

## COMMUNITY

## Meetings

• ISLAND CITY — Union County Cattleman will meet Monday at 7 p.m. at the Ag Service Center, 10507 N. McAlister Road, Island City. The meeting will include a discussion about the management of wolves, deer, elk, bear and cougar. A business meeting will follow.

• COVE — The Cove City Council plans to discuss a proposal for a ditch ordinance, school water and sewer fees and more when it meets Tuesday at Cove City Hall, 504 Alder. A work session begins at 6 p.m., followed by a regular council meeting at 7 p.m.

## Briefs

## Trivia event benefits Elgin's museum

ELGIN — The Elgin Museum and Historical Society is sponsoring a Trivia Night and Silent Auction Friday, March 13, featuring teams of five competing for bragging rights. The cost of \$10 per team member includes snacks. Teams must sign up by March 11 by contacting Gerald Hopkins at 541-534-4390. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Elgin Community Center. Spectators are encouraged and the community is invited to take advantage of the silent auction. Proceeds from the evening will go to the museum's general fund to pay for maintenance and programs.

## Learn about growing vegetables at Master Gardener class

ISLAND CITY — The Oregon State University Master Gardener program's individual classes are open to the community for \$5 each. On Tuesday, Cindy Edwards from Folly Farm in Cove will teach a class on vegetable gardening from 5:30-8:30 p.m. This class will be held in the conference room at the OSU-Union County Extension Office, 10507 N. McAlister Road, Island City. For more information and to RSVP for classes, call the Extension Office at 541-963-1010.

## Tickets on sale for Angel Fund dinner

LA GRANDE — A spaghetti feed fundraiser for the Angel Fund will be held Thursday, March 12, from 5-7 p.m. in the La Grande High School Commons, 708 K Ave. The event is hosted by RE/MAX Real Estate Team to support the Angel Fund, which provides assistance to homeless and unaccompanied youth in the La Grande School District. Tickets are \$7, \$4 for age 11 and younger. Pre-ordering tickets is encouraged. To purchase tickets, call RE/MAX at 541-963-1000 or stop by the office at 1214 1/2 Adams Ave., La Grande, between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## Child care survey conducted

LA GRANDE — With the upcoming closure of Kids Club, Community Connection of Northeast Oregon has launched a survey in order to understand the local child care needs of working parents and pursue alternatives. Those who use child care or will be needing it soon are asked to complete the short survey at [www.research.net/r/L38HM3W](http://www.research.net/r/L38HM3W).

## Missing Hermiston woman's family still hoping for information

HERMISTON — It has been almost four months since Graciela Garcia of Hermiston went missing, but her children haven't given up sharing her picture far and wide. They hope others won't give up either.

The Hermiston hairstylist, 49, went missing Nov. 8, 2019.

Her daughter, Gabby Bautista, said not knowing what happened has been extremely

difficult and overwhelming.

"People have wanted to do a search, but we don't think that would work, because we don't know where to search," she said. "She could be in another state."

Hermiston Police Chief Jason Edmiston said Garcia's husband reported she was seen at home on Nov. 8, and another person corroborated she was in Hermiston that day. Since then, no one has reported hearing from her, and her vehicle and possessions were

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left behind.

Edmiston said her disappearance is "incredibly suspicious" and the investigation is ongoing. Police are following the evidence to determine whether foul play was involved.

## Merkley launches coronavirus resource page for Oregonians

WASHINGTON — Oregon U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley announced his office launched a new webpage for Oregonians

seeking information about the coronavirus, or COVID-19. The page includes the number of cases in Oregon, information on risk of exposure, prevention, treatment and more.

Merkley created [www.merkley.senate.gov/coronavirus](http://www.merkley.senate.gov/coronavirus) after hearing concerns from Oregonians at recent town halls about the spread of the virus, according to a news release from the senator, and where they could get reliable information. The news that a person in California may be

the first case of "community spread" in the United States also prompted the launch.

"I take the safety of Oregonians and Americans incredibly seriously, which is why I am calling for immediate action from Congress and the White House," Merkley said. "As developments unfold, my team and I will update this page with new information, and I will continue to fight for the funding and urgency this public health issue requires."

## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

## THURSDAY

An Elgin caller at 8:23 a.m. reported coming across counterfeit money. A Union County sheriff's deputy contacted the caller and took information. Less than 20 minutes later, a La Grande caller also reported a counterfeit bill. Police also took a report.

An Elgin resident on the 71400 block of Palmer Junction Road at 5:50 p.m. reported a dog bit someone.

La Grande police arrested Rebecca Ann Loehr, 31, of

La Grande, for trespassing and then on a Marion County warrant for shoplifting and on three Walla Walla County warrants for vehicle theft.

## FRIDAY

The Union County Sheriff's Office arrested Michael Owen Del-pierre, 46, of Union, for violating parole, second-degree burglary and third-degree theft.

And La Grande firefighters responded to 13 calls for medical assistance on Thursday and 10 on Wednesday.

## Vehicle rollover



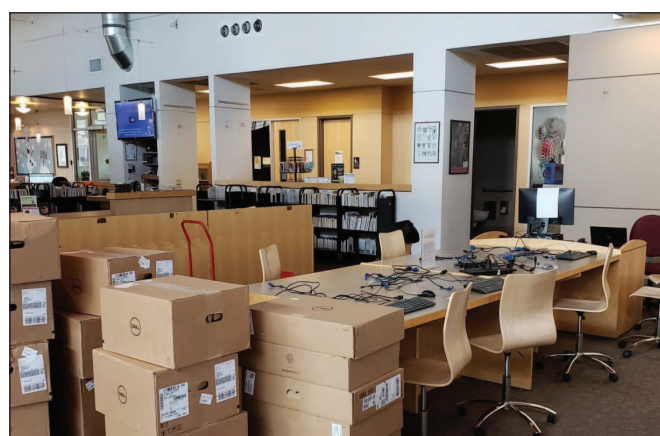
Contributed photo from La Grande Police Department

LA GRANDE — La Grande police responded to a vehicle crash Friday at about 6 a.m. on Island Avenue near the intersection with Interstate 84.

Dorothea May, 51, of La Grande, fell asleep while driving a 2005 Ford Focus, according to a news release from the police department. Traveling east, the car veered left where it hit the curb on the north edge of the road and rolled onto its top on the sidewalk.

Police cited May for driving with a suspended license. No one was injured.

## New computers for La Grande library



Contributed photo from Cook Memorial Library

LA GRANDE — Cook Memorial Library's new computers arrived this week thanks to the Oregon Community Foundation. Four separate funds under the foundation's umbrella made this grant possible

for the La Grande library: Jerome S. and Barbara Bischoff Library Sub-fund (\$6,400), Robert W. Chandler Fund (\$5,000), Keane Family Fund (\$5,000) and Northeast Oregon Heritage Fund (\$600).

## OBITUARIES

## Melvin J. Nedrow

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Melvin J. Nedrow, 84, of Wallowa, died Feb. 24 at the Alpine House in Joseph. A graveside service will be held March 3 at 2 p.m. at the Wallowa Cemetery. Bollman Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements.

Melvin was born June 12, 1935, in Union, to Willard and Rose (Nelson) Nedrow. He lived in Union until his family moved to Wallowa County.

Melvin attended the Wallowa Christian Church and worked different jobs, including ranching, farming and mowing lawns. He loved to listen to music and spent a lot of his days socializing with friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

## Elizabeth Cheeseman

La Grande

Elizabeth Cheeseman, 88, of La Grande, died Feb. 27 at her residence. Loveland Funeral Chapel &

Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

## UPCOMING FUNERALS AND VISITATIONS

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## March 7

**Richard Churchill:**  
2 p.m. celebration of life, Elgin Stampede Hall.

**Cherry Zacharias:**

11 a.m. funeral, Enterprise First Baptist Church;  
2 p.m. vault interment, Joseph Cemetery.

## March 9

**Delores Weathermon:**

10 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial, Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, La Grande.

## Cook Memorial Library adds Reading Room

Announcing the new SageCat app for iOS and Android. Download the free app and use it to search the catalog, renew books, place holds and have your library card available digitally.

Come enjoy our new Reading Room. With \$1 coffee or tea, new magazines to browse or check out, and a variety of seating options, it's the perfect space for a quiet moment with a book or working on a laptop.

Help us stock our Little Free Pantry, the small shelving unit at our Fourth Street entrance where you can take what you need or give what you can. We accept all non-perishable, unexpired, labeled food items and personal hygiene products.

Harvest Share is Tuesdays, starting around 10 a.m. and concluding at noon or until the produce runs out. Free produce for everyone is provided by Community Connection and the OHSU School of Nursing. Harvest Share continues through March 10.

Sign up for our free streaming services: Kanopy for films, Freegal for music, Freeding for always available e-books, and OverDrive and Libby for e-books and audiobooks.



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Use Library Elf to corral all your family's cards in one place, receive renewal and hold notifications, and auto renew eligible items (choose this option when registering your account). Choose Cook Memorial Library from the library list at [libraryelf.com](http://libraryelf.com) to register.

Children's events include Storytime on Fridays at 3:30 p.m.; Baby Tot Bop, for those 3 years old and younger, on Thursdays at 10:20 a.m.; and Toddler Time, for ages 14 months to 4 years, on Mondays at 10:20 a.m. Check out our GO-STEM kits, part of the "Greater Oregon Science, Technology, and Math," regional partnership with EOU. Blocks Rock! STEM kits are also available.

Children 5 years old and younger can be signed up online or at the library for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Participants receive a free book in the mail each month through their fifth birthday. Also for children 5 and younger, Ready2Learn library cards are available.

Teen book clubs meet,

March 5 at 4 p.m. Contact Celine for details. Tangled Poems are the iCraft on March 20 at 4 p.m. Teen events are free and open to those in middle and high school.

Yoga Refresh, taught by Liv Westenskow, is Mondays at 9:10 a.m. This free weekly class is perfect for any level. Ballet Basics for adults is a free class for beginners on Tuesdays from 12:10 p.m.-1 p.m.

March 13 is Foreign Film Friday. We will be screening the Nigerian/U.S. film "Mother of George" at 4 p.m. Films are not rated and content may not be appropriate for all ages.

The next Page Turners book club for adults is March 10 at 1 p.m. The book for discussion is the award-winning novel "There There" by Tommy Orange.

Library hours are Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, noon to 6 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit us at 2006 Fourth St., La Grande, or call us at 541-962-1339. Find out more at [cookmemoriallibrary.org](http://cookmemoriallibrary.org) and our Facebook page (Cook Memorial Library-La Grande, OR).

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