Grande. An officer made contact and explained options.

THURSDAY, JUNE 9

12:21 a.m. — A caller reported seeing a wolf on the 400 block of O Avenue, La Grande. Officers searched the area but did not see a wolf.
12:36 p.m. — Local law enforcement responded to the 10400 block of South Valley Avenue, Island City, on a report of a disturbance and took a report for harassment.
12:46 p.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy responded to Robbs Hill Road, La Grande, on a report of a vehicle theft. The deputy recovered the vehicle.
2:27 p.m. — A caller on the 700 block of Sunset Drive, La Grande, reported a dog was in a hot car. Union County Sheriff's Office responded and counseled the driver.
3:35 p.m. — La Grande police and emergency medical services responded to Jefferson Avenue and Third Street for a collision between a car and a bicyclist. Police took a report.

Noel R. Radway Sr.

April 20, 1955 - May 21, 2022

Noel Robert Radway Sr., 67, formerly of Cottage Grove and elsewhere, died Saturday, May 21, 2022, at his home of two years in Union following an extended illness.

It was his request that there be no formal ceremony but that his friends remember him when they have a beer. Arrangements are entrusted to Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center of La Grande.

Noel was born on April 20, 1955, in Cottage Grove, Oregon, to Earl and June (Levings) Radway. He was raised and educated in Cottage Grove and began his lifelong career in logging there. He loved the woods and learned and performed the many duties that went with logging. He operated equipment of all kinds, built roads, felled timber, skidded logs, loaded trucks and anything else that was needed.

On Feb. 3, 1996, Noel was married to Connie Welch in Reno, Nevada. In addition to logging Noel was adept at many things, a jack of all trades. He even spent some time rodeoing, bronc riding and wild horse racing. He enjoyed coaching and judging the pee-wee rodeos, especially when their kids were participating. He was also a member of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Connie of Union; daughter, Tanya Dean of Thurston; son, Robbie Radway Jr. of Yoncalla; stepdaughters, Lydia Shields of Pleasant Hill and Nakea Rodriguez of Albany; and eight grandchildren.



DEATH & SERVICE NOTICES

Mary Ellen Hawkinson

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Mary Ellen Hawkinson, 85, of Wallowa, died Feb. 9, 2022, in Fort Mohave, Arizona. A graveside service will be held June 25 at 10 a.m. at the Wallowa Cemetery, with Pastor Tim Barton officiating. Arrangements are by Bollman Funeral Home, Enterprise.

UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



June 11 — BARBARA WEISHAAR: 10 a.m. celebration of life, La Grande Methodist Church (casual dress preferred).

June 11 — HOWARD BAILEY: 11 a.m. memorial gathering and lunch, Riverside Park Pavilion, La Grande.

June 11 — JANE HEGELE: 11 a.m. memorial service, La Grande First Baptist Church.

June 11 — BOB POLLOCK: 11 a.m. celebration of life, Pine Valley Fairgrounds, Halfway.

June 11 — JEFFREY, JAMES AND JOANNE WISEMAN: 2 p.m. celebration of lives, Mount Emily Building, Union County Fairgrounds, La Grande (casual dress preferred).

June 12 — ARLAN TAAL: 11 a.m. celebration of life, La Grande Country Club.

June 16 — DORIS ROBERTSON: 11 a.m. graveside service, Island City Cemetery.

June 17 — JOANN "JOEY" BECHTEL: 2 p.m. graveside service, Elgin Cemetery (casual dress preferred).

June 18 — ARDIS KLAGES: 11 a.m. graveside service, Enterprise Cemetery; gathering follows at Enterprise VFW Hall.

June 18 — RODNEY McKEE: 11 a.m. celebration of life, Blue Mountain 4-H Center, 66501 End Road, Summerville (casual dress preferred).

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

June 18 — SAMUEL ORR: 1 p.m. celebration of life, Haines City Park.

June 19 — GENE MARTIN: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. open house celebration of life, Hurricane Creek Grange, Joseph.

June 20 — BUZ CATES: 3 p.m. celebration of life, home of Cody and Brooke, 78995 Upper Imnaha Road, Imnaha (behind the Imnaha Store and Tavern).

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

June 25 — MARY ELLEN HAWKINSON: 10 a.m. graveside service, Wallowa Cemetery.

June 25 — LARRY HANEY: 1 p.m. graveside military service and celebration of life, Wallowa Cemetery.

July 3 — JULIE BROWN: 2:30 p.m. celebration of life, Faith Center, Island City (casual dress preferred); reception follows 4-7 p.m. at Riverside Park Pavilion, La Grande.

— Calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande

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Tammy Rae Blanchard

October 4, 1961 - May 13, 2022

Tammy Rae Blanchard passed away on May 13, 2022, of natural causes in her home at Nyssa, OR.

She was born on October 4, 1961, in Colfax, WA, and was one of three children born to Patty and Ed Nelson. After years in the Colfax area they moved to Baker City, OR, where Tammy excelled in sports such as basketball, volleyball and tennis. Tammy was also gifted in academics, social aspects, and leadership roles.

Growing up she enjoyed being on the family wheat farm, raising horses and taking care of her animals. After graduating from high school, she received her bachelor's in education from Eastern Oregon University and later received her master's in education from Northwest Nazarene University.

During her extensive education, Tammy excelled in school and focused on literature and writing. Over the past 25 years she has taught at the high school level in multiple districts in the Malheur area.

While at Eastern Oregon University she met the love of her life, Kent Blanchard. Tammy and Kent married in 1984 in Baker City, OR. Together they had three children, Patrick, Alec and Camryn, whom they raised in Nyssa, OR. Throughout the children's high school careers, both Tammy and Kent were highly supportive of their sons' activities - always attending sports and other extracurricular events.

Tammy was family oriented and loved cooking meals for her loved ones and hosting family gatherings. One of her greatest passions was the yearly summer vacation trip to the family cabin at Twin Lakes in Washington. Tammy would spend time at the lake, fishing, boating, playing cards, and cracking jokes. During her free time, Tammy's hobbies included reading, writing, collecting Cheshire cat figurines, playing card games, hanging with her two dogs, attending music events, and spending time with Aurora, her granddaughter.

Tammy is survived by her husband, Kent; her sons, Patrick, Alec and Camryn; her mother, Patty; her siblings, Denise and Randy; her granddaughter, Aurora; and other extended family.

There will be a blessing at Saint Bridget of Kildare Catholic Church in Nyssa, OR on July, 9, 2022, at 10 a.m.



BIRTHS

GRANDE RONDE HOSPITAL, LA GRANDE

ALLEY: Barrett Charles Alley, born May 26, 2022, to Sherree Danielle Alley and Brett Michael Alley, of Imbler. Grandparents are Rusty and Jill Wright, Russ and Pam Powell, and Mike and Mindy Alley.

BOOB: Aurielah Boob, born May 26, 2022, to Audrey Sue Boob and Emanuela Brenson Boob, of La Grande.

CAROLLO: Miles Joseph Carollo, born June 1, 2022, to Alana Garner Carollo and Mark Carollo, of La Grande.

GARZA DELANGEL: Alias Lee Garza Delangel, born June 4, 2022, to Ashlee Cheyanne Garza and Angel Emanuel Ahmen Delangel, of La Grande.

SOUTH: Emmerlyn B. South, born June 3, 2022, to Catrina K. South and Jared R. South, of La Grande. Grandparents are Emmitt and Shirley Cornford and Randal and Debra South.