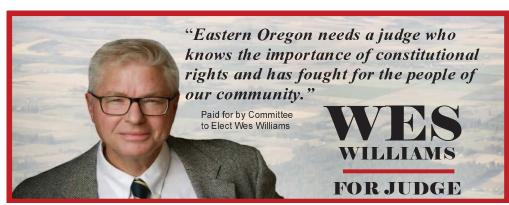
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Diminishing the stigma

Privileged Campus Advocate provides EOU with confidential, on-campus resource for sexual and dating violence

By Audrey Love

The Observer

One in four women and one in 16 men report being sexually assaulted while in college, according to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center. The statistics surrounding sexual violence on university campuses are a grim reminder of the realities many students encounter — and most don't report their assault or receive victim services following their experience.

Eastern Oregon University is taking steps to diminish barriers to reporting sexual and dating violence through the addition of a Privileged Campus Advocate, an oncampus Shelter From the Storm employee available to students, faculty and staff as a confidential resource for those impacted by abuse.

"A lot of times (victims)

November

By Max Denning

Supporters of the Union

County Ballot Measure

the Second Amendment

Preservation Ordinance,

will pass. The measure

seeks to expand the

are confident the measure

definition of firearms and

prohibit the enforcement

manufacture, sale and

The Second Amend-

Ordinance is on the ballot

in Union County and nine

other counties in Oregon.

Preservation ordinances

have already been made

law in Wheeler, Wallowa,

Curry and Coos coun-

ties. Wallowa County

was the first to pass the

ordinance in 2013. The

ment Preservation

possession.

of laws that regulate their

32-96, also known as

The Observer

Second Amendment

activists gather support for

preservation ordinance

■ Measure 32-96 on the ballot in

might be fearful of reporting or accidentally triggering an investigation, and that's what I'm here for," said Tyana Musrasrik, the university's Privileged Campus Advocate, a newly formed position made possible through the Victims of Crime Act grant awarded to EOU. "They can come speak with me (and) get emotional support."

Colleen Dunne-Cascio, Title IX coordinator and director of student relations at EOU, worked to secure grant funding from the Oregon Department of Justice Victims of Crime Act through collaboration with local advocacy agency Shelter From the Storm, a local organization that supports individuals impacted by domestic abuse, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking. The 30-month competi-

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ordinance was originally

written by Leo Castillo, a

Union County resident,

and since then has been

effort to pass preservation

Rob Taylor, a Coos County

resident and activist who

com. Taylor was the chief

initiative in 2015 in Coos

Taylor said his Second

runs the website www.

cooscountywatchdog.

petitioner for a ballot

County, which passed

cent of the vote.

with more than 60 per-

Amendment preserva-

tion efforts began when

the Oregon Legislature

introduced Senate Bill

941 in 2015, known as the

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"Oregon Firearms Safety

Act," which adds the re-

ordinances statewide is

Now helping an

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Matt Orthmann, of Orthmann Ironworks, has been working to resurrect the iconic clock that was situated on Adams Avenue for decades. Below is a photo of the original clock with the eye on top of it, advertising for Dr. George Birnie's optometry business.

■ City of La Grande works to resurrect an iconic clock from the 1920s

By Cherise Kaechele

Soon community members in La Grande will be able to see an iconic clock come back in its original though slightly improved — glory.

This 100-year-old clock used to sit on Adams Avenue. In the 1970s, it was struck by a vehicle and the clock face split in two. The base of the clock stood in its stead until 2015 when it was removed completely. This month, after years of planning its restoration, it will make its return and be installed in front of City Hall.

The clock was originally owned by a La Grande optometrist, according to City of La Grande Economic Development Director Christine Jarski, who inherited the restoration project when she stepped into her role.

"Dr. (George) Birnie moved (the clock) from Canada to La Grande. It was an advertisement for his optometry and jewelry store," she said.

The "advertisement" was an eyeball on the top of the clock. More than a decade after its installation in the 1920s. Dr. Birnie moved his business and the clock. At that point, she said, the clock lost its eye and a light replaced it.

That's the model the new clock will have, she said.

"Finding (the clock) was like put-

ting a puzzle together," Jarski said. Local business owner and welder Matt Orthmann, who owns Orthmann Ironworks, had part of the clock in his shop. He was given part of the clock face that had been in disrepair since the face had been stored outside on a farm for decades.

"It became more of a paperweight," Orthmann said of the face. "It was such a beautiful piece of history,

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Increased enrollment in Wallowa County school districts

By Dick Mason

The Observer

Not one of Wallowa County's four school districts has fewer students this year than last year.

Enrollment is up from 2017-18 in the Enterprise, Joseph and Wallowa school districts and unchanged in

the Troy School District.

Leading the enrollment charge is the Joseph School District, which has 257 students, up 26 from last year.

Joseph School District Superintendent Lance Homan credits much of the 10 percent increase to a large kindergarten class of

24 students, which replaced a small graduating senior class of about 12 students.

Homan said this year's enrollment increase was spread evenly throughout the district's grades.

The total includes seven students at the district's Imnaha School, which is

for students in kindergarten through eighth grade. Homan said this is the highest enrollment Imnaha School has had since he became superintendent in

Imnaha students are among 181 students the See Wallowa / Page 5A

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