

TODAY

On Nov. 6, 1860, former Illinois congressman Abraham Lincoln of the Republican Party was elected President of the United States as he defeated John Breckinridge, John Bell and Stephen Douglas.

In 1632, King Gustavus Adolphus of Sweden was killed in battle.

In 1893, composer Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky died in St. Petersburg, Russia, at age 53.

In 1906, Republican Charles Evans Hughes was elected governor of New York, defeating newspaper publisher William Randolph Hearst.

In 1928, in a first, the results of Republican Herbert Hoover's presidential election victory over Democrat Alfred E. Smith were flashed onto an electric wraparound sign on the New York Times building.

In 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower won reelection, defeating Democrat Adlai E. Stevenson.

In 1977, 39 people were killed when the Kelly Barnes Dam in Georgia burst, sending a wall of water through Toccoa Falls College.

In 1984, President Ronald Reagan won re-election by a landslide over former Vice President Walter Mondale, the Democratic challenger.

In 1990, about one-fifth of the Universal Studios backlot in southern California was destroyed in an arson fire.

In 2012, President Barack Obama was elected to a second term of office, defeating Republican challenger Mitt Romney.

In 2014, the march toward same-sex marriage across the U.S. hit a roadblock when a federal appeals court upheld laws against the practice in four states: Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky and Tennessee. (A divided U.S. Supreme Court overturned the laws in June 2015.)

In 2015, President Barack Obama rejected the proposed Keystone XL pipeline, declaring it would undercut U.S. efforts to clinch a global climate change deal at the center of his environmental legacy. (President Donald Trump would reverse the Obama decision, but President Joe Biden canceled the permit for the pipeline on the day he took office.)

In 2017, former Democratic congressman Anthony Weiner reported to prison in Massachusetts to begin a 21-month sentence for sexting with a 15-year-old girl.

One year ago: Democrat Joe Biden overtook President Donald Trump in Georgia as the counting of votes continued in the battleground state; Biden also expanded his lead over Trump in Pennsylvania and Nevada. The federal agency that oversees U.S. election security pushed back at unsubstantiated claims of voter fraud in a statement, saying that local election offices had detection measures that "make it highly difficult to commit fraud through counterfeit ballots."

Today's Birthdays: Actor June Squibb is 92. Country singer Stonewall Jackson is 89. Singer P.J. Proby is 83. Actor Sally Field is 75. Singer Rory Block is 72. Jazz musician Arturo Sandoval is 72. TV host Catherine Crier is 67. News correspondent and former California first lady Maria Shriver is 66. Actor Lori Singer is 64. Actor Lance Kerwin is 61. Former Education Secretary Arne Duncan is 57. Rock singer Corey Glover is 57. Actor Brad Grunberg is 57. Actor Peter DeLuise is 55. Actor Kelly Rutherford is 53. Actor Ethan Hawke is 51. Chef/TV judge Marcus Samuelsson is 51. Actor Thandie Newton (formerly Thandie) is 49. Model-actor Rebecca Romijn is 49. Actor Zoe McLellan is 47. Actor Nicole Dubuc is 43. Actor Taryn Manning is 43. Retired NBA star Lamar Odom is 42. Actor Patina Miller is 37. Actor Katie Leclerc is 35. Singer-songwriter Ben Rector is 35. Singer-songwriter Robert Ellis is 33. Actor Emma Stone is 33. Actor Mercedes Kastner is 32.

LOTTERY

Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2021

Megabucks

10-19-21-24-25-28

Jackpot: \$5.3 million

Lucky Lines

4-7-9-15-18-24-26-29

Estimated jackpot: \$30,000

Powerball

1-2-24-50-57

Powerball: 26

Power Play: 2

Jackpot: \$146 million

Win for Life

19-24-42-74

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 7-1-0-2

4 p.m.: 5-6-2-6

7 p.m.: 7-1-3-8

10 p.m.: 6-4-7-0

Thursday, Nov. 4, 2021

Lucky Lines

4-7-11-16-17-22-27-29

Jackpot: \$31,000

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 1-7-2-7

4 p.m.: 6-4-0-2

7 p.m.: 0-2-8-0

10 p.m.: 8-2-6-2

County club hopes to establish bicycle playground in Enterprise

By **BILL BRADSHAW**

Wallowa County Chieftain

ENTERPRISE — Public parks to accommodate fun on wheels seem to be a growing concern these days. First, the Enterprise Skate Park was refurbished. Then plans were announced for a bicycle playground in Wallowa.

Now, a Wallowa County club is hoping to get approval — and funding — for an Enterprise Bike Park that would include a pump track and possibly more sometime next year.

According to www.bicycling.com, a pump track is a looped sequence of rollers and berms (swoopy, banked turns) for bike riders. It's designed to maximize momentum so the cyclist can ride with minimal pedaling.

"It's one of the fastest-growing sports in America for cities to add to their park collection for things to do for all ages. It can be ridden by someone who's old enough to stand on a Stryder bike to anyone," said Zeb Burke, vice president of the Wallowa Mountains Bicycle Club.

All kinds of bikes

The track could be for "any kind of bicycle," he said. "There are some that are better suited, such as BMX bikes, mountain bikes, kids' bikes, things like that."

"You can use skateboards, roller blades, scooters, even possibly wheelchairs," club President Angela Mart said.



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The Leavenworth Pump Track in Leavenworth, Washington, is similar to what the Wallowa Mountains Bicycle Club hopes to have in Enterprise.

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"These accommodate a wide variety of activities."

Burke said a road bike or 10-speed is not as conducive to such a track.

"A downhill bike with a lot of travel would be a little harder because of all the suspension," he said. "It's a pumping action that actually gets you around the track, not pedaling."

Possible sites

Mart and Burke indicated one potential site would be next to the current skate park, but there also are couple of areas by the baseball fields on the north side of town.

"Three, possibly four,

if the place behind the city park works out," Mart said. "But, like Zeb said, there are a lot of potential complications with that location."

"(It's a) riparian area," Burke said. "That's the biggest one."

Mart said that if they're able to locate the bike park next to the skate park, competition between the two shouldn't be an issue.

"If it ends up being there, it'd be great for the kids to have all of that in one location," she said.

"That'd be rad; if I was a kid, I'd like to be able to do tricks at the skate park and then work on my skills on the pump track. I think that'd be ideal."

They are considering a park of about 10,000 square feet. Burke called that the "smallest footprint" they're planning.

"The bigger it gets, the more money it takes," he said. "In Enterprise, within the city limits, we're sort of constrained in our allowed spacing."

Cost

The Wallowa Mountains Bicycle Club has a bid from a builder in Bend called Black Sage Dirt Works for about \$100,000, Mart said. She said so far, the club has raised about \$2,000 from members. They also have been approached by local businesses who are on board to do fundraisers. The big money will likely come from grants and "other potential donors," she said.

They did a bit of shopping around before settling on Black Sage.

"One builder was over \$350,000," Burke said. "We found another that was a lot lower."

But they need to get a site identified before anything else can be done. The grants they hope to see require that, and city council approval will have to come first.

"We want to get the word out to the community and look for potential donors and make the public aware of it," Mart said.

Chief Joseph Days Board receives grant for improvements to Thunder Room

By **RONALD BOND**

Wallowa County Chieftain

JOSEPH — The Thunder Room is set to receive another upgrade.

The expansive facility that stands adjacent to Harley Tucker Memorial Arena in Joseph will have work done — hopefully before the end of the year — to fix roof leaks and add needed insulation.

The Chief Joseph Days Rodeo board of directors recently received a grant for \$20,000 from the Wildhorse Foundation in Pendleton to complete the work, said Mike Warner, one of CJD's board members.

"We're trying to make this building a year-round facility," Warner said.

Warner said new bathrooms were put in the facility about five or six years ago, and a dona-



Ronald Bond/Wallowa County Chieftain

The Chief Joseph Days Board of Directors has received a \$20,000 grant from the Wildhorse Foundation that will go toward upgrades for the Thunder Room, adjacent to Harley Tucker Memorial Arena.

tion allowed CJD to last year put in a new heating system.

"We got a good heating system in it now, but the roof leaks, and there is no insulation," he said. "Right now, the heat just goes right through the ceiling, so we gotta get that fixed."

In addition to roof repair and insulation installation, the grant will allow work to be done on the lights in the Thunder Room, Warner said.

The room is often rented or used for weddings, funerals and other events.

"We've had other people

wanting to rent the place, other organizations and stuff like that," Warner said. "That would be a good deal for the whole county, not just Chief Joseph Days."

It's not the only upgrade the board is looking to make to the Thunder Room, Warner said. The board member noted the board is applying for more grants with the hope of improving the facility's current kitchen and expanding the building to the west. The expansion, he said, would include the addition of a Hall of Fame room.

He said the hope is to get the roof repaired and insulation in place "soon."

When done, Warner said, the year-round nature of the improved building will be "something that will benefit the whole community, not just us."

La Grande council clears way for downtown art piece

By **DAVIS CARBAUGH**

The Observer

LA GRANDE — The La Grande City Council met virtually for its November meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 3, discussing a sizable section of new business items.

One topic discussed will give the green light for a new public art piece to be built outside of Cook Memorial Library in downtown La Grande.

After a discussion of the benefits and drawbacks, the council voted to approve a memorandum of understanding between La Grande Parks and Recreation Director Stu Spence and artist Jason Hogge. The agreement will allow the La Grande Arts Commission to seek grant funding for the project and finalize design details with the artist.

Hogge's perspective artwork features four different images visible on acrylic paintings displayed on concrete slabs. Depending on where the viewer stands, different images can be seen. The theme of the pieces are "honoring the past," "celebrating the present" and "embracing the future."

The project will cost an estimated \$50,000 and rely on grant funding

budgeted to the parks department. General funds budgeted to the city will not be used for the artwork.

The councilors voiced their opinions on the designs, with council member David Glabe raising several concerns. Glabe noted his opinion that the perspective piece will not be adequately visible from Max Square, where a majority of foot traffic in that area passes through. He also called for a broader public input process on the design itself. Council member Nicole Howard noted that the La Grande Arts Commission is in place to make these types of decisions, while Spence elaborated on different elements of the artwork.

The motion was passed by each council member except Glabe, who cited the need for more public input.

The council unanimously approved a memorandum of understanding between the city manager and Firefighters Local 924, which will incentivize employees to conduct out-of-county ambulance transfers. The hope of the memorandum is to cover staff shortages related to ambulance transportation out of La Grande. The raise in compensation will still cut costs in comparison to the price of air trans-

portation for out-of-county transports.

Spence presented another topic of new business, which was an amendment to park facility fees in the area. The amendment standardizes kitchen rate fees, which will make the new booking website more adaptable to the city and the site's users.

The council approved an agreement that will allow the La Grande Swim Club and the La Grande High School Swim Team to continue using Veterans' Memorial Pool.

And, a resolution to annex a property at 102 South Second Street was approved, which will enable the property to receive city water and sewage services.

The council's final item of new business was awarding a sewage project bid to Planned Engineered Construction, Inc., which will improve sewer mainlines across La Grande, some of which are heavily aged and need repair. The awarding bid was \$192,000.

The La Grande City Council will meet next for a regular session on Dec. 1. Council members discussed the possibility of returning to in-person meetings and what precautions would need to be taken for that to happen.

NEWS BRIEFS

Union County tallies 14 new COVID-19 cases in latest OHA report

SALEM — The Oregon Health Authority released its daily case report on Friday, Nov. 5, which showed 14 new COVID-19 cases in Union County and four in Wallowa County.

Across the state, 1,141 new confirmed and presumptive cases were reported. Oregon added 19 new deaths in the latest update. The report brings the state's case total to 372,137 since the start of the pandemic, while the death toll stands at 4,562.

The new cases bring Union County's total to 3,294, while Wallowa County stands at 729 cases. Neither county reported any deaths in the latest report.

There are currently 533 patients hospitalized with COVID-19 across Oregon. Out of 692 total adult ICU beds, there are 59 open in the state. For adult non-ICU beds, 224 are available out of 4,119.

The OHA report showed that Oregon's seven-day running average of vaccine doses per day is 17,009.

EOU Board reviewing new degree programs

LA GRANDE — Eastern Oregon University's Board of Trustees will meet on campus Wednesday, Nov. 10, for its first regular meeting of the academic year.

New degree programs in public relations and public administration are up for approval, and Ben Cannon, executive director of the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, will provide a report. HR Director Chris McLaughlin will lead a discussion regarding the university's employee compensation strategy. After reviewing budgets proposed last spring, the board will vote on a final budget for the next fiscal year.

Representatives from shared governance groups, elected for 2021-22, will report to the board for the first time. Trustees will also hear presentations on enrollment strategy, ongoing pandemic response and an updated DEIA (diversity, equity, inclusion and access) Strategic Plan.

Wallowa Memorial hospital adds security

ENTERPRISE — Wallowa Memorial Hospital, making an effort to improve safety at the hospital, announced Thursday, Oct. 28, that it will be adding a security department, which is set to launch in the next several weeks.

"The safety of our staff and patients is the most important thing to us. Having a security department will ensure that we are doing everything possible to provide that safety," said Stacey Karvoski, who was named Security Department Director.

The hospital cited heightened emotions and frustrations in the last 12 months, during the pandemic, as the reason for the added security team. The hospital has seen an increase in patients with violent behavior, suicidal tendencies and "a general feeling of unrest."

An executive manager and two security officers will provide daily coverage for the hospital and clinics. They will monitor security cameras, check security logs, patrol the campus and support staff as needs arise.

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