

Monthly lecture series to launch in Baker City

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BAKER CITY — A new lecture series launches this month in Baker City to shed light on a variety of topics.

“I just wanted to put together something that’s positive for the community,” said Sandy Lewis, who is helping organize the series.

The Baker Community Sciences and Arts Lecture Series begins Thursday, July 28, when Dr. Scott Burns from Portland State University talks about “The Dynamic



Burns

Geology of Eastern Oregon.” All talks start at 6 p.m. in the conference room at Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative, 4005 23rd St.

Lewis received a grant from the Baker County Cultural Coalition, and the American Association of University Women donated money to help market the series.

OTEC offered use of the conference room at no cost.

“It all fell together, and we started looking for other speakers,” Lewis said.

“We’re thrilled to be a partner in this lecture series,” said Joe Hathaway, communications manager for OTEC. “OTEC is dedicated to the continuing

educational support of our communities, as well as supporting innovative ideas and technologies for the betterment of our area and this lecture series is a great way to promote that.”

Lewis has talks scheduled once a month on the fourth Thursday — except in November, to avoid Thanksgiving. The topics vary from geology to astronomy to farming technology.

“What’s local? What’s regional? What do people want to know about?” she said.

Here is the schedule so far:

- July 28: “The Dynamic Geology of Eastern Oregon” with Dr. Scott Burns.

- Aug. 25: “The Casual Observer’s Guide to the Night Sky”

with physics students from Boise State University.

- Sept. 22: The Future of Energy with OTEC.

- Oct. 27: “Potatoes, Cattle and Technology — Trends in Eastern Oregon Ag” with Will Price of the OSU Extension Service and Jess Blatchford of Blatchford Farms.

- Nov. 17: “A Brief History of Art — Fabulous Facts, Divine Discoveries and Creative Connections” with Nancy Coffelt.

More information on the lecture series can be found at facebook.com/Baker-Community-Sciences-Arts-Lecture-Series.

BIRTHS

GRANDE RONDE HOSPITAL, LA GRANDE FERGUSON: Michael Ferguson Jr., born June 23, 2022, to Latarbria Ferguson and Michael Ferguson Sr., of La Grande.

GUNNELS: Jasper Gunnels, born June 28, 2022, to Courtney Morris and Dustin Gunnels, of La Grande.

JOHNSTON: Parker Lynn Johnston, born June 18, 2022, to Jordan Lynn Klebaum and Jacob Steven Johnston. Grandparents are Kirk and Corri Kelbaum and Steve and Jaimie Johnston.

PAYTON: Prosper Labrae Payton, born June 22, 2022, to Sally Jo Payton and Derrick Allen Payton, of Baker City.

REDICK: Laelynn Redick, born June 21, 2022, to Mykhala Marie Martin and Dannie Lyn Redick Jr., of Elgin. Grandparents are Robin Marie Allen, Tracy Lynn Redick and Dan Lyn Redick.

DEATH NOTICES

Douglas A. Clinkenbeard

La Grande

Douglas A. Clinkenbeard, 64, of La Grande, died July 12, 2022, at his residence. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Dianne D. Hefner

Union

Dianne D. Hefner, 80, of Union, died July 12, 2022, at her home. Arrangements are by Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, La Grande

Police chief Gary Bell reads to kids July 21

The Observer

LA GRANDE — It’s not too late to join Summer Reading at Cook Memorial Library, La Grande. This free program is open to all ages, from children to adults, and runs through Friday, July 29. Sign up anytime, online or in person.

The library is participating in the upcoming La Grande Lit Week, hosting a reading with poet Laura Da’ in conversation with EOU faculty member Christopher Kondrich on Monday, July 18, at 7 p.m. in the Community Room. Da’ is the author of “Tributaries,” which won an American Book Award, and “Instruments of the True Measure: Poems,” which won the Washington State Book Award for Poetry. For more information on all La Grande Lit Week events visit www.eou.edu/mfa/litweek.

Family and children’s activities continue on Tuesday, July 19, for a family movie beginning at 10:30 a.m. All ages are welcome and children must be accompanied by an adult. Come to the Community Room for the show and free popcorn.

Kids are encouraged to drop off their best stuffed animal friend at the library any time on Wednesday, July 19, between a.m. and 6 p.m. The plushies will have Stuffed Animal Campout in the library, getting into all kinds of mischief, and library staff will have a camera set up to catch everything. Pick up your friend the next day and then be sure to come to the July 28 Storytime at 10:30 a.m. watch the video.

The weekly Storytime is held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays in the library’s Story Circle, featuring songs, stories and a craft. The special guest July

21 will be Gary Bell, chief of the La Grande Police Department.

Kid Craft Fridays are offered from 3-4 p.m. for children ages 7-10. On July 22, children will make fairy gardens. Supplies are provided.

On Saturdays this summer, sing, dance and play during Campfire Sing-Along at 10:30 am in the library’s Story Circle.

For teens in July, a free movie will be shown on Monday, July 20, at 3 p.m. in the Community Room. This activity is open to ages 12 to 18.

Check the library’s website, www.cookmemoriallibrary.org for the schedule of summer events and activity details. Stop by the library, 2006 Fourth St., La Grande, or call 541-962-1339 during open hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

BRIEFS

Brown Bag features live hot glass demonstration

ENTERPRISE — July’s Brown Bag presentation will be an on-location session at Moonshine Glass, 624 S. River St., Enterprise, on Tuesday, July 19, at noon. The lecture series is organized by the Josephy Center for Arts and Culture, Joseph. Moonshine

Glass owner and artist Sterling Webb will give a live hot glass demonstration and a tour of his studio. Attendance is free and registration is not required. View previous Brown Bags and learn more at www.josephy.org/brown-bags.

Enjoy live music before lunch at the Union County Senior Center

LA GRANDE — Live music before lunch has returned to the

Union County Senior Center, 1504 N. Albany St., La Grande. Come to the center at 10:45 a.m. and enjoy the free music: The BlueMountaineers play every Tuesday, and Terry LaMont performs on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. Lunch is served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on weekdays.

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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13

9:21 a.m. — A caller reported transients camping on the 1600 block of Adams Avenue, La Grande. An officer responded and told the subject to move along.

11:06 a.m. — A caller reported losing a gun on U.S. Forest Service Road 31 near La Grande.

3:29 p.m. — Union County sheriff’s deputies responded to the 200 block of Main Street, Union, for a restraining order violation.

7:51 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of a sex crime. Detectives will follow up.

11:46 p.m. — A caller reported the theft of a vehicle from the 1400 block of South Main Street, Union. A Union County sheriff’s deputy took information.

THURSDAY, JULY 14

2:29 a.m. — Union County Sheriff’s Office on the 200 block of Main Street, Union, arrested a 44-year-old man for a restraining

order violation. This was related to the call the day before at this location.

7:50 a.m. — A caller reported a fight at Catherine Creek, Union. A Union County sheriff’s deputy responded and took a report for found property.

9:22 a.m. — A caller reported vehicles were blocking a fire hydrant at Grande Ronde Hospital, 900 Sunset Drive, La Grande.

12:21 p.m. — La Grande police received a report from the 300 block of Fourth Street of a person experiencing a mental or emotional crisis. Police responded and arrested a 52-year-old woman for second-degree disorderly conduct.

12:24 p.m. — A caller reported a person was in mental or emotional crisis on the 900 block of Detroit Street, Elgin. A Union County sheriff’s deputy rendered assistance.

11:13 p.m. — A caller asked La Grande police to check on the welfare of a resident on the 2600 block of Cove Avenue. Officers responded and took a report.

UNION COUNTY SENIOR CENTER 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. Dine-in meals are served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; suggested donation is \$4 for age 60+, \$7 for all others. Takeout meals are picked up from noon to 1 p.m. at the kitchen’s back door; cost is \$7 for all.

JULY 18-22

Monday: pot roast, salad

greens, fresh fruit.

Tuesday: chicken-fried steak, whipped potatoes, country gravy, green beans, fresh fruit, oatmeal-raisin cookie.

Wednesday: Reuben sandwich, potato salad, “traditional yummy dill pickles,” fresh fruit, lemon sorbet.

Thursday: taco salad with chicken, tortilla soup, flan.

Friday: Swiss-mushroom burger, steak fries, fresh fruit, salad, pudding tart.

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Timothy “Tim” James Fox

July 27, 1955 – July 5, 2022

Timothy “Tim” James Fox, 66, of La Grande, passed away on Tuesday, July 5, 2022, at Grande Ronde Hospital. At his request, there will not be a service.

Tim was born on July 27, 1955, in Longview, Washington, to Lawrence and Jacquelynn (Sager) Fox. He resided in Yakima, Washington, and in Reedsport and La Grande, Oregon. He graduated from Reedsport High School in 1974 and attended Eastern Oregon State College (now EOU) in La Grande, where he played football for two years.

Tim married Jody Stanley in 1980, and they resided in La Grande until his passing. He worked at both Fleetwood and Northwood Manufacturing for many years and retired in 2006. During his retirement he consulted part-time for Northwood Manufacturing until 2020.

Tim collected guns and watches and enjoyed playing solitaire and cribbage and watching football and NASCAR races. He also enjoyed building computers, but his favorite pastime was watching his two grandsons grow and spending time with his beloved Russian Blue cats, Bella and Hazel. He was always reminding those around him that family is the most important thing in life.

Tim is survived by his wife, Jody; children, Shaun Stephan, Jennifer Fox and Tad Fox (Amanda), all of La Grande, Oregon; sister, Becky (Thomas) Croy of Reedsport, Oregon; two grandsons, Mason Sage and Kellen James Fox; and five nieces and one nephew. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lawrence and Jacquelynn, and two sisters, Jill Whitney and Peggy Arceneaux.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Shelter From the Storm, 10901 Island Ave., Island City, OR 97850.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com.



Michael Henry Heinzman

August 15, 1951 - June 16, 2022

Michael Henry Heinzman passed away peacefully in his home in Prospect, Oregon, on June 16, 2022, with his beloved wife, Donna, and their Labrador retriever, Kallie, by his side. Michael was born Aug. 15, 1951, to Henry and Eleanor Heinzman in Ashland, Oregon. He attended Ashland Elementary School before the family moved to Medford, Oregon. He went on to attend Howard Elementary School and Hedrick Junior High School before transferring to St. Mary’s High School, where he graduated in 1969.

Michael started his career as a dryer tender and a member of the lay-up line in the plywood industry in his early 20s and worked at the Medford Fir Ply Plant and Boise Cascade plants in Medford, La Grande and Elgin, Oregon. Michael welcomed his only child, Sandee Lynette, on Sept. 19, 1979, with his wife, Anna. Upon their divorce, he moved to Corvallis, Oregon.

Michael met Donna O’Dell when her family moved next door on Tennessee Drive in the 1960s. They were married in the Silver Queen Chapel in Virginia City, Nevada, on March 20, 1995. They continued to live in Corvallis until their move to La Grande in 1996. Their decision to move to Eastern Oregon was made after several successful elk hunting trips in the Starkey Unit outside La Grande. The beauty of the La Grande area and the outdoor activities and employment opportunities made the decision easy.

While in La Grande, Michael and Donna found their passion for mules and horses. They began their horse and mule riding as club members of the Blue Mountain Back County Riders. As members, they spent many days on horseback, clearing trails for the U.S. Forest Service in and around La Grande and Enterprise, Oregon. In July, 2010, Michael and Donna moved to Prospect, Oregon, where Michael enjoyed his retirement on their small ranch, tending to their mules, Lil’ Abner and Jake, and his horse, Lady. Wherever he went, his shadow, Kallie, was not far behind.

Michael is survived by his wife, Donna; daughter, Sandee Lynette Woody (Zach); two grandchildren, Daphne and Vorian; brother, Luke Heinzman (Carol); sisters, Judy Browning, Kathy Walker, Barbara Davis, Carolyn Shaeffer (Dave); twin sister, Mary Pompei; many nieces and nephews; and Kallie, his constant companion. Michael is preceded in death by his parents and brothers-in-law, Richard, Frank and Vic.

Michael loved the outdoors and was an avid hunter and fisherman. However, his happiest times were spent with Donna, Kallie, his horse and mules, as well as his family and friends.

The Heinzman family wishes to extend their sincere thanks and gratitude to Dr. Alison Savage and her staff at the Asante Heimann Cancer Center for their care, support and friendship in the past year.

Although departed from this life, Michael is forever in our hearts. He is greatly missed.

Arrangements are entrusted to Perl Funeral Home. A celebration of Michael’s life will be held at 11 a.m. Aug. 20, 2022, at the Eagle Point Golf Course.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Jackson County Humane Society or St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital.



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UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES

July 16 — DUANE ZANDER: 10 a.m. graveside service, Cove Cemetery (casual dress preferred); luncheon follows at La Grande American Legion Hall.
July 16 — JACKIE PRESTON: 2 p.m. memorial service, Union Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.
July 21 — JIM MCKINNEY: 11 a.m. service, Enterprise Nazarene Church; reception follows downstairs.
July 23 — RICHARD CARLSON: 10 a.m. celebration of life, Wallowa Lake State Park picnic area.
July 30 — MILDRED McMURPHY: 10 a.m. memorial service, La Grande Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Stake Center.
July 30 — CLARENCE WILSON: 2 p.m. celebration of life, Lighthouse Pentecostal Church, Island City (casual dress preferred).
Sept. 3 — NYLE ROLLINS: 1 p.m. celebration of life, Fred Beeman Park, Island City.
Sept. 4 — JEFF BOND: 1 p.m. celebration of life, Lone Hawk Ranch, 57899 Hwy 237, Union.

— Calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande