

COMMUNITY

Meetings

• **BAKER CITY** — The regional chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution meet Friday, Nov. 13, at the Sunridge Inn, Baker City. A no-host lunch begins at 11 a.m., followed by a meeting at noon. Face masks are required as you enter and leave the meeting and restaurant. This meeting is open to those who are interested in becoming a member of DAR.

Briefs

Blood drive scheduled
LA GRANDE — An American Red Cross blood drive is planned for Nov. 17-18 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1802 Gekeler Lane, La Grande. Hours are noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18. For an appointment, call Linda Strand at 541-963-4261 or go to www.redcrossblood.org.

OBITUARIES

Dowell McLaughlin

Elgin
 Dowell Leung McLaughlin, 48, of Elgin, died Nov. 9 at Grande Ronde Hospital. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Ozie D. Smith

Cove
 Ozie D. Smith, 89, of Cove, died Nov. 6 at a local care facility. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

La Grande's first snowfall sticks around



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Snow covers Fourth Street near downtown La Grande after the first snowfall of the season that stuck around Sunday, Nov. 8, 2020. The National Weather Service out of Pendleton has forecasted a mix of rain and snow for Tuesday, a chance of snow Wednesday and partially sunny weather Thursday. Snow, however, has a chance of returning Friday.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

FRIDAY, NOV. 6

7:42 a.m. — A caller reported an aggressive dog running in the area of the 2600 block of Second Street, La Grande. Officers checked the area but did not find the dog.
 12:02 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a report of a burglary at a business on the 800 block of Eighth Street, Elgin. A deputy will follow up.
 1:33 p.m. — A caller reported a residential burglary on the 1800 block of Highway 204, Elgin. A Union County sheriff's deputy took a report.
 4:54 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 500 block of Fourth Street on a report of a domestic disturbance. Officers separated the parties and found the situation did not rise to the level of a crime.
 6:32 p.m. — La Grande police received multiple 911 hang-up calls. An officer responded to the address where the calls came from and counseled a juvenile.
 11:22 p.m. — La Grande police responded to a noise complaint at a home at Fir Street and V Avenue. The residents told police they would turn down their music.

SATURDAY, NOV. 7

11:27 a.m. — La Grande police received a report of criminal mistreatment on the 1800 block of 26th Street. An officer took a report.
 1:11 p.m. — A caller reported a burglary at a business on the 2200 block of 26th Street, La Grande. An officer responded and took a report.
 6:57 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1800 block of Adams Avenue on a report of a domestic disturbance. Officers separated the parties.
 8:20 p.m. — The Union

County Sheriff's Office received a complaint about a loud party on Bates Lane, Union. Deputies warned the subjects for trespassing.
 10:02 p.m. — A caller complained about loud music from a residence on the 1600 block of Albany Street, La Grande. An officer responded and the neighbor agreed to turn down the music. But the caller reported it again. An officer responded again and found the subject had turned the music down. The officer explained options to the caller.
SUNDAY, NOV. 8
 10:07 a.m. — A caller reported animal abuse on the 800 block of West Delta Street, Union. The animal enforcement officer took information.
 1:36 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1400 block of Jefferson Avenue on a report of an assault. Police took a report.
 5:28 p.m. — A caller reported a traffic crash at Mount Glenn and Leffel roads, La Grande. A Union County sheriff's deputy notified the public works department about damage to a stop sign.
 8:25 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of a possible sex crime. Officers responded and determined the subject was experiencing mental health issues.
 8:26 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received multiple 911 calls and disconnections from the 700 block of North Ninth Street, Elgin. A deputy responded and found the situation was OK.
 9:56 p.m. — A caller on the 2400 block of Riddle Road, La Grande, reported a possible assault. A deputy made contact, took information and will follow up.

EOU colloquium series returns

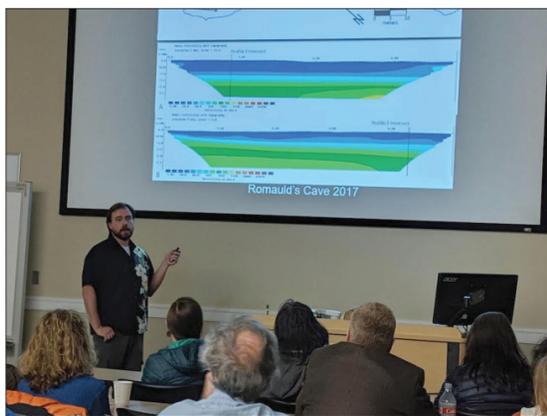
By Sabrina Thompson
 The Observer

LA GRANDE — Eastern Oregon University professors are opening their lectures to the public in a newly reinstated colloquium series. Wilson Zehr, a business administration professor at the university, will present the first of 11 lectures beginning Thursday, Nov. 12, at 4 p.m. via Zoom.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for other faculty and staff, as well as the community, to get a glimpse of the research being done at EOU," colloquium coordinator Kelly McNeil said. "We all teach classes but not often do we get to see and hear about the unique and inspiring research that EOU faculty are participating in. I think it's a great opportunity for the community to see the high-end projects and research that is being done in their community."

Zehr will lecture about his research on how organizations use different forms of innovation to establish market leadership.

"Research on innovation has traditionally focused on technology applied to product or process innovation. Yet, we can see examples where the best technology does not prevail," Zehr said about his



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Eastern Oregon University associate professor of anthropology Rory Becker discusses his research about human-Neanderthal contact in the Northern Adriatic Region on Feb. 13, 2020, as part of EOU's Colloquium series. This season, which begins Nov. 12, the series is virtual.

MORE INFORMATION

• Join in the lecture with Zoom Meeting ID 969 6251 8972 on the second Thursday of the month.

presentation. "If our goal is market leadership, then which forms of innovation should we consider? Which forms of innovation have the highest likelihood of success? How does this change over time as the market evolves?"

Zehr said he is happy to open his lecture to the community.

"In this type of forum, a colloquium, there is an initial presentation," Zehr said. "This is required for

level-setting as we do not all have the same training or specialties. However, there is time for questions and discussion here too. In an ideal world, the conversation does not end when people leave the room. It should just serve as a starting point for further discussion, discovery, and application moving forward."

The colloquium series will continue on the second Thursday of each month.

Enterprise school bond, Joseph marijuana pass

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ENTERPRISE — Enterprise School District voters passed a \$4 million levy Tuesday, Nov. 3, approving the funds to conduct repairs at the school district — funds that will be matched.

"I am incredibly grateful for our community's support and their investment in their schools," Superintendent Erika Pinkerton said.

The bond won with nearly 57% of the vote with 1,222 yes votes to 927 no votes.

The money raised through a bond will pay for what Pinkerton called a much-needed roof as well as other repairs to make the school more accessible and safer for students, staff and visitors. The bond also will

pay for asbestos abatement, remodeled locker rooms and updates to the science rooms. Much of the work will begin as early as next summer.

The city of Joseph overwhelmingly passed ballot measure 32-004, placing a 3% tax on marijuana sales within the city.

The initial count saw the measure winning with about 73% of the vote, 575-211.

The county voted with the state in supporting Measures 107 and 108, and voted against the rest of the state in voting down Measures 109 and 110. All four measures passed the state.

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