

# LOCAL BRIEFING

From staff reports

## Newspaper delivery may be late

Due to the inclement weather, The Observer's carriers are having trouble delivering to areas in Cove, Union, Elgin and Wallowa County. The Observer will do its best to deliver the paper in a timely manner while keeping the carriers as safe as possible. If your paper has not arrived by 5 p.m., expect carriers to attempt delivery the next morning. If you do not receive your paper the next day, please call 541-963-3161 between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., or leave a message at 541-975-1690 after business hours.

## Members of LHS Class of '59 prepare for reunion

LA GRANDE — La Grande High School's class of 1959 is planning its 60th reunion. Classmates are invited to come to the second organizing meeting at noon Feb. 18 at the Cock & Bull Restaurant in La Grande.

## Learn about early automobile history at Brown Bag

JOSEPH — Local engineer and longtime Ford collector Ralph Swinehart will be the Brown Bag presenter at the Joseph Center on Feb. 19. Ralph's Brown Bag will include pictures and an interesting account of the early automobile industry from a Ford point of view — from the early 1900s to World War II and Henry Ford's Fordson Tractor. The free program begins at noon. Bring your lunch or not. Coffee and tea will be provided.

## Hearing will determine cemetery district changes

ENTERPRISE — The Wallowa County Board of Commissioners will convene a hearing at 10 a.m. Feb. 19 at the Wallowa County Courthouse in Enterprise to determine whether an election should be held on withdrawing certain areas of land from the Joseph Cemetery Maintenance

District. On or before Feb. 19, any registered elector of the district may file a written request for election in the county commissioners' offices at 101 S. River St., Enterprise. If fewer than 15 percent of the registered voters of the district request an election, the commissioners will declare the land withdrawn. Hearings are open to the public.

## Master Gardener class open to local gardeners

ISLAND CITY — The OSU Master Gardener program offers the community opportunities to expand gardening knowledge. Community members may attend individual classes for \$5 each. The Feb. 19 class will be "Entomology and Insect I.D.," presented by Oregon Department of Agriculture Entomologist Paul Blom. Classes run from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the conference room at the OSU Extension, Union County office, 10507 N. McAlister Road, Island City. For more

information and to RSVP for classes, call the Union County Extension office at 541-963-1010.

## Free pesticide applicator pre-exam training offered

ISLAND CITY, ENTERPRISE — OSU Extension Service is offering free private pesticide applicator pre-exam training Feb. 20 in Union County and Feb. 21 in Wallowa County. Two different two-hour sessions with two recertification credit sign-up sheets will be held. Participants can attend one or both sessions. For more information and to RSVP, contact your local Extension office. In Union County, contact Darrin L. Walenta at darrin.walenta@oregonstate.edu or 541-963-1010. The training takes place at 10507 N. McAlister Road, Island City. In Wallowa County, contact Jill Huffman at jill.huffman@oregonstate.edu or 541-426-3143. This training takes place in Cloverleaf Hall, 668 NW First St., Enterprise.

## Fishtrap hosts light lunch with dragons

ENTERPRISE — Fishtrap is hosting a noon book discussion on Feb. 20 as part of the 2019 Big Read's celebration of Ursula K. Le Guin's classic novel "A Wizard of Earthsea." A light lunch will be provided as participants discuss main themes in the book including the journey into self, dragons and the language of fantasy — held at Fishtrap, 400 E. Grant St., Enterprise. All Big Read events are free and open to the public.

## Free Homebuying Education Workshop held Feb. 23

LA GRANDE — Community Connection of Northeast Oregon is sponsoring a Homebuying Education Workshop from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 23 in the Miesner Conference Room at 1001 Fourth St., La Grande. The free workshop will be presented by Debbie MacBaker, Community Connection's housing

resource manager. Experts will cover all aspects of the homebuying process, and information will be distributed on a down payment Individual Development Account program through which prospective homebuyers can save up to \$12,000 in 3-to-1 matched savings. Lunch will be provided. Space is limited. To reserve your place, contact Susy McBride at 541-963-3186 or susy@ccno.org.

## Nature's Pantry class is all about raw food

LA GRANDE — Chef Tim James and Blake Bars will lead an interactive raw food prep class at 4 p.m. Feb. 24 at Nature's Pantry, 1907 Fourth St., La Grande. Participants will make their own raw wraps and dressings and go home with recipes. The cost is \$10. Space is limited and registration is required. Stop by Nature's Pantry or call 541-963-7955. In addition, James will be in the store from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. for Q&A.

# OBITUARIES

## Arthur L. Stockton

Cove  
1927-2019

Arthur Leland Stockton, 91, of Cove, died Feb. 4 at his home.



Arthur was born Sept. 6, 1927, in Mt. Shasta, California, to Leo and Johanna (Rupp) Stockton. He developed good work habits by working for his grandpa Rupp, who sold vegetables from his large garden. As he recalled, "Making 25 cents a day at age 8 in 1935, you were rich!" During his teenage years, Arthur delivered papers and also worked for Peoples Market delivering groceries.

After graduating from Mt. Shasta High School, Arthur was employed by the Southern Pacific Railroad in Dunsmuir, California. He was drafted into the U.S. Army near the end of World War II and served from February 1946 until May 31, 1947 in Korea with the 17th Infantry Regiment, 7th Division.

After his discharge, Arthur used the GI Bill to attend Chico State University for one year and the University of Montana for three years. He graduated in 1951 with a B.S. in forestry then worked in the Shasta and Willamette national forests. He had fond memories of working on the last steam-powered skidder in the Northwest at the St. Helens tree farm. Arthur finished his forestry career working nearly 35 years for the Oregon Department of Revenue, helping the timber industry with Harvest and Severance Taxes in Northeast Oregon.

On Aug. 25, 1962, Arthur married Carole Robinson in Salem and had two sons, Scott and Jordan. Arthur

was very proud of his sons, whom he taught to work hard and be good citizens.

After retiring in 1990, Arthur worked full-time managing his small cattle ranch. He also traveled to Europe seven times, which included visiting many cousins in southwest Germany. Arthur developed a love for sailing, encouraged by Dr. Bryce Young, and sailed many times to the Channel Islands and off the coast of the Baja peninsula and Mexico. He enjoyed cooking and being a deckhand on board the 42-foot sloop.

Arthur joined the La Grande Seventh-day Adventist Church, serving in many offices. Arthur served his savior Jesus Christ and sought a closer walk with him in every aspect of his life. His grandchildren were his joy. Arthur wanted to thank all the friends and relatives who helped him through what he called "this thing known as life."

Survivors include his wife, Carole; sons and daughters-in-law, Scott and Tara Stockton of Salem and Jordan and Patricia Stockton of Vienna, Virginia; four grandchildren; and brothers, Robert and Wilbert Stockton.

## Phyllis F. Snider

Formerly of La Grande  
1934-2019

Phyllis Faye Snider, 84, formerly of La Grande, died Jan. 22 at home in Puyallup, Washington. Private burial to be in La Grande, and a celebration of her life will be held at a later date.

Phyllis was born March 31, 1934, in La Grande, to Ray Henry and Marion Faye (Bellus) Snider. A 1952 graduate of La Grande High and 1956 graduate of what is now Eastern Oregon University, she began her teaching career in Coos Bay. There she met and in

1960 married Robert "Gene" Burdette. Phyllis and Gene had two daughters: Wendy in 1961 and Becky in 1962. Due to Gene's Air Force career, the family lived in several states and Italy. In 1972, they settled in Puyallup, Washington. The couple later divorced.

Phyllis continued to teach in Orting, Washington, until her retirement. She enjoyed working at the State Fairgrounds each summer.

Survivors include her daughter, Wendy; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; siblings, Dick and Marion; and daughter, Becky.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

## David J. Preston

North Powder

David J. Preston, 84, of North Powder, died Feb. 12 at his residence. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

## Michael Strickland

Elgin

Michael Strickland, 27, of Elgin, died Feb. 13 at his residence. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

## Martha L. McMahon

Formerly of Union

Martha L. McMahon, 87, of Chico, California, and formerly of Union, died Feb. 10 at her residence. A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Feb. 19 at the Willamette National Cemetery in Portland. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel &

Crematory is handling the arrangements.

## Mildred A. (Zeigler) Miller

La Grande  
1926-2019

Mildred Ann Miller, 92, of La Grande, died Feb. 9 at her residence. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Mildred was born Oct. 16, 1926, in La Grande, to William and Annie (Padon) Zeigler. A La Grande resident for 92 years, she attended Riveria Elementary School and graduated from La Grande High School. In 1948, she married Dannis L. Miller.

Mildred was a telephone operator and a homemaker. She enjoyed sewing, crafting, water colors, camping and volunteering in the community. Mildred was an active member of the Pioneer Park Church of God, where she taught Sunday school and sang in the choir, and belonged to Gideons International. She loved the Lord Jesus and her family with all her heart.

Survivors include her children and their spouses, Orville and Bernice Miller of La Grande, La Vern and Joyce Miller of Lynden, Washington, Kerry and Trudy Miller of Chilliwack, British Columbia, Canada, Dannis G. Miller of Albany, and Jana and Steve Winn of La Grande; brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Betty Zeigler of Nampa, Idaho; 11 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dannis Miller, and parents, William and Annie.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com](http://www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com).

# MENUS

## UNION COUNTY SENIOR CENTER

1504 N. ALBANY ST., LA GRANDE  
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Feb. 18-22

**MONDAY:** closed in observance of Presidents Day.  
**TUESDAY:** fish & chips or BBQ chicken, baked beans,

coleslaw, dessert.

**WEDNESDAY:** pot roast, red potatoes, carrots, rolls, dessert.

**THURSDAY:** taco bar, chips and salsa, toppings.

**FRIDAY:** clam chowder or cream of broccoli soup, hearty vegetable salad, fresh fruit, bread, dessert.

# PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

## LA GRANDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Arrested: Cameron Bruce Teem, 27, La Grande, was arrested on charges of hit and run, two counts; unauthorized use of a motor vehicle; unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle; first-degree criminal mischief and second-degree theft.

Arrested: Katrina Louise Vandever, 26, unknown address, was arrested by Malheur County law enforcement officers on a Union County warrant charging failure to appear in court on a charge of second-degree theft.

Arrested: Brandon Gaines, 33, unknown address, was arrested on a charge of fourth-degree assault, domestic.  
Accident: Nobody was injured in a traffic accident Thursday at Fifth Street and Penn Avenue on Thursday. The accident was reported at 6:03 p.m.

## UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Arrested: Matthew Thomas Maedche, 31, Elgin, was arrested on charges of interfering with making a report and harassment.

Arrested: Stephanie Rose Barker, 34, unknown address,

was arrested by the Ontario Police Department on a Union County bench warrant for an order to show cause connected to original charges of unlawful delivery of methamphetamine and unlawful delivery of heroin.

## LA GRANDE FIRE DEPARTMENT

La Grande Fire Department crews responded to six calls for medical assistance on Wednesday and six on Thursday.

## Public Safety Report

The Public Safety Report is compiled from police blotter information supplied by local law enforcement. Individuals named as arrested and/or charged with crimes in this report are presumed innocent until proved guilty in a court of law.

## Gerald (Jerry) Bradshaw

He is survived by his natural children, Linda Bradshaw Hancock, Michelle Bradshaw Conley, both in Wyoming and his only son Gerald Bradshaw Jr. (Rusty) in Arizona. He is also survived by his brother Lyndon Rose and sister Marcene Rose Gerlach, both of Oregon. He was preceded in death by his parents Evelyn and Dave Rose as well as Don and Belva Bradshaw.

## Judie Lee Carlson, 93

August 27, 1925 - January 30, 2019



Judie Lee Carlson, 93, of La Grande, died Jan. 30. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m.

Feb. 15 at Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center (not at the Island City Cemetery as previously announced).

Judie was born to Lee, Tae Yong and Chin, Kwan Wol on Aug. 27, 1925, in Yousan-ri in the Kyunggi-do province of Seoul, Korea. Judie saw many things in

her life time. During the war, she lost her brother and father.

Judie had a son, Maw Tae David Frank Lee Carlson, in 1953 with David Villareal. She lost a daughter from the same union when the child was 18 months old. Her mother helped to raise her son until she married Robert Frank Carlson in 1963, who adopted her son. They moved to Hawaii in 1966 and became U.S. citizens in 1968. After the dissolution of her marriage to Robert in 1970, Judie decided to remain in Hawaii with her son. The most important thing to her was that her son had a better life.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Frank and Kellie Carlson of Baker City; four grandchildren and their mother, Nikki Carlson, and partner, Dan, of La Grande; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Her greatest legacy is her four grandchildren: Tailee and Amos Lee, Haaven and Selina Carlson, Shilo and Cody Costi, and Montana. She was preceded in death by a granddaughter Sierra.

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