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In 1533, England's King Henry VIII secretly married his second wife, Anne Boleyn, who later gave birth to Elizabeth I.

In 1863, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln accepted Maj. Gen. Ambrose E. Burnside's resignation as commander of the Army of the Potomac and replaced him with Maj. Gen. Joseph Hooker.

In 1915, America's first official transcontinental telephone call took place as Alexander Graham Bell, who was in New York, spoke to his former assistant, Thomas Watson, who was in San Francisco, over a line set up by American Telephone & Telegraph.

In 1924, the first Winter Olympic Games opened in Chamoni, France.

In 1945, Grand Rapids, Michigan, became the first community to add fluoride to its public water supply.

In 1959, American Airlines began Boeing 707 jet flights between New York and Los Angeles.

In 1971, Charles Manson and three women followers were convicted in Los Angeles of murder and conspiracy in the 1969 slayings of seven people, including actor Sharon Tate.

In 1981, the 52 Americans held hostage by Iran for 444 days arrived in the United States.

In 1993, Sears announced that it would no longer publish its famous century-old catalog.

In 1994, maintaining his innocence, singer Michael Jackson settled a child molestation lawsuit against him; terms were confidential, although the monetary figure was reportedly \$22 million.

In 2004, NASA's Opportunity rover zipped its first pictures of Mars to Earth, showing a surface smooth and dark red in some places, and strewn with fragmented slabs of light bedrock in others.

In 2020, President Donald Trump's defense team opened its arguments at his first Senate impeachment trial, casting the effort to remove him from office as a politically motivated attempt to subvert the 2016 election and the upcoming 2020 contest.

Today's Birthdays: Country singer Claude Gray is 90. Actor Leigh Taylor-Young is 78. Actor Jenifer Lewis is 65. Country musician Mike Burch (River Road) is 56. R&B singer Kina is 53. Actor China Kantner is 51. Actor Ana Ortiz is 51. Drummer Joe Sirois (Mighty Mighty Bosstones) is 50. Musician Matt Odmark (Jars of Clay) is 48. Actor Mia Kirshner is 47. Actor Christine Lakin is 43. R&B singer Alicia Keys is 42. Actor Michael Trevino is 37. Pop musician Calum Hood (5 Seconds of Summer) is 26. Actor Olivia Edward is 15.

LOTTERY

Friday, Jan. 21, 2022

Megamillions

38-45-46-55-67

Megaball: 18

Megaplier: 2

Jackpot: \$376 million

Lucky Lines

1-5-12-13-17-21-28-31

Jackpot: \$15,000

Pick 4

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

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

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

10 p.m.: 1-1-1-5

Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022

Powerball

8-14-33-36-67

Powerball: 17

Power Play: 2

Jackpot: \$76 million

Megabucks

4-14-21-38-44-46

Jackpot: \$8.6 million

Lucky Lines

3-8-9-14-19-23-26-31

Jackpot: \$16,000

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 0-8-2-3

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

7 p.m.: 3-0-5-1

10 p.m.: 1-2-6-0

Win for Life

13-30-50-63

Sunday, Jan. 23, 2022

Lucky Lines

2-8-10-13-17-23-25-32

Estimated jackpot: \$10,000

Pick 4

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

4 p.m.: 6-7-6-5

7 p.m.: 9-3-6-0

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

Senior project targets people in need

Imbler senior raising steer, will donate meat to local food bank

By DICK MASON

The Observer

SUMMERVILLE — The Northeast Oregon Regional Food Bank is set to receive a one-of-a-kind 1,200-pound bonus thanks to the generosity of an Imbler High School senior. Tel McBride is raising a steer for his senior project and plans to donate all of the meat from it to the Northeast Oregon Regional Food Bank, which is operated by Community Connection of Northeast Oregon. McBride said he wants to make beef available to those in need because the price of meat has gotten so high during the past year.

Audrey Smith, manager of the Northeast Oregon Regional Food Bank, is delighted about the prospect of receiving meat from the steer. "Beef is our No. 1 requested item," she said.

Unfortunately, the Northeast Oregon Regional Food Bank rarely can provide beef because the cost makes it prohibitive. Smith said in the five years she has been manager of the Northeast Oregon Regional Food Bank, it has been able to offer beef only a couple of times. Smith is McBride's



Tel McBride, a senior at Imbler High School, on Monday, Jan. 17, 2022, enters the field with the half dozen cattle he is raising at a Summerville ranch.

mentor for his senior project and said she is impressed by the steps he has taken to make sure the meat from the steer will be able to be distributed by the food bank. The Imbler senior is ensuring the meat processing company is properly certified so the meat meets government health standards for public distribution.

The steer is one of five McBride is now raising and among about 30 he has raised altogether.

McBride started raising cattle at his family's home more than a decade ago. He stopped for a few years and then started raising cattle again in 2017. He said raising cattle is a process of perpetual discovery.

"It is fun. Everyday I learn something new about

them," he said. McBride, whose mother, Susy, works for Community Connection of Northeast Oregon, added cattle can be unpredictable. "They keep you guessing," he said.

McBride said when cattle make up their mind to do something they are hard to stop.

"If they want to go somewhere they will go there," he said.

McBride's interest in cattle dates back 15 years when he was visiting a ranch in North Powder run by Butch Mascall, who offered a free calf to him if he could lasso the animal with a rope. "I lassoed it on my first try," he said.

McBride's family took the calf home and pro-

ceeded to help raise it. McBride went on to raise more cattle, while receiving guidance from Mascall and former La Grande Police Chief John Courtney.

McBride plans to sell off his cattle after graduating from high school so he can have a chance to attend a school in Hermiston for railroad conducting. After graduating from there he plans to pursue a career in the railroad field.

He will be following the lead of his father, Kevin, who works for Union Pacific Railroad.

McBride said that he will likely return someday after high school to again raising cattle at some level because it is in his blood.

"It is something I really enjoy," he said.

Area workers tend to head out on the highway

Cross-county commuters make up more than a third of Eastern Oregon workforce

By ALEX WITTWER

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EASTERN OREGON — More than a third of Eastern Oregon's workforce commuted across county lines for their jobs in 2019, according to federal census data.

In some areas, that percentage is even higher. "It's a product of the



economy," said Christopher Rich, regional economist with the Oregon Employment Department, "and places people are and the jobs that are available, and (where housing is) available."

Roughly 38.5% of Union County residents commute for work in a different county, while 41% of Grant County residents commute for work. In Umatilla County, 35.8% of residents commute across county lines for work, while 24.4% of Wallowa

residents commuted to other counties for work.

A staggering 58.7% of Morrow County residents worked in other counties, according to the data.

Rich said the data does not distinguish between commuters who travel between counties on a daily basis and those who might travel for seasonal work, such as nurses or wildland firefighters.

"There's likely to be some more long-term commuters that come in for maybe a season," Rich said. "The data doesn't specifically say that."

Most of the workers who cross county lines

do so to neighboring counties, though a fair few will skip more than one county, such as living in Baker and working in Pendleton, but that could be due to imperfect data, according to Rich, who has been updating articles on Oregon's economic data website, qualityinfo.org, with data from 2019.

"I think in general, people are looking for jobs that fit with the skill sets and their lifestyle," Rich said. "They're also looking for homes that fit the same thing, so in some cases, you end up having to commute a little longer."

Wallowa County population continues slow increase

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ENTERPRISE — Wallowa County's population had a growth rate during the last year that put it in the middle third of the state's counties, according to a Portland State University report.

The state's population increased by 0.54% to 4,266,560, PSU's Population Research Center showed. Eastern Oregon counties, including Wal-

lowa, had a combined increase of 0.45%.

The eight counties — Baker, Grant, Harney, Malheur, Morrow, Umatilla, Union and Wallowa — had a combined population as of July 1, 2021, of 190,444.

In Wallowa County, the increase was 0.43%, or 32 people, to a total of 7,433. Its growth rate was fifth among the eight counties, and overall was 22nd in the state.

Neighboring Union County had the lowest growth rate in the state, as it actually saw a population drop of 1.62%, or 434 people.

Broken down by city, Enterprise has a population of 2,080. Joseph's population has moved to 1,158, and Wallowa is at 799. Lostine, the only other city named in the study, has a population of 242.

The breakdown by age

shows Wallowa County with 1,406 youths under the age of 18, which makes up 18.9% of the population. Adults 18-64 account for just more than half (50.2%) of the population, or 3,730 people. And adults 65 and older make up 30.9% of the population, or 2,297 people.

The county has the fourth highest rate of individuals 65 and older, and is tied for 25th in terms of its youth population.

NEWS BRIEFS

ODFW announces 2023 annual wildlife art contest

SALEM — Artists are invited to compete in one or all three of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's 2023 stamp art competitions. The winning artist in each contest receives a \$2,000 award, and the winning artwork is used to produce collector's stamps and other promotional items with sale proceeds benefiting Oregon's fish and wildlife and their habitats.

- Habitat Conservation Stamp: Art entries must feature an eligible species from the Oregon Conservation Strategy in its natural habitat.
Waterfowl Stamp Contest: Art entries must feature the greater scaup in its natural habitat setting.
Upland Game Bird Stamp Contest: All entries must feature the

mountain quail in its natural habitat setting.

A panel will judge artwork based on artistic composition, anatomical accuracy of the species and general appeal. Contest rules and full details on requirements are available at www.dfw.state.or.us/stamp_contest/index.asp.

Entries will be accepted until Sept. 30 at the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife headquarters, 4034 Fairview Industrial Dr, SE, Salem 97302.

Interested artists are encouraged to visit ODFW's stamp art competition webpage to view entries from previous years.

Trice to give virtual Maxville presentation

JOSEPH — Gwendoline Trice, founder and executive director of



Trice

the Maxville Heritage Interpretive Center in Joseph, will give a virtual presentation on Maxville from 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3.

According to a press release, Trice will discuss the history of Maxville — a former logging town north of Wallowa — the current work of the interpretive center in Joseph and the future expansion and planned purchase of the 240 acres that includes the original Maxville city township. Register for the free event at https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/.

The event will be hosted by the Josephy Center for Arts and Culture and Beyond Toxics.

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Candidate makes stop in La Grande

Starnes focuses his run for governor on campaign finance reform

By DICK MASON

The Observer

LA GRANDE — Patrick Starnes said campaign finance reform is the first step that needs to be taken before Oregon can successfully address some of its most pressing issues.

The Democratic candidate for governor is running as if the finance reform he is pushing for were already in place. Starnes is accepting donations of no more than \$1,000 and is not taking contributions from corporations or political action committees.

"We need to get big money out of Oregon politics," Starnes said during a Friday, Jan. 21, meeting with members of the Union County Progressives. "I am modeling my campaign on what I am proposing."

Starnes is one of 17 candidates seeking to succeed Gov. Kate Brown as governor, according to ballotpedia.org. Brown, Oregon's governor since 2015, cannot run for reelection because of term limits. Starnes, a professional cabinet maker from Brownsville, ran for governor as an Independent candidate in 2018 when he also made campaign finance reform his centerpiece issue. He said Oregon is one of five states that have no limits on campaign donations. Of the 45 states with limits, Starnes said 10 have a \$1,000 donation restriction and 20 do not allow corporate or political action committee donations to campaigns.

"The person with the most small donations does well," he said. "In my opinion that is the way it should be."

Starnes said once campaign finance reform is in place Oregon will have a much better chance of addressing issues, including homelessness, health care and wildfires. He explained that individuals and corporations with deep pockets could no longer persuade politicians to stop efforts to make improvements by giving large campaign donations.

He believes campaign finance can be achieved because polls indicate that Oregonians overwhelmingly support it. To make his point he noted that the foundation for campaign finance reform was laid in 2020 when voters passed Measure 10. The measure, which amended the Oregon Constitution to allow for campaign financing reform, passed with 78% of the vote, Starnes said.

Homelessness is another issue that is a big part of his campaign platform. Starnes is proposing that funding for addressing homelessness could be raised by instituting a vacancy fee that would apply to Oregon structures, including abandoned homes and stores. Money from the fee would then go to the Oregon Shelter Fund that pays for homeless services.

Wildfires are another issue Starnes is focusing on during his campaign. Starnes said he would push for full funding for the Oregon Conservation Corps, an Oregon Department of Forestry program that was created by Senate Bill 762.

The work of Oregon Conservation Corps crews includes making sure trees and vegetation around homes is removed to protect them from wildfires.



Starnes