

TODAY

On Jan. 18, 1943, during World War II, Jewish insurgents in the Warsaw Ghetto launched their initial armed resistance against Nazi troops, who eventually succeeded in crushing the rebellion.

In 1778, English navigator Captain James Cook reached the present-day Hawaiian Islands, which he named the "Sandwich Islands."

In 1911, the first landing of an aircraft on a ship took place as pilot Eugene B. Ely brought his Curtiss biplane in for a safe landing on the deck of the armored cruiser USS Pennsylvania in San Francisco Harbor.

In 1913, entertainer Danny Kaye was born David Daniel Kaminsky in New York City.

In 1957, a trio of B-52s completed the first non-stop, round-the-world flight by jet planes, landing at March Air Force Base in California after more than 45 hours aloft.

In 1975, the situation comedy "The Jeffersons," a spin-off from "All in the Family," premiered on CBS-TV.

In 1990, a jury in Los Angeles acquitted former preschool operators Raymond Buckey and his mother, Peggy McMartin Buckey, of 52 child molestation charges.

In 1991, financially strapped Eastern Airlines shut down after more than six decades in business.

In 1993, the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday was observed in all 50 states for the first time.

In 2005, the world's largest commercial jet, the Airbus A380 "superjumbo" capable of flying up to 800 passengers, was unveiled in Toulouse, France.

In 2011, Chinese President Hu Jintao arrived at Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington for a four-day state visit; President Barack Obama welcomed him with a private dinner in the White House residence. The first director of the Peace Corps, R. Sargent Shriver, died in Bethesda, Maryland, at age 95.

In 2019, Jason Van Dyke, the white Chicago police officer who gunned down Black teenager Laquan McDonald in 2014, was sentenced to nearly seven years in prison.

In 2020, ahead of opening statements in the first Senate impeachment trial of President Donald Trump, House prosecutors wrote that Trump had "used his official powers to pressure a foreign government to interfere in a United States election for his personal political gain," while Trump's legal team denounced what it called a "brazen and unlawful attempt to overturn the results of the 2016 election."

Today's Birthdays: Movie director John Boorman is 89. Former Sen. Paul Kirk, D-Mass., is 84. Singer-songwriter Bobby Goldsboro is 81. Comedian-singer-musician Brett Hudson is 69. Actor-director Kevin Costner is 67. Country singer-actor Mark Collie is 66. Actor Mark Rylance is 62. Actor Alison Arngrim (TV: "Little House on the Prairie") is 60. Former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley is 59. Actor Jane Horrocks is 58. Comedian Dave Attell is 57. Actor Jesse L. Martin is 53. Rapper DJ Quik is 52. Rock singer Jonathan Davis (Korn) is 51. Former NAACP President and CEO Benjamin Todd Jealous is 49. Singer Christian Burns (BBMak) is 48. Actor Derek Richardson is 46. Actor Jason Segel is 42. Actor Samantha Mumba is 39. Country singer Kristy Lee Cook (TV: "American Idol") is 38. Actor Devin Kelley is 36. Actor Ashleigh Murray is 34.

LOTTERY

Friday, Jan. 14, 2022

Megamillions

5-8-13-22-48

Megaball: 25

Megaplier: 2

Jackpot: \$347 million

Lucky Lines

1-8-12-13-17-22-28-32

Jackpot: \$10,000

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 2-0-2-3

4 p.m.: 3-4-7-1

7 p.m.: 6-4-6-3

10 p.m.: 3-5-9-6

Saturday, Jan. 15, 2022

Powerball

3-18-37-51-59

Powerball: 13

Power Play: 2

Jackpot: \$53 million

Megabucks

8-11-15-39-45-48

Jackpot: \$8.4 million

Lucky Lines

3-6-11-15-18-22-27-32

Jackpot: \$11,000

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 6-7-3-9

4 p.m.: 6-5-5-9

7 p.m.: 3-3-9-3

10 p.m.: 3-9-5-3

Win for Life

2-40-58-62

Sunday, Jan. 16, 2022

Lucky Lines

2-7-10-14-17-23-27-30

Estimated jackpot: \$10,000

Pick 4

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

4 p.m.: 0-3-9-5

7 p.m.: 7-5-1-9

10 p.m.: 7-0-5-3

Store manager saluted with Patriot Award

Terry Michael, of Rite Aid, honored for employee assistance that has helped the National Guard

By **DICK MASON**
The Observer

LA GRANDE — A civilian who is boosting La Grande's National Guard unit, the 3rd Battalion, 116th Cavalry, was saluted by a Department of Defense agency on Friday, Jan. 14.

Terry Michael, the manager of La Grande's Rite Aid store, was presented with the Employee Support of the Guard and Reserve program's Patriot Award, which recognizes employers and their managers whose help make it possible for people to be employed and serve in the National Guard or another reserve branch of the Armed Forces.

Michael has worked at Rite Aid in La Grande for about 11 years and was nominated by Pamela Frederick, a member of the 3-116. Frederick worked at Rite Aid for a number of years before taking a position at Grande Ronde Hospital in late 2021.

Frederick, in her Sept. 14, 2021, nomination letter, wrote that Michael goes above and beyond to see that everything goes well



Dick Mason/The Observer

Rite Aid store manager Terry Michael receives an award on behalf of Rite Aid, La Grande, from Oregon National Guard Maj. Jorge De Anda on Friday, Jan. 14, 2022.

while she is on National Guard duty.

"He keeps in touch with me to make sure I am all right, and makes sure my area of responsibility is covered in my absence," she wrote. "He also keeps me up-to-date so that when I return, my entry back to work is seamless."

Michael, who credits Frederick with being an excellent employee, speaks humbly of the praise he received from her.

"I was just doing my job. I'm working to make sure my team is OK. I'm taking care of the members of our team the best way I can," he said. "I always try to look out for my employees and do what

I can to help them."

The only people who can nominate someone for the ESGR Patriot Award are National Guard members or reservists in other branches of the military, according to Jack Johnson, chair of Area Six of the Oregon ESGR Committee.

Michael was presented the Patriot Award by Maj. Jorge De Anda, the executive officer for La Grande's National Guard unit.

"This is a small token of our gratitude," De Anda said.

De Anda also presented a Patriot Award to La Grande's Rite Aid store.

De Anda, prior to his presentation, spoke of how valuable reserves are to the U.S. Armed Forces

because the United States has not had a draft since 1972 when Congress ended it. He said that half of those in the Armed Forces are reservists. The Army National Guard is one of seven reserve components. The others are the Air National Guard, the Air Force Reserve, the Army Reserve, the Marine Corps Reserve, the Navy Reserve and the Coast Guard Reserve.

The Employee Support of the Guard and Reserve program was created in 1972 to help bolster the military reserve programs.

"Without the support of employers, our reserve program would not be nearly as strong as it is," Johnson said.

Gubernatorial candidate wants to bridge divide

Nick Hess makes a campaign stop in Union County

By **DICK MASON**
The Observer

ISLAND CITY — Nick Hess was frustrated.

The Tigard businessman couldn't find an Oregon gubernatorial candidate who represented his ideas and viewpoints — so the Republican gave up his search and launched his own campaign for governor.

Hess is focusing on bridging the political divide between Democrats and Republicans in Oregon.

"I stand for bringing people together. We still



Hess

are all Oregonians at the end of the day."

Hess said on Thursday, Jan. 13, following a presentation in Island City to the Union County Republican Central Committee.

Hess, 35, said many candidates are not interested in reducing the schism that exists between Democrats and Republicans. He said this divide must be bridged before a Republican will ever be elected governor.

Only 26% of Oregon's registered voters are Republicans, according to Hess, which means that there are not enough Republicans in Oregon to elect a governor with their

support alone.

"To have any chance of winning we have to build a bridge," he said. "It is all about bringing people together."

Hess, who owns a company that provides cybersecurity services, said reaching out to all voters ties in with the philosophy he has as a businessman. "I look upon everybody as a potential customer," he said.

Hess is one of more than a dozen candidates seeking to succeed Gov. Kate Brown, who because of term limits cannot seek reelection.

Hess said that as governor he would push for transparency throughout state government because "transparency builds trust."

Hess said that more transparency — in some instances — would help people develop a greater belief in government. He said he is convinced, after doing investigations, that Oregon's elections are well run, but he can understand why some people suspect voter fraud because it is hard to get information about the state's electoral system.

Hess had not been born yet, the last time Oregon had a Republican governor. Still he said hopes to invoke the memories of the state's last three GOP governors if elected.

"I want to bring back the days of Tom McCall, Vic Atiyeh and Mark Hatfield," he said, "governors who represented all of the people."

Five Union County residents up for state roles

The Observer

SALEM — Gov. Kate Brown submitted a list of state board and commission appointments to the Oregon Senate for confirmation and five Union County residents are up for consideration.

Danny Bailey, a scholarship coordinator at Eastern Oregon University, and Maurizio Valerio, a field coordinator with The Ford Family Foundation,

were reappointed to the Eastern Oregon University Board of Trustees. Bailey's appointment is for a two-year term, ending in 2024, and Valerio's appointment is a four-year term until 2026. Bailey is from La Grande, while Valerio is from Union.

Holly Sorensen, of La Grande, was appointed to a two-year term on the Health Insurance Exchange Advisory Committee. Sorensen is an out-

reach program manager from Northeast Oregon Network.

Kevin Loveland, of La Grande, was appointed to a four-year term on the Mortuary and Cemetery Board. Loveland is the owner of Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande.

Dwight Dill, of La Grande, was reappointed to a partial two-year term on the Task Force on Universal Health Care. Dill is the mental health director

at Center for Human Development.

One Wallowa County resident was also on Brown's list. Liza Jane McAlister, of Enterprise, was reappointed to a four-year term as a public member of the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board. McAlister is currently the co-chair of the board. She is the owner of the 6 Ranch, a Wallowa County Century Ranch established in 1884.

NEWS BRIEFS

Pedestrian hit, killed on Interstate 84

BAKER CITY — A pedestrian was hit and killed on Interstate 84 near Baker City early Sunday, Jan. 16. Oregon State Police Troopers responded at 12:12 a.m. to the scene near the Baker Valley Rest Area, at milepost 295.

Preliminary investigation revealed a westbound Volkswagen Passat, driven by Karli McKim, 21, of La Grande, struck a pedestrian who was standing in the lane of travel.

The pedestrian sustained fatal injuries and was pronounced deceased, according to state police, who added the name of the pedestrian will be released when appropriate.

OSP was assisted by the Baker County Sheriff's Office, Baker City Fire Department and the Oregon Department of Transportation.

Self-inflicted gunshot took life of man in shootout

PENDLETON — Pendleton police on Monday, Jan. 17, reported a self-inflicted gunshot killed the man who was involved in a shootout New Year's Eve on Interstate 84 near Pendleton.

Pendleton police in a press release reported an autopsy on Jan. 13 on the remains of Nicholas Russell Proudfoot at the Cowlitz County Corner's Office in Longview, Washington, determined the manner and cause of death.

The autopsy also determined bullets from a civilian victim and from an Oregon State trooper did not strike Proudfoot, according to the press release.

Pendleton police identified the trooper as Sgt. Grant Jackson, a member of OSP since 2007 out of the La Grande office.

Also, according to the press

release, "All investigative material will be sent to the Umatilla County District Attorney for his review."

Commissioners to tackle committee appointments

LA GRANDE — The Union County Board of Commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, via a Zoom videoconference.

Actions the commissioners will take include making appointments to the Mount Emily Recreation Area Nonmotorized Advisory Committee, the MERA Motorized Advisory Committee and the Airport Advisory Committee.

To attend the meeting via phone dial 669-900-6833 or 253-215-8782. The meeting ID number is 814 2000 6863. To access the Zoom link, go to www.union-county.org/commissioners/agendaminutes and click on the meeting's agenda.

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Kevan elected to OSBA committee

Bruce Kevan will be taking input from 34 school boards in Eastern Oregon

By **DICK MASON**
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LA GRANDE — La Grande School Board member Bruce Kevan will soon be speaking on behalf of 34 Northeastern and Southeastern Oregon school boards.



Kevan

Kevan is a newly elected member of the Oregon School Boards Association's Legislative Policy Committee.

The members are responsible for talking to school board representatives from all of the school districts in the region they are assigned to and then reporting what they were told to the Legislative Policy Committee.

Kevan will gather input from the school boards of the 34 school districts in Union, Wallowa, Baker, Malheur, Grant and Wheeler counties. He is beginning the process of getting one contact person from each of these school boards.

The OSBA's agenda for Oregon's 2023 Legislative Session will be created by the committee this spring. The agenda will be made based upon input its members receive from Oregon's school boards concerning what issues they want to see addressed. Kevan believes school financing will be one of the top issues.

"Finances will definitely be a concern," he said.

He said many school districts have lost enrollment during the COVID-19 pandemic, which means they will have less funding in the future. Enrollment plays an enormous role in determining how much funding school district's receive, since they get more than \$7,000 from the state per student. Because of the pandemic, more families have begun homeschooling.

Kevan is taking on the challenge of serving on the OSBA Legislative Policy Committee because he believes it is critical that the voices of Eastern Oregon school boards be heard. He believes this is particularly important because of key differences between Eastern Oregon and Western Oregon.

A retired educator who worked in the La Grande School District for 19 years, Kevan was an assistant principal at La Grande High School for nine years and the principal of Central Elementary School for 10 years. Kevan, who has served on the La Grande School Board for three years, is not sure how much his experience in education will assist him.

"This will be a whole new ball game," he said. "It is a challenge he is eagerly anticipating."

"It will be fun. I am looking forward to it," he said. "It is going to be interesting to work with people from different parts of the state."

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