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Police make arrest in hit and run

Elijah Ward arrested in connection to weekend death of Maison Andrew

By ISABELLA CROWLEY

The Observer

LA GRANDE — Law enforcement arrested a La Grande man Tuesday, Aug. 16, in connection with the hit-and-run death of Maison Andrew, according to a press release from the La Grande Police Department.

Elijah Ward, 26, was arrested after officers located the car parked outside his residence at 609 Y Ave., according to Police Chief Gary Bell. During the course of the investigation, police connected the hitand-run with a white 2009 Mitsubishi Galant.

The investigation began after La Grande police responded to a report at 5:30 a.m. Aug. 13, of a dead male on the side of 16th Street. La Grande police officers responded and immediately confirmed the individual had died.

The investigation revealed that a vehicle traveling south on 16th Street struck Andrew as he was walking on the street sometime during the night, according to La Grande police Lt. Jason Hays. The driver fled without contacting emergency services.

Ward was taken into custody without incident and booked in the Union County Jail, according to Bell. He has been charged with second-degree manslaughter and failure to perform the duties of a driver to an injured person. So far, Ward has cooperated with the investigation, Bell said.

The investigation is ongoing and additional charges may be filled. La Grande police also urged anyone with pertinent information to contact Sgt. Ryan Miller at 541-963-1017.

HATCHED to be wild

Why Tribes are pursuing a controversial salmon recovery strategy

By COLE SINANIAN

Columbia Insight

LGIN — Rick Zollman stands at the edge of a rectangular, concrete pool, peering into the water below. Tens of thousands of juvenile chinook salmon rush toward him, their speckled backs and silver bellies glistening in the afternoon sun.

Zollman waves and smiles at the fish as they leap from the water to greet him, conditioned to expect food when they sense the presence of their loyal caretaker.

Each of the 18 pools — or raceways — at Northeast Oregon's Lookingglass Hatchery, outside of Elgin, holds roughly 65,000 juvenile chinooks, totaling nearly 1.5 million fish.

The fish were hatched here in January from parents collected in one of five of the region's rivers, then transferred to the raceways in spring. They'll remain here for a year, growing and maturing until ready for release into the wild.

Shaded by towering lodgepole and ponderosa pines, Lookingglass Hatchery sits along Lookingglass Creek in the historic homeland of the Nez Perce Tribe.

The Nez Perce have exclusive fishing rights to Looking-glass Creek, one of the Tribe's traditional fishing spots. For centuries, Nez Perce families have gathered here to harvest salmon returning from the Pacific.

The tribe uses the hatchery to restore the area's natural population of wild chinook, in the



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 $Rick\ Zollman\ checks\ in\ on\ a\ pen\ full\ of\ broodstock\ at\ Looking glass\ Hatchery,\ outside\ of\ Elgin.$

hopes that they may one day reach levels that support consistent harvest.

The hatchery dilemma

In a controversial practice known as "supplementation," Lookingglass managers take mature wild fish from the area's streams and spawn them at the hatchery.

The goal is to ensure that the fish released from the hatchery are from the same genetic lineage as the wild stock, so they can return to spawn naturally, effectively making their offspring a part of the wild population.

Many scientists and

conservationists have pointed to hatcheries as a contributing factor to the demise of wild salmon stocks in the Pacific Northwest. Releasing hundreds of millions of domesticated hatchery fish into the watershed each year allows for

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Johnson submits petitions in bid for Oregon governor

By GARY A. WARNER

Oregon Capital Bureau

SALEM — Oregon governor candidate Betsy Johnson submitted petitions to

mitted petitions to the Secretary of State on Tuesday, Aug. 16, to qualify her insurgent bid for governor in the Nov. 8 general election.

The campaign
John
Johnson, the

for Johnson, the former Democratic state senator from Columbia County, delivered boxes it said contained petitions with 48,214 signatures to Secretary of State Shemia Fagan at

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noon Tuesday.

The county by Johnson's campaign would be twice the minimum number of valid signatures required and even with the usual attrition of invalid signers would be "well over the number necessary to qualify," said Johnson campaign spokesperson Jennifer Sitton.

Democrat Tina Kotek and Republican Christine Drazan won their parties' May 17 primaries and will also be on the ballot.

Fagan's office is in the Public Administration Building in Salem while the nearby Capitol undergoes extensive renovations.

Oregon Public Broadcasting

reported Johnson made a brief appearance at the event, thanking supporters for the effort.

"Why did they do this?" she said. "They love Oregon. They want a better Oregon, free from partisan paralysis."

OPB reported Johnson did not take questions from the press who had gathered to cover the petition drives' ending. Aug. 16 was the deadline that Fagan had set to give her office enough time to validate the signatures by the Aug. 30 deadline to add Johnson to the November ballot.

The next step will be for Election Division officials to validate signatures by checking a random sampling sufficient to show any problems with the overall signature effort.

If Johnson were to win election, she would be only the second governor elected without a

major party nomination.
Julius Meier, an independent, was elected to one term in 1935.

Johnson (or Drazan)
would be the first non-Democrat woman elected governor.
Gov. Barbara Roberts was the state's first woman elected governor, in 1990. She and Kate
Brown, the current governor, are Democrats.



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