

Hurricane Creek Grange announces 2022 scholarship winners



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Hurricane Creek Grange members congratulate Destiney Wecks on being one of the recipients of a scholarship from the grange. From left are Elvaree Fine, Wecks, Claudia Boswell, Mary Kay Pace and Hank Wats. Other grange scholars are Ian Goodman and Adalene Royes. Each of the scholars were awarded \$500 that they'll receive after completing a semester of college.

Art Center East launches new artist talk series

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LA GRANDE — Thanks to a grant from Oregon Humanities, Art Center East is now scheduling special talks with artists who are featured in the center's galleries.

"We can educate the public about the artists we have in our space," said Jenn Durr, gallery director.

The first featured Peter Clark, who talked about the pop-up exhibit #150mmchallenge.

"He told his story and the background of that international exhibit," Durr said.

The next, set for Friday, July 1, features Nancy Coffelt. Her talk coincides with the closing reception of her show "Wild and Whimsical." The reception is from 6-8 p.m. Coffelt's talk will start at 6:30 p.m.

These events are free and open to the public. Refreshments will be available.

"We really want the community to come in," Durr said.

The talks offer a chance to hear about the artist's background, and the process of how he or she creates art.

"I love to learn the way different artists create," Durr said. "The what and why is super important."

Coffelt, who is also a children's book author and illustrator, is known for her whimsical and colorful oil pastel pieces. She now works with acrylic gouache and metal leaf on birch cradled boards.

After Coffelt, the next artist talk features Nicole Freshley on July 8, during the opening reception for her show "Tideline to Alpine."

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Joseph Grange on July 1-2 hosts yard sale

JOSEPH — The Hurricane Creek Grange, 82930 Airport Lane, Joseph, is putting on a yard sale on Friday and Saturday, July 1-2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days. The kitchen also opens at 9 a.m.

Reserve a seat on the I Love Veterans' train ride

ELGIN — The Eagle Cap Excursion Train invites vets to join the I Love Veterans' Ride on Saturday, July 2. The ride is free for veterans, military, fire, law enforcement and emer-

gency personnel. The train leaves the Elgin Depot at 10 a.m. and returns around 12:30 p.m. Reservations are required. For full details, go to www.eaglecaptrainrides.com.

Community picnic follows Imbler parade on July 4

IMBLER — All are invited to join Imbler Christian Church, 440 Ruckman Ave., for its annual Fourth of July picnic, served free to the public immediately following the noon parade in Imbler.

Enjoy free hot dogs, watermelon, chips, ice cream, soda, cotton candy

and a seat in the shade.

Parade participants begin lining up at 11 a.m. Anyone who would like to be in the parade should call 541-534-6095 as soon as possible.

Enjoy free music this weekend throughout Joseph

JOSEPH — Bringing free live music to multiple venues in Joseph all day Saturday, July 2, is the Joseph Mountain Jubilee. See the full schedule at www.josephmountainjubilee.com.

— The Observer

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

12:44 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 2200 block of Alder Street for a domestic disturbance. The parties involved separated.

2:13 a.m. — A caller reported a disorderly subject on the 1900 block of H Avenue, La Grande. Officers responded and resolved the situation.

5:19 a.m. — Union County Sheriff's Office received a report of a domestic disturbance on the 64100 block of Case Road, Cove. A deputy responded and took a report.

1:27 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of a vehicle theft at Cherry Street and O Avenue. Officers responded and made an arrest.

7:05 p.m. — A caller reported possible animal abuse at Safeway, 2111 Adams Ave., La Grande. Police took information.

8:39 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the west end of Adams Avenue on a report of a juvenile disturbance. Police took a report.

9:01 p.m. — A caller on the 1500 block of Washington Avenue, La Grande, reported an assault. The caller just wanted police to document the information.

11:18 p.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about a noise disturbance on the 1900 block of 26th Street. An officer responded. The subjects turned down the music.

MONDAY, JUNE 27

3:19 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 2400 block of R Avenue on a call about a vehicle theft. An officer took a report.

10:53 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1700 block of Portland Street on a report of harassment. Police arrested a 26-year-old man for menacing.

12:31 p.m. — A caller at La Grande Inn, 2612 Island Ave., La Grande, reported the theft of fuel. An officer responded and took a report.

1:21 p.m. — A caller reported juveniles were causing a disturbance in the street at Fruitdale Lane and Leffel Road, La Grande.

The youths were gone before law enforcement arrived.

2:43 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 2300 block of Jefferson Avenue on a report of menacing. Police cited a 48-year-old man on a charge of menacing.

10:50 p.m. — A caller on the 1900 block of Birch Street, Elgin, made a complaint about barking dogs.

TUESDAY, JUNE 28

12:41 a.m. — La Grande police cited a 17-year-old male for furnishing alcohol to a minor and for minor in possession of alcohol.

2:46 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1800 block of 26th Street on a report of a disturbance involving juveniles. Officers resolved the situation.

6:45 a.m. — A caller on the 64800 block of Hot Lake Lane, La Grande, asked to speak to a Union County sheriff's deputy regarding a burglary. A deputy responded and took a report.

7:40 a.m. — A resident on the 2000 block of Aries Lane, La Grande, reported an ongoing issue with barking dogs. Police took information.

10:43 a.m. — A caller at the U.S. Postal Service, 268 S. Main St., Union, reported a dog was locked in a vehicle. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded and counseled the owner.

11:33 p.m. — La Grande police responded to Jakob Avenue on a call about an assault. Police took a report.

7:54 p.m. — A caller in the area of 10800 South Walton Road, Island City, reported underage drivers. A Union County sheriff's deputy made contact and took information. The subjects were not driving at the time.

9:55 p.m. — La Grande police on the 200 block of Depot Street arrested Tyler Scott Karr, 31, for first-degree theft, theft of services and first-degree criminal mischief.

RECENT OREGON STATE POLICE ACTIVITY

June 21, 12:49 a.m. — Oregon State Police arrested Brent Raymond Turner, 52, of Eugene, for driving under the influence of intoxicants. Police subsequently cited and released Turner.

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Lilyan Margrete (Peters) Hale

May 21, 1941 - June 22, 2021

Lilyan Margrete (Peters) Hale was born May 21, 1941, in Haver, Montana, to Henry and Rose Peters. She grew up and graduated from high school in Chinook, Montana. She often commented about how cold it was in the winter in northern Montana and how she wanted to go someplace not as cold.



Lilyan married Jim Hale Nov. 10, 1966, in Greenup, Kentucky, and they were married until his death in 2014. She and Jim met in Germany when he was in the military and she was working for the telephone company. They lived in Ohio for several years in a home they built in Portsmouth on Jim's grandparents' property. They moved to Chinook, Montana, for Jim and Lilyan to help care for her parents. In the early 1990's they moved to Enterprise, Oregon, because of Jim's lungs, where they operated a laundromat and carwash in Enterprise and lived above the laundromat. They moved to Elgin in 1999 because Jim was tired of driving the canyon to play music. Jim and Lilyan brought her mother to Elgin before her death so they could care for her in her later years.

Lilyan had many friends through her sewing groups at Claudson's Sew and Soak as well as her church family at Summerville Baptist Church. She was so loved by many in her community of Elgin. Lilyan loved to sew and she became a very accomplished seamstress and quilter. She sewed for many people. She loved her dear friend Stacey Johnson, who became her adopted granddaughter unofficially. Stacey cared for Lilyan greatly during the past several years. Stacey was a caregiver to Lilyan's mother before her death, but their friendship began when Lilyan fully altered Stacey's wedding dress to help her get ready for her wedding.

In the words of one of her dear friends Sheri Rogers, "Lilyan Hale was extraordinary in her positive and energetic response to anyone in need. Her love of her Lord and her church family guided her on many missions of mercy and provided her with a strong base of acceptance and friendship she so desperately sought after losing her husband. Her sewing and creative talents endeared her to her circle of friends and many in the community were recipients of her warm generosity. Her hands were tirelessly busy, and despite advancing arthritis, managed to complete dozens of beautiful quilts that she shared with abandon. She loved to laugh and make others laugh with her. She was a friend to be treasured with a kind and merciful heart and shared her love and the love of the Lord quite willingly. She is so missed, but the warmth of her spirit still provides a warm glow. Rest well my friend."

Lilyan passed away on June 22, 2021, in Kennewick, Washington, at Trios Health Southridge Hospital. She is survived by her grandson, Anthony Hale and his son, Wyatt; and her cousins, JJ Jamison and Kelly Riggs, both of Ohio. She is preceded in death by her husband, Jim; her sister, Rita Ash; and her parents, Henry and Rose Peters.

A memorial service will be held at Summerville Baptist Church on Sunday, July 3, at 4 p.m. Please join us to celebrate the life and memory of this dear lady.