

**CANCEL**

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**Bigger impact**

Weissenfluh said the impact of the pandemic is something everyone in the conference and throughout the nation is dealing with. Last season, which did not see EOU's basketball teams begin play until February, taught the Mountaineers to be flexible and to adjust on the fly.

"Our conference is aligned in how we are handling it in our processes and policies," Weissenfluh said. "We are allowed to play when we are healthy, and we will be blessed when those opportunities come."

Having the ability to practice and compete are no longer taken for granted, but that does not mean the last year and a half has been easy on the athletes.

"The struggles have been real," Weissenfluh said. "Managing their class load, taking more online classes has all been a struggle. We try to acknowledge that and find that balance. We want to be positive, but keep it real because it has impacted all of our student-athletes in different ways."

**Safety first**

Weissenfluh tells all Mountaineer athletes to control the things they can control.

That means wearing a face mask, frequently washing hands, getting sleep and eating right.

"We have to be very mindful of who is in our bubble, and who we are being exposed to at all times," she said. "You can't control everything, but we are going to do everything in our power to try to stay healthy."

**ON THE SLATE**

- Saturday, Jan. 8**
- COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL**  
Multnomah at Eastern Oregon, 3 p.m.
- COLLEGE MEN'S WRESTLING**  
Eastern Oregon at Embury-Riddle, 6 p.m.
- PREP BOYS BASKETBALL**  
La Grande at Madras, 12:30 p.m.  
Pilot Rock at Union, 5:30 p.m.  
Elgin at Nixyaawii, 5:30 p.m.  
Imbler at Powder Valley, 5:30 p.m.  
Cove at Wallowa, 5:30 p.m.  
Joseph at Pine Eagle, 5:30 p.m.
- PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
La Grande at Madras, 11 a.m.  
Pilot Rock at Union, 4 p.m.  
Elgin at Nixyaawii, 4 p.m.  
Imbler at Powder Valley, 4 p.m.  
Cove at Wallowa, 4 p.m.  
Joseph at Pine Eagle, 4 p.m.
- PREP WRESTLING**  
La Grande at Mountain View Invite, Meridian, Idaho, TBA  
Imbler, Elgin, Enterprise, Union/  
Cove at JoHi Invitational, Joseph High School, noon



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**PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT**

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 5**

10:47 a.m. — A resident in Elgin reported identity theft. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded and took a report.

12:29 p.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy responded to the Flying J Travel Center, 63276 Highway 203, La Grande, on a report of a disturbance over a parking spot. The deputy gave options.

1:07 p.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy responded to Stackland Road and Haefer Lane, Cove, for vehicles parked on the road. Local law enforcement responded to multiple calls throughout the day of stuck vehicles, including semitrailers blocking traffic.

3:56 p.m. — A caller reported children were sledding in the street at Second Street and Miller Drive, La Grande, and cars could hit them. An officer responded and found the children were done sledding for the day.

7:07 p.m. — A La Grande police officer responded to a report of a person under mental or emotional duress. The officer took the person to a safe place for the night.

7:40 p.m. — A caller asked to speak to a La Grande police officer about a friend using drugs. An officer made contact and explained options.

8:17 p.m. — A resident on the 600 block of 18th Street reported a woman was on the porch and refused to leave. An officer responded, but she had left before the officer arrived.

8:20 p.m. — A caller reported a disturbance between a mother and daughter at a residence on the 2900 block of Third Street, La Grande. Police responded, and the mother and daughter were separating for the night.

8:29 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of another mother/daughter disagreement, this one at a residence on the 1200 block of Adams Avenue. Officers responded, found the parties were arguing and would separate for the night.

10:08 p.m. — A caller reported horses were in the lane at K Avenue and Fourth Street, La Grande. An officer responded, and the owner got the horses.

**THURSDAY, JAN. 6**

9:16 a.m. — The Union County sheriff's office received a request for a welfare check of an Imbler resident. A deputy responded and counseled the party.

10:31 a.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy assisted with a disabled vehicle on Ruckman Road, Cove. The scene would play out several more times throughout the county.

1:13 p.m. — A La Grande resident on the 2000 block of Gekeler Lane reported fraud. An officer made contact and took a report.

3:30 p.m. — Emergency services responded to the Super 8 by Wyndham, 2407 R Ave., La Grande, for a vehicle fire.

8:12 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1500 block of Bonneville Lane for a domestic disturbance. Officers determined the problem was a vehicle stuck in the snow.

**RECENT OREGON STATE POLICE ACTIVITY**

Jan. 1, 1:53 a.m. — A trooper arrested Rod Charles Johnson, 58, for DUI, reckless driving and reckless endangering.

Jan. 1, 3:54 p.m. — A trooper arrested Twesiga Disan, 29, of Portland, for DUI and reckless driving.

**COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD**

**BRIEFS**

**La Grande library offers teen activities**

LA GRANDE — Teen iCraft will be held at Cook Memorial Library, 2006 Fourth St., La Grande, on Wednesday, Jan. 12, at 4 p.m. For this month's free activity, teens will make styrofoam prints. The iCraft gathering is held the second Wednesday of the month.

The Teen Mid-Week Movie is offered on the third Wednesday of the month. On Wednesday, Jan. 19, teens are invited to watch the movie "Jungle Cruise" at 4 p.m.

The library's programs for teens are open to anyone in middle or high school. Supplies are provided. Registration is not required, but masks are. For information on upcoming events, visit the library's web, Facebook, Instagram and Pinterest pages.

**MEETINGS**

• LA GRANDE — The Union County chapter of Health Care for All Oregon will meet Tuesday, Jan. 11 at 6 p.m. on Zoom. Working Committee plans for 2022 will be honed and Ellen Krieger will draw for the winner of her donated quilt. All are welcome. Email [unioncounty@hcao.org](mailto:unioncounty@hcao.org) to attend the meeting.

• LA GRANDE — A regular session of the La Grande Rural Fire District Board will begin at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11, at the fire hall. For more information, call Kim George at 541-910-3114.

• LA GRANDE — The La Grande Planning Commission will meet in regular session on Tuesday, Jan. 11, at 6 p.m. The agenda includes public hearings on four Airbnb conditional use permits. The public may attend and comment online via Zoom and access the meeting



Cook Memorial Library/Contributed Photo  
**Teens will use styrofoam to make prints, such as was done in the creation of these cards, at the Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2022, iCraft at La Grande' Cook Memorial Library.**

on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/LaGrandeCityManager](http://www.facebook.com/LaGrandeCityManager)).

• LA GRANDE — La Grande's Parks and Rec commissions will meet next week via Zoom. For links or other information, contact Stu Spence, director, at 541-962-1348 or [sspence@cityoflagrande.org](mailto:sspence@cityoflagrande.org). Each meeting begins at 5:30 p.m.

The Community Landscape and Forestry Commission meets on Tuesday, Jan. 11. The Arts Commission's meeting is on Wednesday, Jan. 12. And the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission will meet Thursday, Jan. 13.

• LA GRANDE — The Board of Directors of the La Grande School District will meet for a regular session and executive session beginning at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 12, in the District Office Board Room at 1305 N. Willow. The public may be join the meeting in person, online and via phone. Meeting access information is given on the agenda at [www.lagrandesd.org](http://www.lagrandesd.org).

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