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The 2022 City of La Grande Summer Beautification Award for a residence went to Randal and Ila Rock, 708 S. 20th St.

Neighbors on 20th Street win summer beautification awards

The Observer

LA GRANDE — Jenesis Salon was selected for the 2022 City of La Grande Summer Beautification Award for a commercial property. The business owner, Jodi Hafer, has operated the salon at 710 20th St. since 2015.

The combination of beautiful container plantings, colorful awnings, a decorative bench and attractive signage creates a welcoming entryway.

“My employee Jenny Coles starts all the flowers from seed,” said Hafer.

Coles also starts the plants for the salon’s next-door neighbors, Randal and Ila Rock, winner of this summer’s residential beautification award. The Rocks have lived in their home



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near the corner of Adams Avenue and 20th Street since 1968.

The lovingly maintained home and front yard, at 708 20th St., provide the backdrop for lavish hanging baskets and

containers that create an oasis of color.

“Chicken manure compost is the key” to beautiful flowers, according to the Rocks, “along with regular watering and deadheading. We enjoy the gardening.”

MORE INFORMATION

The purpose of the Beautification Awards Program is to recognize residential and commercial properties that add to the beauty and diversity of La Grande’s environment. Nominations for this award are made by members of the La Grande Landscape and Forestry Commission, city employees, and citizens. The awards are given seasonally; spring, summer and fall. 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. To submit nominations for the fall beautification awards, email trees@cityoflagrande.org or call the Urban Forestry Division at 541-663-1952.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

MEETINGS

• LA GRANDE — The La Grande Swim Club will hold its annual general meeting on Thursday, Aug. 11, at 6 p.m. at Pioneer Park next to the pool. Any questions can be directed to the club president, Beth Koza, at 541-910-0625.

• UNION — The Union Rural Fire Protection District Board will have its monthly board meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 16, beginning at 7 p.m. at the fire hall. For more information, call 541-910-3114 or email union.rfpd@outlook.com.

BRIEFS

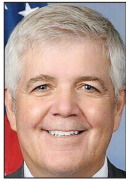
Community invited to end-of-summer barbecue

LA GRANDE — Grande Ronde Retirement, 1809 Gekeler Lane, La Grande, is hosting an end-of-summer barbecue for the community on Saturday, Aug. 13, from 2-6 p.m. All are welcome to come enjoy the food and games. There will also be a beer garden and live music.

Bentz town hall happens today at Eastern Oregon University

LA GRANDE — U.S. Rep. Cliff Bentz, R-Ontario, will be in Union County for a town hall meeting on Thursday, Aug. 11. The town hall

will run from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Eastern Oregon University’s Huber Auditorium in Badgley Hall. The news release from Bentz stated, “Town halls allow me to hear what you are passionate about and help me stay connected to you.”



Bentz

Play pinochle in La Grande on Fridays at senior center

LA GRANDE — Pinochle games happen every Friday at the Union County Senior Center, 1504 N. Albany St., La Grande, beginning at 6 p.m. The games are open to the public.

One more chance to go on trip to Pendleton Aquatic Center

LA GRANDE — A chaperoned trip organized by La Grande Parks & Rec to the Pendleton Aquatic Center is slated for Saturday, Aug. 20. The day trip is open to ages 7 and older, with or without an adult. The bus leaves at 11 a.m. and returns at 6 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person and includes entry and transportation. Bring a lunch or money for the concession stand. Registration opens Aug. 13 and concludes Aug. 17. This will be the last trip of the summer. For full details and to reserve your seat, go to <https://secure.recl.com/OR/la-grande-or/catalog> or call 541-962-1352

Bank of Eastern Oregon organizes school supply drive

NORTHEASTERN OREGON — Bank of Eastern Oregon is collecting school supplies for area grade schools. Drop off donations at BEO branches, including in La Grande and Enterprise.

— The Observer

Wallowa History Center hires coordinator

WALLOWA — Sadie Kennedy has been hired as the new development and operations coordinator for the Wallowa History Center, according to a press release.

Kennedy comes after practicing law in Wallowa and Union counties. She will handle the administrative duties of the center and will be available to greet visitors there during its open hours.

Starting Thursday, Aug. 4, the hours for the center are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

For more information, call Marilyn Hulse at 541-886-4701 or the center at 541-886-8000, email wall-histcenter@gmail.com or go online to <http://www.wallowahistory.org/> or the center’s Facebook page.



Kennedy

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

MONDAY, AUG. 8

9:42 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 2200 block of Cove Avenue on a call about a disturbance. Officers gave one person a ride from the scene.
2:53 p.m. — A caller reported someone left a dog in a vehicle on the 500 block of M Avenue, La Grande. An animal enforcement officer made contact.
3:18 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of a person walking in the road at Fourth Street and N Avenue, La Grande. Officers responded and counseled the subject.
7:29 p.m. — A caller reported an indecent exposure on the 1100 block of Jefferson Avenue, La Grande. An officer made contact and took a report.
8:04 p.m. — A Union County sheriff’s deputy responded to the Elgin Community Center, 260 N. 10th Ave., Elgin, on a report of a disturbance. The deputy talked to the people involved and will follow up.
10 p.m. — A caller reported loud music coming from a vehicle at Imbler High School, Sixth Street and Esther Avenue, Imbler. A Union County sheriff’s deputy responded and found youths were playing basketball and said they would keep it down.

TUESDAY, AUG. 9

11:02 a.m. — La Grande police responded to Grande Woods Apartments, 2005 Gekeler Lane, on a call about a disturbance. The parties separated.
12:33 p.m. — A caller on the 1500 block of Baltimore Street, Elgin, called for help with a stuck dog. An animal enforcement officer responded.

3:39 p.m. — A caller reported a burglary at Pinehurst Apartments, 1502 21st St., La Grande. An officer responded and took a report.
5:44 p.m. — La Grande police responded to a domestic disturbance on the 1300 block of Z Avenue. Police arrested a 29-year-old man for second-degree criminal mischief and disorderly conduct.
6:03 p.m. — A caller reported a downed tree on Pumpkin Ridge Road and Courtney Lane, Summerville.

DEATH & SERVICE NOTICES

Gary L. Ainsworth

Formerly of La Grande

Gary Lynn Ainsworth, 67, of Rapid City, South Dakota, and formerly of La Grande, died Aug. 7, 2022. A graveside service will be held Sept. 9 at 2 p.m. at Mt. View Cemetery in Rapid City. Arrangements are by Kirk Funeral Home, Rapid City.

Daniel Aschenbrenner

Enterprise

Daniel Aschenbrenner, 73, of Enterprise, died Aug. 7, 2022. At this time no services are planned. Arrangements are by Bollman Funeral Home, Enterprise.

Kenneth Webb

Union

Kenneth Webb, 90, of Union, died Aug. 8, 2022, at Grande Ronde Hospital. Arrangements are by Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, La Grande.

UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



- Aug. 12 — SCOTT CHARON: 1 p.m. graveside service, Island City Cemetery.
- Aug. 13 — BILLY NORMAN: 10 a.m. military graveside service, Enterprise Cemetery.
- Aug. 13 — ED BOTZ: 1 p.m. celebration of life and potluck, Rockwall Grange, Elgin.
- Aug. 20 — DORIAN ‘DORN’ COX: 2 p.m. graveside service, Union Cemetery (casual dress preferred); a barbecue follows at Georgia Cox’s home.
- Aug. 27 — DICK DECKERT: 2 p.m. memorial service, Cove United Methodist Church.
- 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 Highway 237, Union.
- Sept. 10 — THORVAL BURROWS: 2 p.m. celebration of life, Wallowa Senior Center.
- Sept. 10 — LELAND ‘LEE’ FRIES: 11 a.m. graveside service, Summerville Cemetery (casual dress preferred).

— Calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande

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Richard (Dick) Roy Deckert

October 24, 1941 - July 26, 2022

Richard (Dick) Roy Deckert, 80, of Union, passed away Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at his residence.

Dick’s memorial service will be at the United Methodist Church in Cove, Oregon, on Saturday, Aug. 27, 2022 at 2 p.m.

Richard was born on Oct. 24, 1941 in Dubuque, Iowa, to Charles and Alice Deckert. He lived in many different places: Dubuque, Iowa; Minneapolis, Minnesota; and La Crosse, Wisconsin, before settling in Union, Oregon. Dick attended schools in Dubuque, Iowa. After graduating from Dubuque High School he attended the Northwestern Hospital School of Nursing in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He married Bonigene Johnson in 1963, and they had three children: Tim, Rick and Sarah. They later divorced in 1977.

Dick later met and married Cathleen (Cathy) Hostrawser in 1979, his loving wife of 43 years. They had two daughters, Becky Arroyo and Jennifer McBride.

Dick was an orderly at Mercy Hospital in Dubuque, Iowa, before attending nursing school. He was employed at St. Joseph Hospital in La Crosse, Wisconsin, until it closed. He served in the U.S. Army as a member of the Nursing Corps in Vietnam from 1966-67; he was then employed at La Crosse Lutheran Hospital until he moved to La Grande. Dick worked for Grande Ronde Hospital for 16 years; his nursing career was dedicated to working in the operating room.

Dick enjoyed gardening, wood working, refinishing furniture, singing, antiques and playing euchre. He was an avid reader and supporter of the Union Library. He never met a tool he didn’t like! Dick was a member of the Union/Cove Methodist Churches.

Dick is survived by his wife, Cathy; children, Becky (José) Arroyo of Boise, Idaho, Jennifer (Kevin) McBride of Union, Oregon, Tim Deckert of Aurora, Oregon, and Rick and Sarah Deckert of La Crosse, Wisconsin; his brother, Fred Deckert of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; Randi DeMeerleer (friend and companion); 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Alice Deckert, and brothers John and Jim Deckert.

Dick’s family would like to thank Dr. Bronstein and oncology staff; Grande Ronde Hospital; Dr. Conklin and Heart and Home Hospice; and all the doctors and nurses who took care of Dick during his journey.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Friends of Union Carnegie Library, 182 N Main St., Union, OR 97883 or Cove United Methodist Church, 1800 Jasper St., Cove, OR 97824.

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