

## DAILY PLANNER

### TODAY

Today is Friday, Dec. 27, the 361st day of 2019. There are four days left in the year.

### TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On Dec. 27, 2001, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld announced that Taliban and al-Qaida prisoners would be held at the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

### ON THIS DATE

In 1822, scientist Louis Pasteur was born in Dole, France.

In 1831, naturalist Charles Darwin set out on a round-the-world voyage aboard the HMS Beagle.

In 1904, James Barrie's play "Peter Pan: The Boy Who Wouldn't Grow Up" opened at the Duke of York's Theater in London.

In 1949, Queen Juliana of the Netherlands signed an act recognizing Indonesia's sovereignty after more than three centuries of Dutch rule.

In 1968, Apollo 8 and its three astronauts made a safe, nighttime splashdown in the Pacific.

### LOTTERY

**Megabucks:** \$79 million  
4-12-13-26-28-31

**Mega Millions:** \$50 million  
27-37-48-63-66-11-x2

**Powerball:** \$200 million  
2-4-16-30-46-20 x2

**Win for Life:** Dec. 25  
18-35-68-71

### Pick 4:

- Dec. 26  
 • 1 p.m.: 6-7-7-6  
 • 4 p.m.: 1-5-2-7  
 • 7 p.m.: 3-2-1-4  
 • 10 p.m.: 2-9-0-6  
**Pick 4:** Dec. 25  
 • 1 p.m.: 3-4-4-3  
 • 4 p.m.: 1-4-7-7  
 • 7 p.m.: 7-3-4-3  
 • 10 p.m.: 5-3-8-7  
**Pick 4:** Dec. 24  
 • 1 p.m.: 2-8-3-0  
 • 4 p.m.: 0-2-6-9  
 • 7 p.m.: 6-3-5-4  
 • 10 p.m.: 5-1-5-4

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Man has an incurable habit of not fulfilling the prophecies of his fellow men."

— *Alistair Cooke, Anglo-American journalist and broadcaster (1908-2004).*

### Open Gym Night offered tomorrow

LA GRANDE — Faith Lutheran Church is hosting a free community open gym night from 5-7 p.m., Saturday at the Riviera Activity Center, corner of Second Street and Y Avenue, La Grande. Activities will include basketball and indoor soccer.

### Bid farewell to 2019 at free lunch

LA GRANDE — The Union

County Senior Center, corner of Cove Avenue and Albany Street, La Grande, is offering a free New Year's Eve lunch for everyone Tuesday. The BlueMountaineers perform live music at 11 a.m. and lunch begins at 11:30 a.m., including a champagne toast to say goodbye to 2019 and welcome 2020.

### 'Yoga for Good' class benefits warming shelter

LA GRANDE — Yoga

## LOCAL BRIEFING

From staff reports

Dawn Studio, 105 Depot St., La Grande, will be leading a yoga class Tuesday that will benefit the Union County Warming Station. This "Yoga for Good" class will be held 8-9:30 a.m. for a suggested \$5 donation (cash or check only). No one will be turned away for lack of funds. Taught by Carrie Caselton Lowe, it will be a moderate level class with modifications offered for all

bodies, ending with a quiet meditation.

### Hargrove departs health education center for new role

LA GRANDE — The Northeast Oregon Area Health Education Center recently announced Brittany Hargrove is departing. She accepted a position as the coalition coordinator at Union County Safe Communities Coalition. Hargrove has served

as the center's outreach coordinator for three years, according to the announcement, and was "instrumental in developing a presence for our organization through her expertise in communications and marketing."

Meredith Lair, executive director of the health education center, stated she has no doubts Hargrove will be a success in her new position, which she starts in early January.

### Dolores J. Hewitt

Island City  
1936-2019

Dolores Jean Hewitt, 83, of Island City, died Dec. 12. At her request, there will not be a service.

Dolores was born March 26, 1936, in Modesto, California, to Elsworth and Mildred (Maxwell) Darner Lute. She resided in Richland, Baker City, Springfield, Lorane and Eugene; Hayward and Turlock, California; and retired in Island City.

Dolores graduated from Hughson High School and later earned a culinary degree from Lane Community College. She married Charles N. Hewitt in Weiser, Idaho.

Dolores was a home caregiver, worked at Grande Ronde Hospital and later became a cook at Eastern Oregon University, where the students called her mom. She enjoyed cooking, sewing, gardening, gathering Indian herbs with her grandpa Pops, making Milan leaf remedies, horses on the farm, milking dairy cows and playing bingo. Marilyn served as the mayor of Richland, volunteered as a Cub Scout den mother and 4-H mother, and was a foster parent.

Surviving relatives include her children and their spouses, Timothy Vessel of Baker City, Rebecca and Jim Butler of Baker City, Leila and Fred Bashans of Port Orchard, Washington, Scotty Vessel of Moses Lake, Washington, and Melonie and Craig Towell of Terrebonne; seven grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death this year by her husband of 49 years, Charles; parents, Herman A. Lute, Mildred J. Lute and "Ed" Elsworth R. Darner; and sister, Geraldine A McWilliams.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Community Connection's Meals on Wheels, 1504 N. Albany St., La Grande 97850, or Heart 'n Home Hospice, 2104 Cove Ave., Suite A, La Grande 97850.

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

### Raymond A. Green

Formerly of La Grande  
1939-2019

Raymond Avery Green, 80, formerly of La Grande, died Dec. 23 in Baker City.

A viewing will be held at 10:30 a.m. followed by a traditional funeral service at 11 a.m. Dec. 30 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Baker City. Friends

are invited to join the family for a reception immediately following the service at the church. Interment with military honors will begin at 2 p.m. at Grandview Cemetery in La Grande.

Raymond was born Sept. 23, 1939, in Mountain View, Wyoming, to Avery Nuell and Edna Dolly Green. He was the third of four children and the only son. The family moved to La Grande in 1946. Raymond graduated from La Grande High School in 1957 then served in the U.S. Army from 1959-1964 as a private first class. In 1965, Raymond met his future wife, Liliane, while he was working with her father in Roseburg. They were married later that year, on Aug. 14.

In 1977, Raymond and Liliane moved to Baker City, where they were able to establish a great life for their family. Raymond worked for the Local 701 Operating Engineers Union. He was a part of many large projects and was proud to say, "I built that." He retired after 40 years of service in the union.

During his retirement Raymond enjoyed staying busy by volunteering with the Oregon State Forest Service, maintaining his ranch and traveling with his wife to visit children and grandchildren. Raymond's favorite pastime was always getting a good deal on things he set his mind to.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Liliane Green; children and their spouses, Ronda and John McLaughlin of La Grande, Lesli Northup of Boise, Idaho, Tina and Jasen Carpenter of Marysville, California, William and Liz Green of Portland, Susan and John



## OBITUARIES

Thistlewood of Boise, Idaho, and Avery and Trevee Green of Portland; 18 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; and sisters, Lois Smith and Bonney Bryan.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Avery and Edna Green; sister, Doris Allen; granddaughter, Kimberly Christensen; and great-grandson, Austin Lisk.

Memorial donations may be made to Best Friends of Baker City in care of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home, P.O. Box 543, Halfway 97834.

Online condolences may be shared at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com).

### Kay Munsell

Formerly of La Grande

Kay Munsell, 92, formerly of La Grande, died Dec. 23 at St. Luke's Medical Center in Meridian, Idaho. A graveside memorial service will be held in the spring at Grandview Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Halfway. Online condolences may be shared at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com).

### Mary Crowell

La Grande

Mary Crowell, 80, of La Grande, died Dec. 21 at her home. Arrangements are under the direction of Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center.

### Gary E. Serrine

Elgin

Gary E. Serrine, 71, of Elgin, died Dec. 25 at a local care facility. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory

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**Dec. 28**  
**Nellie Lathrop:**  
11 a.m. memorial service, Joseph Baptist Church.

will be handling the arrangements.

### Bernard Sherwood

La Grande

Bernard Sherwood, 78, of La Grande, died Dec. 23 at his residence. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

### Evelyn I. McFetridge

La Grande

Evelyn Irene McFetridge, 75, died Dec. 15 in La Grande. A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Jan. 4, 2020, at St. Katherine's Catholic Church in Enterprise, with burial following. Arrangements are entrusted to Bollman Funeral Home.

## Nellie Elmorene (Bird) Lathrop, 89

May 24, 1930 - December 16, 2019



On December 16, 2019, Nellie Elmorene (Bird) Lathrop of Joseph went home to be with her Lord, joining her beloved husband Harold "Shorty" who passed away in 2005.

Nellie was born and raised in Wallowa County, a quintessential rancher's wife who served her family and the Lord Jesus Christ with all her heart. She was born on May 24, 1930 in Enterprise

to Henry and Estella Bird, growing up on Marr Flatt and Big Sheep Creek and attending one room school houses on Upper Prairie Creek and the Divide. After graduating from Joseph High School in 1948, she shared her love of learning with children, teaching five students at Day Ridge. During this time, she boarded with the Max Walker family, which is where she met her future husband, Shorty Lathrop, who was at that time ranching in partnership with the Walkers. They were married June 30, 1949.

Shorty and Nellie moved to Snake River in 1949 and ranched with Shorty's brother, Emra "Duke" Lathrop. They summered on Lord's Flat and wintered at the old Dorrance Place at Bean Creek. A son, Harold Michael "Mike", was born to them in 1950 while they were still ranching on Snake River. Soon after, they moved to Wallowa, where two daughters were born to them: Jeanne in 1951 and Linda in 1952. In 1953 they moved to a ranch outside Joseph on top of Sheep Creek Hill where son Robert "Bob" was born in 1954. In 1956 they made their final move to the bottom of Sheep Creek Hill. In 1965 they added a ranch on Joseph Creek and one on Zumalt, and from then on Nellie would spend her time split between the two properties, tending two homes and two gardens with great care.

Nellie was small but mighty, a whirlwind of energy and good cheer. Her family fondly remembers her delicious cooking and how her kitchen was the center of the ranch, always a place of warmth, safety, and love. She was famous for her pies, dinner rolls, baked ham, and canned cherries. Nellie was meticulously neat, organized, hard-working, and humble. She loved long walks on country roads and in the canyons with her dogs. She was an excellent listener and a fundamentally kind person. She was quick to remind her family about how important it is to honor the Lord Jesus Christ.

Nellie accepted Jesus as her Savior early on in her marriage, and her faith drew Shorty to the Lord soon after. As charter members and founders of Joseph Baptist Church, they served for many years. Nellie taught Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Good News Club, and children's church at Joseph Baptist Church for 45 years. Her kindness and patience with small children was legendary. Nellie was a woman who did many, many small things with great love.

Nellie is preceded in death by her brother Henry "Hank" Bird and sister Dorothy "Dot" Lathrop, and she is survived by her sister Suzanne "Susie" (Bird) Dryden. Nellie will be greatly missed by her children and their families; sons Bob and Mike (Annette), daughters Jeanne and Linda Botts (Rodney) all of Joseph, and her 7 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

### TUESDAY

La Grande police at 8:36 a.m. received a report of possible animal neglect on the 1500 block of 21st Street.

A La Grande caller at 1:13 p.m. reported losing a wedding ring and asked police to log the information.

The Union County Sheriff's Office received a report of a possible assault on the 10800 block of Walton Road, Island City.

A caller at 3:55 p.m. asked for extra police patrols due to suspicious activity on the 63200 block of Highway 203, La Grande.

La Grande police just before midnight cited two boys, one 11 and one 12, for violating curfew at Washington Avenue and Sixth Street. Police also cited the 11-year-old for possession of marijuana.

### WEDNESDAY

A caller at 8:47 a.m. reported an aggressive dog on the 1500 block of Hartsford Street, Elgin.

La Grande police at about 3:45 p.m. responded to the 1500 block of 26th Street for a car prowler. No one suspicious was there when police arrived.

Loud music at a home on the 2300 block of Jefferson Avenue, La Grande, prompted an argument and call to police at 10:05 p.m. Police responded and separated the disputing parties.

### THURSDAY

The Union County Sheriff's Office at 4:17 p.m. received a report about vandalism on the 74400 block of Highway 82, Elgin.

### FRIDAY

Oregon State Police arrested Zachary Aron Carter, 22, of Baker City, for unauthorized use of a vehicle, misdemeanor methamphetamine possession and felony meth delivery.

And, firefighters responded to nine calls for medical assistance on Thursday, eight on Wednesday five on Tuesday and 12 on Monday.

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