

OBITUARIES

Alidean (Chadwick) McMaster

Formerly of La Grande
1922-2019

Alidean McMaster, 97, of Utah and formerly of La Grande, died Dec. 29, 2019.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Jan. 11 at Sunrise Baptist Church in West Valley City, Utah.

Alidean was born Nov. 24, 1922, in La Grande, to Harold T. and Gladys (Ohms) Chadwick. She graduated from La Grande High School in 1939. After high school, Alidean attended what is now Eastern Oregon University for a short time and then worked for West Coast Telephone Company.

On Dec. 16, 1941, Alidean married her high school sweetheart, William E. McMaster. They had two children, Sherry Lynne and William Larry. In 1964, Alidean went to work for Williamson Insurance Service, from which she retired in 1983. In 2010, she moved to Salt Lake City, Utah, where she lived with dear family friends Judy and Kay Burrows. She considered them and Catherine L. Searles, Desmond Yamamura and Justin Yamamura to be family.

Alidean loved playing bridge and golfing with friends at the country club. She was a member of Soroptimist, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, Grande Ronde Hospital Auxiliary and Eastern Star. She was also a member of the La Grande Presbyterian Church and later attended Sunrise Baptist Church.

Survivors include four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Gladys; husband, William McMaster on Sept. 2, 1994; children, Sherry Lynne McMaster Bolton and William Larry McMaster; and sister, Berneva J. Brazeau.

Peter J. Mino

La Grande

Peter J. Mino, 62, of La Grande, died Jan. 2 at his residence. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

Dorothy 'Virginia' (Anderson) Linkenhoker

La Grande
1940-2019

Dorothy "Virginia" Linkenhoker, 79, died Dec. 28, 2019, at her home in La Grande. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Jan. 18 at the La Grande United Methodist Church, with pastor Taylor Gould officiating. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Known as Virginia, she was born Feb. 23, 1940, in La Grande, to George and Helen Anderson. Her journalism skills were revealed at the early age of 15, when she began writing obituaries for The Observer newspaper. After graduating from La Grande High School in 1958, Virginia attended the School of Journalism at the University of Oregon, graduating in 1962. Among other journalism jobs, she worked for the Daily Pilot in Orange County, California, and the Journal Gazette in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Virginia married Gene Young and they had one son, Scott Young of California. The marriage ended in divorce. In 1976, she married Rick Linkenhoker. The couple lived in California, Indiana and La Grande during their 43 years together.

Virginia was an active member of the United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Women, Chapter DK of PEO, Quilt Therapy and UFO (Unfinished Objects). She created beautiful quilts. Virginia loved to read, watch football and basketball, especially the University of Oregon Ducks, and travel with Rick. They enjoyed serving as camp hosts at the California coast for five winters.

Surviving relatives include

her husband, Rick Linkenhoker; son, Scott Young, step-daughter, Suzanne Fedullo, and their spouses; and seven grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the La Grande United Methodist Women or a charity of choice, in care of Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, 1502 Seventh St., La Grande 97850.

Harley Greenlee

La Grande

Harley Greenlee, 82, of La Grande, died Dec. 31, 2019, at his home. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

Donna M. Johnson

Cove

Donna M. Johnson, 84, of Cove, died Dec. 31, 2019, at a care facility. A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Jan. 6 at the Cove Baptist Church. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory is handling the arrangements.

UPCOMING FUNERALS AND VISITATIONS
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**Jan. 4
Delpha Hamann:**

11 a.m. memorial service, La Grande First Presbyterian Church.

Evelyn McFetridge:

11 a.m. funeral, St. Katherine's Catholic Church, Enterprise; burial follows.

Ehrman Bates:

11 a.m. memorial service, La Grande First Baptist Church.

**Jan. 6
Donna Johnson:**

2 p.m. funeral service, Cove Baptist Church.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

TUESDAY

La Grande police at 8:05 a.m. received a report of a burglary on the 100 block of 20th Street.

La Grande police at about 8:45 a.m. responded to a report of vandalism on the 100 block of Depot Street.

A caller at 9:07 a.m. reported an aggressive dog on the 100 block of Depot Street, La Grande.

A caller at 9:36 a.m. reported the theft of a vehicle from Gordon Creek Road, Elgin.

A Cove resident at 11:59 a.m. reported a burglary on the 69500 block of Lantz Lane.

La Grande police at about 3 p.m. responded to a domestic disturbance on the 2200 block of Jefferson Avenue. The people involved were arguing, and the male party left before officers arrived.

A caller on the 1800 block of 26th Street, La Grande, reported being the victim of verbal abuse. But before dispatch could relay the call to police, the caller reported the situation was resolved.

The Union County Sheriff's Office at 9:03 p.m. received a report of a possible sex crime in Elgin.

La Grande police at about 10:20 p.m. responded to a vehicle crash at Adams and Island avenues. Police arrested one person for misdemeanor driving while suspended.

La Grande police arrested

Tonya Leann Robinson, 19, for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

WEDNESDAY

A La Grande caller on the 100 block of First Street reported loud fireworks at 1:48 a.m.

La Grande police at 9:50 a.m. and again at 8:59 p.m. received complaints about telephonic harassment.

A caller at 9:59 a.m. reported a possibly intoxicated driver on the 2600 block of Island Avenue, La Grande. Police found the vehicle but there was nothing to indicate any intoxicants.

La Grande police at 12:07 p.m. received a report of a traffic hazard at May Lane and Watson Road. Police contacted the city's public works staff, who removed the hazard.

The Elgin Rural Fire Protection District at about 4:50 p.m. responded to a report of a fire on the 72600 block of Gordon Creek Road.

La Grande police at 5:23 p.m. received a report of an assault that occurred Tuesday. An officer responded and took a report.

A caller at 6:31 p.m. reported a snowmobile in the ditch on Blackhawk Trail Lane, La Grande.

A La Grande caller on the 1400 block of Progress Loop reported their pit bull dog and husky were missing and neither have collars.

An Elgin resident at 7:29 p.m. reported a problem with a neighbor on the 73300 block of Gordon Creek Road. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded.

THURSDAY

An Elgin caller at 7:55 a.m. on the 700 block of 14th Avenue reported two missing horses.

The Union County Sheriff's Office at 9:38 a.m. received a report of possible animal neglect on the 200 block of North Main Street, Union.

A resident of the 1500 block of Columbus Street, Elgin at 2:02 p.m. reported a burglary. The Union County Sheriff's Office took a report.

A North Power caller at 7:38 p.m. reported intimidation and threats. The person then came to law enforcement office, La Grande, and received help. A similar report came in at 8:52 p.m. from the 2400 block of Riddle Road, La Grande. That caller asked law enforcement to log the information.

FRIDAY

A La Grande caller on the 1200 block of Adams Avenue reported possible animal cruelty. An officer contacted the person and explained options.

And firefighters responded to six calls for medical assistance on Thursday and four on Wednesday.

UC Cattlemen plan business meeting

ISLAND CITY — The Union County Cattlemen will have a business meeting at 7 p.m. Monday at the Ag Service Center, 10507 N. McAlister Road, Island City. The meeting is open to the public. For more information, contact Pat Larson, secretary, at 541-963-9387.

La Grande City Council discusses audits, more

LA GRANDE — The La Grande City Council meets Monday for a work session and then Wednesday for its regular meeting. Both meetings begin at 6 p.m. at city hall, 1000 Adams Ave.

During the work session, Rod Tremper and Cassandra Headley of the Pendleton accounting firm Dickey and Tremper will present the 2018-19 audits of the city and the Urban Renewal Agency. The city council doubles as the policy body for the agency.

During the meeting Wednesday, the council considers approving a taxicab license, the transfer of police cars to the city of Enterprise and subdivision plat.

Department of Agriculture seeks feedback

PORTLAND — The Oregon Department of Agriculture is seeking feedback on its Farm to School Equipment and Infrastructure Grant Program at an upcoming meeting in Portland.

The state ag department in an announcement explained the goal of the competitive grant program is to provide financial resources for Oregon farmers, ranchers, seafood harvesters and processors who have specific equipment and infrastructure needs and who intend to sell food produced or processed in Oregon to any of the following food sponsors: a school district participating in the National School Lunch Program, a provider of center-based programs for children in the Child and Adult Care Food Program, or an entity that provides meals through the Summer Food Service Program.

The meeting, held from 1-3 p.m. Tuesday at the Food Innovation Center, 1207 NW Naito Parkway, Portland, aims to give the public the opportunity to learn about and provide feedback on the grant program. If you cannot attend in person, you can call the conference line at 888-557-8511 and follow the prompts to use participant No. 6582870.

To review the grant details and materials, visit the agriculture department's Farm to School webpage: www.oregon.gov/ODA/programs/MarketAccess/Pages/FarmtoSchool.asp. For additional information or questions, contact Amy Gilroy, Farm to School program manager; at agilroy@oda.state.or.us or 503-709-5360.

Charity drive continues to thrive

JOSEPH — The annual Community Bank Charity Drive resulted in a total of \$23,357 to charities in northeast Oregon and southeast Washington.

The bank, with headquarters in Joseph, conducted the drive in its branches from November through Dec. 20. The bank matches donations at 50 cents on each dollar, with a maximum match amount of \$500 per branch.

The drive provided Community Connection Food Bank nearly \$7,000 from the Enterprise, Joseph and Wallowa branches. The Elgin Food Bank received \$2,176; CASA of Eastern

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Oregon received \$1,896 from the bank's La Grande locations; and Made to Thrive, a Hermiston organization for improving the lives of children, received \$1,716 in support of its programs.

Helping Hands Rescue in Clarkston, Washington, received \$1,650; Children's Home Society Parents as Teachers Program in the Walla Walla area received \$1,037; the two food banks in Baker City received \$759 each; and Altrusa's Feed the Child program in Pendleton received \$450.

The Milton-Freewater City Light and Power Energy Assistance Program through The Salvation Army received \$5,824, making it the most supported program this year. The city of Milton-Freewater also matched the dollar-for-dollar total, increasing the donation to more than \$11,000 for the program.

During the past decade, the Community Bank Charity Drive has provided more than \$217,000 to charities in the region.

Book club welcomes new members

LA GRANDE — Page Turners, the library's book club for adults, will next meet Jan. 14 to discuss Alice Hoffman's "The World That We Knew." The book club meets the second Tuesday of the month in the Archives Room of Cook Memorial Library, 2006 Fourth St., La Grande. New members are welcome. Call the library at 541-962-1339 for more information.

'Love and Logic' parenting series starts soon

LA GRANDE — The Union County Family Law Committee is offering seven weeks of classes on "Parenting with Love and Logic." Participants can learn how to set limits for children, remove anger from discipline and strategies for helping children learn responsible behavior among other topics. The classes are Wednesdays 6-8 p.m. beginning Jan. 15 at 810 14th St. (the Head Start Building), La Grande. Mary Lu Pierce, mediator and retired middle school counselor, is the class facilitator. To register, call Pierce at 541-910-4004. The cost is \$10 per person for the workbook. Child care is available for free, but space is limited and will be awarded at the time of registration.

December warmer, drier than normal in La Grande

LA GRANDE — The National Weather Service in Pendleton reported preliminary data show La Grande was warmer and drier than normal during December.

The average temperature was 34.1 degrees, which was 3.5 above normal. High temperatures averaged 41.4 degrees, which was 3.8 degrees above normal. Low temperatures averaged 26.8 degrees, which was 3.1 degrees above normal. The highest temperature of the month was 51 on Dec. 22, and the low was 8 on Dec. 3. Low tempera-

tures dropped below 32 on 23 days, but the highs stayed below the freezing point only one day out of the month.

Precipitation totaled .96 inches during December, which was .70 inches below normal. Nine days had measurable precipitation — at least .01 inch — and the most, .23 inches, fell Dec. 3. For 2019, La Grande's precipitation totaled 19.26 inches, which is 2.74 inches above normal. Since October, the water year precipitation at La Grande has been 3.09 inches, which is 1.89 inches below normal.

Snowfall totaled 1.2 inches with at least 1 inch of snow reported on one day. The heaviest snowfall was 1.2 inches on Dec. 16.

The highest wind gust was 43 mph on Dec. 17.

The outlook for January from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Climate Prediction Center calls for below normal temperatures and near normal precipitation. Normal highs for La Grande during January are 38.4 degrees, and normal lows are 24.5 degrees. The 30-year normal precipitation is 1.63 inches.

Northeast Oregon Housing Authority receives more than \$100,000

LA GRANDE — The U.S. Housing and Urban Development awarded \$105,024 to the Northeast Oregon Housing Authority, La Grande, to help families become more self-sufficient. This award is part of HUD's national award of \$80 million to support education and employment among HUD-assisted families. Agencies in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington received \$5.5 million.

The Family Self-sufficiency funding helps local public housing authorities hire service coordinators to connect residents with programs and services in the local community. The Northeast Oregon Housing Authority services Union, Baker, Grant and Wallowa counties. HUD Northwest Regional Administrator Jeff McMorris in the news release stated the grants will continue the effort of helping residents afford the training, education and resources they need and want to live independently.

Register now for concealed handgun and firearms safety class

LA GRANDE — The Union County Sheriff's Office is taking registration for a concealed handgun and firearms safety class to take place Jan. 25 at 1109 K Ave., La Grande. The class will run from 8 a.m. to around 12:30 p.m. and costs \$50 (cash or check only, due at the time of the class). Class size is limited, and pre-registration is required by calling the sheriff's office at 541-963-1017, option 2 and 3. Participants must have a valid driver's license or state-issued identification card and will not be allowed to bring weapons or ammunition to the classroom.

UNION COUNTY SENIOR CENTER MENU**1504 ALBANY ST., LA GRANDE**

Jan. 6-10; lunch served 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

age 60+ \$3 suggested donation; others \$6

Monday: warm chicken and cheese wraps, potato salad, chips, fruit.

Tuesday: pork fried rice, pork tenders, egg rolls, steamed broccoli, Oriental salad, fortune cookies.

Wednesday: fried chicken, baked apples, mashed potatoes and gravy, Brussels sprouts, Jell-O, rolls, cake.

Thursday: handcrafted pizza, salad greens, fresh fruit, cookies.

Friday: taco salad, chips, tortilla soup, flan.

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