

TODAY

On Nov. 27, 1978, San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and City Supervisor Harvey Milk, a gay-rights activist, were shot to death inside City Hall by former supervisor Dan White. (White served five years for manslaughter; he took his own life in October 1985.)

In 1901, the U.S. Army War College was established in Washington, D.C.

In 1924, Macy's first Thanksgiving Day parade — billed as a "Christmas Parade" — took place in New York.

In 1942, during World War II, the Vichy French navy scuttled its ships and submarines in Toulon to keep them out of the hands of German troops.

In 1953, playwright Eugene O'Neill died in Boston at age 65.

In 1962, the first Boeing 727 was rolled out at the company's Renton Plant near Seattle.

In 1967, the Beatles album "Magical Mystery Tour" was released in the United States by Capitol Records.

In 1970, Pope Paul VI, visiting the Philippines, was slightly wounded at the Manila airport by a dagger-wielding Bolivian painter disguised as a priest.

In 1973, the Senate voted 92-3 to confirm Gerald R. Ford as vice president, succeeding Spiro T. Agnew, who'd resigned.

In 1998, answering 81 questions put to him three weeks earlier, President Bill Clinton wrote the House Judiciary Committee that his testimony in the Monica Lewinsky affair was "not false and misleading."

In 2000, a day after George W. Bush was certified the winner of Florida's presidential vote, Al Gore laid out his case for letting the courts settle the nation's long-count election.

In 2007, a Somali immigrant (Nuradin Abdi) was sentenced to 10 years in prison for plotting to blow up an Ohio shopping mall.

In 2015, a gunman attacked a Planned Parenthood clinic in Colorado Springs, Colorado, killing three people and injuring nine. (Suspect Robert Dear was sent to a psychiatric hospital after being deemed incompetent for trial; he was charged in federal court after his prosecution in state court stalled.)

Five years ago: President-elect Donald Trump claimed that "millions" had voted illegally in the national election, scoffing at Hillary Clinton's nearly 2 million-vote edge in the popular vote and returning to his campaign mantra of a rigged race even as he prepared to enter the White House in less than two months.

One year ago: President Donald Trump's legal team suffered another defeat as a federal appeals court in Philadelphia roundly rejected the campaign's latest effort to challenge Pennsylvania's election results; Judge Stephanos Bibas, a Trump appointee, wrote that "calling an election unfair does not make it so." The coronavirus pandemic kept crowds thin at stores across the country on Black Friday, but a surge in online shopping offered a small beacon of hope for struggling retailers.

LOTTERY

Monday, Nov. 22, 2021
Megabucks
 10-17-25-27-36-44
 Estimated jackpot: \$6.1 million
Lucky Lines
 3-8-11-13-18-22-26-31
 Estimated jackpot: \$24,000
Win for Life
 23-48-55-77
Pick 4
 1 p.m.: 3-7-7-1
 4 p.m.: 1-3-2-6
 7 p.m.: 8-4-2-6
 10 p.m.: 3-7-7-7
Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2021
Mega Millions
 7-24-54-57-58
 Mega Ball: 6
 Megaplier: 3
 Estimated jackpot: \$94 million
Lucky Lines
 1-8-11-15-17-24-28-31
 Estimated jackpot: \$25,000
Pick 4
 1 p.m.: 4-5-4-6
 4 p.m.: 8-1-2-2
 7 p.m.: 3-1-9-6
 10 p.m.: 1-2-4-8
Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2021
Megabucks
 20-29-37-39-40-46
 Jackpot: \$6.2 million
Lucky Lines
 3-6-9-13-18-22-27-31
 Estimated jackpot: \$27,000
Powerball
 10-16-32-63-65
 Powerball: 17
 Power Play: 2
 Jackpot: \$243 million
Win for Life
 27-28-35-62
Pick 4
 1 p.m.: 9-5-2-1
 4 p.m.: 7-7-4-4
 7 p.m.: 8-6-3-6
 10 p.m.: 6-0-3-1
Thursday, Nov. 25, 2021
Lucky Lines
 2-7-11-16-19-24-26-32
 Jackpot: \$27,000
Pick 4
 1 p.m.: 6-1-7-4
 4 p.m.: 6-6-0-4
 7 p.m.: 8-9-0-2
 10 p.m.: 5-4-4-0

New state record for Rocky Mountain elk

The Observer

LA GRANDE —The antlers of a Union County bull elk have been officially scored at 406-6/8, which would place it second for a typical Rocky Mountain elk in Oregon.

The bull's skull and antlers were found by a cone-collecting crew on private timberland in the Catherine Creek Unit during the summer and turned in to Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Mark Penninger, a certified scorer for Northwest Big Game Records, officially scored the elk in early November after waiting the required 60 days. An animal must undergo a minimum 60-day drying period before it is officially scored as skulls and antlers will shrink some after their first "green" score.

"Bull elk of this caliber are incredibly rare in Oregon but it's great to see that they are still around," Penninger said. "This bull is testament that age, good genetics and high-quality habitat can produce truly world-class elk."



Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife/Contributed Photo
Certified scorer Mark Penninger shows a record Rocky Mountain elk bull's antlers from the Catherine Creek Unit found in the summer of 2021 by a cone collecting crew on private timberland and turned in to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

ODFW does not track trophy records but will be submitting the score to Northwest Big Game Records for official placement. Northwest Big

Game Records is one organization that keeps records of game animals, including both those that are harvested by hunters and those that are found

dead. In Oregon, due to poaching concerns, it is unlawful to possess or transport found dead game mammals or their parts, except for naturally shed antlers or certain parts when salvaging roadkill.

The last time an elk with typical antlers scoring higher than 400 was found or harvested in Oregon was 1984 by Randy Ryerse in Crook County, an elk now bumped to a No. 4 record with a 400-0/8 score.

The top Rocky Mountain elk was a 418-2/8 bull taken in Crook County in 1942 or earlier and attributed to Hugh Evans.

Until now, the second-largest was a bull taken in Grant County by Jim Sproul with antlers measuring 401-1/8. This bull was displayed in the John Day Elks Lodge until it was lost in a fire when the building burned down, according to Penninger, who said the bull had the longest main beam of any bull anywhere for a long time.

With this Catherine Creek elk, the top four Rocky Mountain elk will all score higher than 400. After that, antler scores drop into the high 300s.

EOU sees slight downturn in enrollment

The Observer

LA GRANDE — Eastern Oregon University is seeing a slight downturn in enrollment during the fall term.

Total student head count is down just 1% and total Student Credit Hours saw a decrease of 3.5%, while online enrollments continue to trend upward.

EOU President Tom Insko said uncertainty about the economic future and lingering effects of COVID-19 contributed to a smaller freshman class and fewer transfer students to the campus.

"Low-income, first-generation and diverse students have lost access to systems for connecting to higher education," he said. "The inability to connect with counselors, advocates, and support services at the high school level has led to a lack of transition to colleges and universities."

Oregon's Higher Education Coordinating Com-



Eastern Oregon University/Contributed Photo
Students walk on the campus of Eastern Oregon University in La Grande in the fall of 2021. Total student head count at the school is down just 1% and total Student Credit Hours saw a decrease of 3.5%, while online enrollments continue to trend upward.

mittee certified and compiled fall enrollment data for all public universities

and community colleges last week. In total, Oregon university enrollments

dropped by 0.5%.

Community colleges have taken a particular hit in Oregon, where student head count has dropped nearly by half since 2014. Insko explained that declining community college enrollments have impacted the number of transfer students looking to earn a bachelor's degree on campus or online at EOU.

The makeup of EOU's student population remained steady from 2020, according to the report, with 72% of students identified as low-income, rural, first-generation or military-tied. EOU's move to freeze tuition for undergraduates this year aimed to retain students, especially those in these categories, who experienced significant impacts during the pandemic.

"We remained focused on ensuring access to higher education in rural regions and for the students we serve," Insko said.

NEWS BRIEFS

State extends permit for lethal removal of one wolf

LA GRANDE — The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife extended the permit for lethal removal of one wolf in the the Mount Emily Unit, according to a press release from the state.

The lethal take permit was set to expire on Monday, Nov. 22, but has been extended through Friday, Dec. 3.

The permit authorizes a livestock producer to remove one wolf from the OR30 wolves in the Mount Emily Unit. The producer is actively removing livestock from their pastures for the season and needs additional time to search canyons and timber. The producer has continued to use nonlethal measures since their permit was issued Oct. 28, a measure that will continue.

Since early June, OR30 wolves have depredated six times on private land pastures, resulting in the death or injury of five sheep and five calves. A previous removal permit for these wolves to a different producer expired on Aug. 31 with no wolves taken.

OTEC encourages members to prepare for winter outages

LA GRANDE — Ahead of the winter season, Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative wants its member-owners to be prepared for potential weather-related power outages.

OTEC encourages people to prepare power outage kits in advance, which can include flashlights, spare batteries, radio, car phone chargers,

readily available food supply, blankets, winter attire and bottled water for people and pets.

OTEC will post outage updates on its Twitter account (@OTECOoperative) and on Facebook (OTECOop). The company will also post regular updates on safety tips. Members can view an outage map on OTEC's website, download the MyOTEC app for updates or call 541-523-3616 during business hours to report an outage or downed line. During non-business hours, members should call 866-430-4265.

OTEC recommends several techniques to be prepared ahead of time, such as knowing how to manually open your electric garage door, investing in surge protection equipment for electronics and familiarizing yourself with how to operate a portable generator.

OTEC recommends extreme caution in the event of a downed line. People should stay at least 50 feet away and never touch the line. A 3D, virtual-reality video on downed power lines is available on the company's website.

Additional information on power outage tips can be found on the OTEC website under the "Outage Center" tab.

Union County Cultural Coalition grant applications now open

LA GRANDE — The Union County Cultural Coalition is currently accepting applications for its annual Cultural Enrichment Grant program.

Available in matching amounts of up to \$500, Cultural Enrichment grant applications and information

about the UCCC can be found at www.unioncountyculture.org. Applicants may submit grant requests entirely online through the UCCC website. Grant applications must be submitted by Dec. 31, 2021.

The UCCC has a mission to support the arts and cultural enrichment of Union County through promotion and increased awareness of the arts and humanities. Oregon residents can double any donation made to the Cultural Trust through the Oregon Cultural Tax Credit.

For information, visit www.culturaltrust.org/get-involved/donate or contact the Cultural Trust at 503-986-0088 or cultural.trust@oregon.gov.

The UCCC provides matching grants directly to artists and organizations involved in cultural and heritage activities and projects. Applications from groups are encouraged and efforts will be made to fund as many as possible. Notification of awards will be sent on or around Jan 31, 2022, with reports due back to the UCCC by Dec. 31, 2022. Funding priority will be given to those who have not been awarded funds during the last two granting cycles. Incomplete applications cannot be considered.

The UCCC encourages individuals and groups to apply for monetary support for your cultural enrichment project. Many exciting projects have come from these re-granted funds, allowing the effects of the Oregon Cultural Trust to be experienced throughout Union County, according to a press release.

For more information, contact Michael Sell, UCCC chair, at uccc@unioncountyculture.org.

— The Observer

Minam project adds 4,600 acres

The Observer

LA GRANDE — The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, along with the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and Manulife Investment Management's timberland business, completed the first phase of the Minam River Wildlife Area project, adding more than 4,600 acres of public land to the state's wildlife area system.

"The significance of this acquisition cannot be overstated," said Curt Melcher, director of ODFW. "An opportunity to protect such a large swath of diverse habitat does not come along very often. ODFW has pursued opportunities to permanently protect this property since the 1960s. This acquisition would not have been possible without the leadership and funding from RMEF, as well as a strong partnership with Manulife."

The first phase funding primarily came from RMEF and the Wildlife Restoration Program, a federal excise tax on guns and ammunition.

To complete the second phase, ODFW is working to secure additional funding through a U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Legacy program grant, which will be matched with previously secured RMEF funds to purchase the remaining 10,963 acres.

"We thank and congratulate our partners for conserving this landscape that is so important for elk, mule deer, birds, fish and other wildlife," said Kyle Weaver, RMEF president and CEO. "While we pause to celebrate this accomplishment, we know there is still much to do to complete Phase Two of the project that covers nearly 11,000 more acres."

This project will permanently protect crucial winter range for elk and deer. It will also continue to provide habitat for salmon, bull trout and other Oregon Conservation Strategy Species, including white-headed woodpecker, Rocky Mountain tailed frog and several priority bat species.

Once completed, the 15,573-acre property will be managed by ODFW as the Minam River Wildlife Area, the fifth-largest wildlife area in the state. The Fish and Wildlife commission approved the purchase earlier this year.

Located about 30 miles northeast of La Grande in Wallowa and Union counties along the Minam River, the property is currently managed by Manulife Investment Management.

In addition to creating new public recreational access for hunting, fishing and other activities, the Minam River Wildlife Area will also improve access to Wallowa-Whitman National Forest and Bureau of Land Management lands.

"ODFW will manage the property as a working landscape utilizing limited livestock grazing as well as active forest management in partnership with the Oregon Department of Forestry to improve forage conditions for wildlife," said Nick Myatt, ODFW East Region Manager.

Recreation opportunities on the new property could include hunting, fishing, hiking, bird-watching, horseback riding, kayaking and other activities. The proposed Minam River trailhead will be established on the border shared with the Minam State Recreation Area and the wildlife area. A footbridge over the Minam River is being considered to facilitate improved public access to the historic Minam River Trail, which travels for 6 miles through the property.