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**CITY HALL** Monday - Thursday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Open During Lunch

**UNION CARNEGIE LIBRARY**

Monday - Friday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm  
Saturday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

*July 2021*

**From The Desk Of**  
*Doug Wiggins*  
City Administrator

Council adopted the proposed budget sent to them from the budget committee for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. With this budget we will be getting started on fixing E. Chestnut Street. The project is contingent on a grant from ODOT, and if had construction will begin spring/summer of 2022.

With the passing of the budget, we will begin working on an upgrade to the wastewater treatment plant intake screen. Our current screen is over 20 years old, and a much-needed upgrade will be necessary for the health of the plant. We hope to have the design of this project completed by this fall with construction to be completed next spring. Public works did finish the installation of the fountains to the golf course ponds. If you have not observed them, please take a look. The added aeration to the pond will help with the odors that have been had in late summer.

Council did let a contract with a local contractor to side the 1<sup>st</sup> building at the Ranger Station Complex. This alone when completed and painted will bring quite a better eye to the property. Bear with us as we continue this upgrade to the complex over the next couple of years. Finally received some word on the park lighting project and the lights finally shipped. We expect them delivered anytime. Once delivered, coordination with the city electrician for its installation will begin. Majority of the ground labor will be had by public works and counted against our match for the grant.

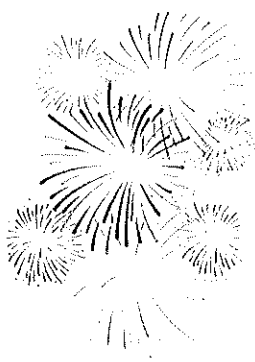
Council is working towards two public hearings on the water/sewer rates. One shortly, July 12, 2021, at the City Council meeting and the second at the August Council meeting. If passed on those two dates the rates will become effective September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. As soon as the ordinance has been reviewed by the City Attorney it will be posted on our web page and Facebook account, or you may stop by City Hall should you wish for a copy.

Our COVID numbers continue to remain low, and while Union County lags a bit in the State regarding vaccination rates, we are climbing slowly. No new guidance has been issued on the ARP funds (American Recovery Program), but we have been given an estimate of late August we should receive the first half of our funds. The guidance message from the federal government continues to be centered in economic development, infrastructure, broadband and economic recovery.

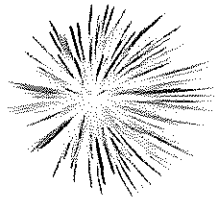
VANDALISM at the park has forced many issues for the City. Your help in getting this under control is needed. If you see anything, please contact the Sheriff's office immediately for our best chance at catching those responsible.

As we near the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, remember the dry weather we have had and the fire danger it presents. Please be responsible with your fireworks this year. You could become responsible for the damage had should a fire get away. There will be a great show to watch at the golf course and will be streamed live on EOALive for viewing if you can not make it.

Have a safe 4<sup>th</sup> and stay cool and hydrated in this heat.



**\*\*Remember the City enforces a burn ban during the month's of July, August and September.**



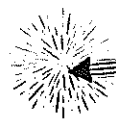
**FIREWORKS!!**

**THUNDER AT THE PEAK!**

**4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION AT BUFFALO PEAK GOLF COURSE!!**

**FIREWORKS SHOW STARTS AT DARK!**

**LETS MAKE THIS A 4TH OF JULY TO REMEMBER!**



MEMORIAL LUNCHEON FOR

# Marty McKeon

SATURDAY, JULY 10TH @ 12PM  
AT CATHERINE CREEK CROSSING  
CORNER OF BEAKMAN & MAIN STREET  
RSVP - SUSAN 541-910-6268



Troop 511 is accepting donations for our upcoming YARDSALE during Grassroots in August

Please text or call Marlana at 541-786-8947 for drop off.

### The Hidden Danger in Water Hoses: Avoid Scalding and Burns

Water fun and summertime go hand-in-hand. Although we may quickly turn to our water hoses for a cool down in the hot summer temperatures, there's a hidden danger of which we need to be more aware. Water which has been left in an outdoor water hose in high temperatures can result in scalding and second-degree burns. Occurrences are so rarely shared in the news or on social media. And, as such, it's a P.S.A. that needs to be passed along for both your child as well as your pet's safety.

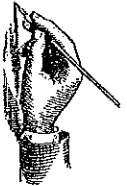
Samples taken in areas where the temperatures were known to reach at least 90-degrees F. The researchers tested the water from garden hoses by filling both a black as well as a green hose and leaving it on the lawn in the heat. The outdoor temperatures rose between 89 and 94 degrees F., while the water in both hoses had reached 120 degrees F.

This summer, when you're preparing to cool the kids or your pets off with the happy spray of a water hose, it's highly recommended that you let the water flow for several minutes in order to bring it down to a temperature suitable for people or animals. Avoid the hidden danger and the subsequent pain and suffering that can result, and share with family and friends to do the same. It seems like one of the most innocent and simplest things, and yet it can turn into such a catastrophe.

### COUNCIL CORNER:

Current City Council Topics Include:

- ⇒ CDBG Grant
- ⇒ Water/Sewer Rate Study
- ⇒ Continued COVID updates
- ⇒ Monitoring Local Economy/Small Businesses



City Council Members ~

Susan Hawkins	Leslie McMillan
Tim Cox	Terra Richter
John Farmer	Heidi Denton
Mayor Leonard Flint	

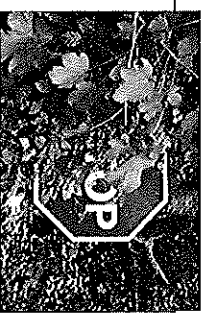


### Trees, Shrubs & Grasses!

The City will be checking for overgrown grasses and shrubs and low hanging tree branches that obscure vision of street signs, streets and sidewalks.

It is the property owner or tenant's responsibility to maintain the rights-of-way, including overhanging trees. Shrubs must also be trimmed back off the sidewalk and corner shrubs must be trimmed back for clear vision area at intersections.

All grasses and weeds must be cut, and noxious weeds must be cleared to prevent spreading.



### July Council Meetings

- July 12th  
Council Work Session @ 6:00pm  
Council Meeting @ 7:00pm
- July 26th  
Council Work Session @ 6:00pm

All meetings are held in the Leonard Almqvist Chambers at City Hall.

*Masks are required when attending meetings.*

Meetings are live streamed and can be viewed on our Facebook page. Or you can view them any time later on our website [www.cityofluna.com](http://www.cityofluna.com)

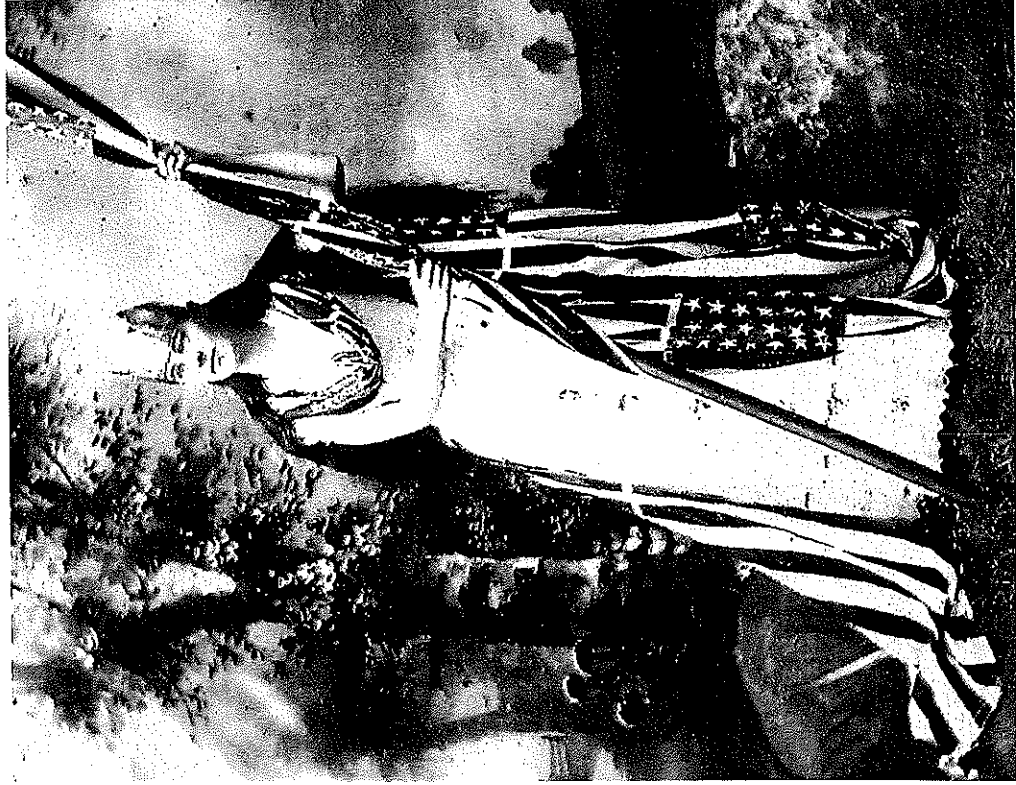
*Like us on Facebook!*



## THANK YOU TO THE VOLUNTEERS THAT HELPED CLEAN UP MAINSTREET ON JUNE 17TH



MAINSTREET UNION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE



## Union's First American Flag

In the spring of 1863 our County was in throes of the Civil War and Union County was just beginning to be settled. Mrs. Harriett Hendershot of Hendershot Point (between Union and Cove) and Mrs. E.H. Lewis of Union wanted to make an American flag to show support for the Union cause. Mrs. Hendershot contributed a beautiful red dress that had belonged to her deceased daughter. Mrs. Lewis gave a lovely white linen sheet for the stars and white stripes. They remembered seeing sixteen year old Miss Martha Koger, daughter of Uncle Billie Koger, wearing a pretty blue riding habit. Could they persuade her to give up part of her pride and joy for the field of blue? She did and thus three ladies were able to make the flag that flew over Union's first

July 4th celebration in 1863!

M. Coffin as 'Miss Liberty' July 4th, 1880's

### Union County Museum News

#### Did You Know?....

Union was once the County seat? Union won the vote to be the County seat in 1874, La Grande objected. Again in 1890 Union won the vote for County seat! But by 1904 the balance of power had shifted and La Grande became the official County seat.

Soon after that the judge ordered all prisoners sent to La Grande, but alas there was no jail so Sheriff Phyl took seven thieves and a cattle rustler to Baker City until a jail could be built in La Grande. The remains of the old jail still stands by the Union High School which is built on the site of the former Union County Court house.

#### Fun Interesting Facts:

Union's population....	
1865	100
1873	250
1900	1600
1930	1107
1960	1490
1970	1531
1978	2000

\*\*\*Visit the Union County Museum, across from City Hall, and experience our vibrant past.....

#### Note:

The Union Cemetery will be closed on July 4th, but will re-open on the 5th.

Thank you for your understanding and patience



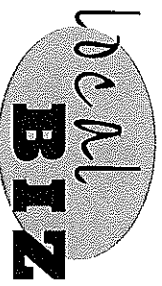


Espresso  
Coffee, Tea,  
Smoothies  
Breakfast Burrito's  
Pastries  
Weiner Wednesdays!

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present this coupon to  
receive \$1.00 off any  
purchase.  
limit one coupon per  
purchase.

**City Hall Hours**  
Monday ~ Thursday  
10:00am ~ 5:00pm  
Closed Friday's ~  
or by appointment  
For questions regarding your  
utility bill call us at 541-562-5197  
Have a Safe & Happy Summer!!



**Owners:** Sara Hartley  
**Established:** June 2021  
**Address:** 306 S. Main Street  
**Phone:** 541-975-3438  
**Hours:** Thursday - Sunday 11-5pm  
**Website:** UNION MERC on Facebook & Instagram

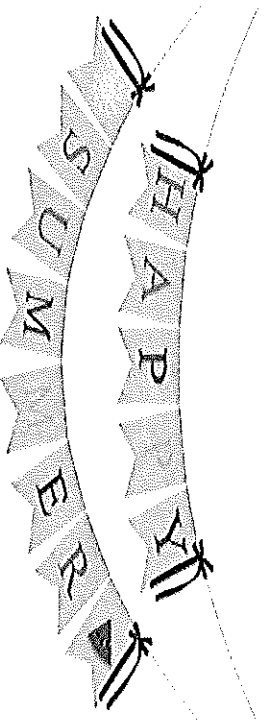
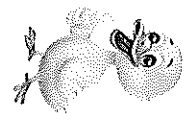


## UNION MERC

**Type of Business:** Vintage, eclectic, artisan Home Decor Boutique  
**Specialties:** One of a kind pieces by local artisans & handmade cards  
Sara has dreamed of having a small, quaint boutique. She thanks Union for being so welcoming and supportive to her, Sylvain, Walter & Norman (their Frenchies)

**GRASSROOTS FESTIVAL**  
AUGUST 14TH, 2021  
JOIN US FOR  
A FULL DAY OF FAMILY FUN  
AND ENTERTAINMENT!!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



ORGANIZATION	MEETING DATE	LOCATION	TIME	PHONE
Awana	Every Thurs/ during school year	Baptist Church	6:30pm	541-562-5870
Catherine Creek Community Center	4th Thursday of month	Community Center	6:00pm	
City of Union Chamber	2nd Thurs of the month		6:00 pm	unionchamber@conil.com
City Council	2nd Mon of the month	City Hall	7:00 pm	541-562-5197
Council Work Sessions	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon of month	City Hall	6:00 pm	541-562-5197
CUP Medical Association	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues of the month	251 S Main	6:00 pm	541-910-6268
Order of Eastern Star	2nd Wed of the month	Masonic Hall	7:00 pm	541-805-0779
EMS Department	1st Mon of the month	Rural Fire Hall	7:00 pm	541-910-6002
EOLS Board	2nd Tues of the month	EOLS Club House	7:00 pm	541-562-5631
Food Bank	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month	Union Baptist Church	10-11:00am	541-562-5531
Friends of the Library	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues January, April, July & November	Union Library	7:00 pm	541-562-5807
Grande Ronde Valley Masonic	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed of the month	Masonic Hall	7:30pm	
Historic Preservation	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed of the month	City Hall	6:00pm	541-562-5197
Library Board	4 <sup>th</sup> Wed of July, Oct, Jan, April	Library	4:00 pm	541-562-5811
Lions Club	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues of the month	Sports Complex	5:30 pm	PO Box 337
Mainstreet Union & Economic Development	2nd Thursday of the month	Call contact # for location	7:00 pm	541-910-7048
Planning Commission	3rd Wed of the month	City Hall	7:00 pm	541-562-5197
Senior Lunch	Every Tuesday	VFW Hall	12:00 pm	
School Board	2nd Wed of the month	Athletic Complex	6:00 pm	541-562-5166
South County Health Dist	Last Friday of month / Oct, Jan, April, and July	Health Clinic	1:30 pm	541-562-2222
Union Cemetery Board	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues of the month	Union Cemetery Office	9:00 am	541-562-5212
VFW Bingo	Every Wednesday/night	VFW Hall	5 pm	541-562-6035
VFW Formal meeting	1st Thursday of month	VFW Hall	7 pm	541-562-6035