

**TODAY**

In 1693, a charter was granted for the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg in the Virginia Colony.  
 In 1910, the Boy Scouts of America was incorporated.  
 In 1922, President Warren G. Harding had a radio installed in the White House.  
 In 1924, the first execution by gas in the United States took place at the Nevada State Prison in Carson City as Gee Jon, a Chinese immigrant convicted of murder, was put to death.  
 In 1952, Queen Elizabeth II proclaimed her accession to the British throne following the death of her father, King George VI.  
 In 1960, work began on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, located on Hollywood Boulevard and Vine Street in Los Angeles.  
 In 1965, Eastern Air Lines Flight 663, a DC-7, crashed shortly after takeoff from New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport; all 84 people on board were killed. The Supremes' record "Stop! In the Name of Love!" was released by Motown.  
 In 1973, Senate leaders named seven members of a select committee to investigate the Watergate scandal, including its chairman, Democrat Sam J. Ervin of North Carolina.  
 In 2007, model, actor and tabloid sensation Anna Nicole Smith died in Hollywood, Florida, at age 39 of an accidental drug overdose.  
 In 2020, the U.S. Embassy in Beijing said a 60-year-old U.S. citizen who'd been diagnosed with the coronavirus had died on Feb. 5 in Wuhan; it was apparently the first American fatality from the virus.  
**Five years ago:** The Senate confirmed Sen. Jeff Sessions to be attorney general, 52-47, despite fierce Democratic opposition to the Alabama Republican over his record on civil rights and immigration. Britain's House of Commons gave its final approval to a bill authorizing the government to start exit talks with the European Union, despite fears by opposition lawmakers that the U.K. was setting out on a rocky path to Brexit with a sketchy roadmap.  
**Today's Birthdays:** Broadcast journalist Ted Koppel is 82. Actor Nick Nolte is 81. Comedian Robert Klein is 80. Actor Mary Steenburgen is 69. Author John Grisham is 67. Rock singer Vince Neil (Motley Crue) is 61. Actor Missy Yager is 54. Actor Seth Green is 48. Hip-hop artist Anderson.Paak is 36. Actor Ryan Pinkston is 34. NBA star Klay Thompson is 32. Professional surfer Bethany Hamilton is 32. Actor Karle Warren is 30.

**LOTTERY**

**Friday, Feb. 4, 2022**

**Megamillions**  
 7-16-34-44-61  
 Megaball: 24  
 Megaplier: 4  
 Jackpot: \$31 million  
**Lucky Lines**  
 4-5-12-16-18-23-26-32  
 Jackpot: \$16,000  
**Pick 4**  
 1 p.m.: 6-3-2-2  
 4 p.m.: 7-4-6-3  
 7 p.m.: 7-4-2-7  
 10 p.m.: 3-0-3-3  
**Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022**  
**Powerball**  
 5-16-27-39-61  
 Powerball: 24  
 Power Play: 2  
 Jackpot: \$147 million  
**Megabucks**  
 5-20-27-31-34-43  
 Jackpot: \$1.3 million  
**Lucky Lines**  
 2-5-9-15-19-22-28-29  
 Jackpot: \$17,000  
**Pick 4**  
 1 p.m.: 1-7-5-5  
 4 p.m.: 0-2-7-5  
 7 p.m.: 9-2-0-8  
 10 p.m.: 8-2-1-6  
**Win for Life**  
 10-27-39-68  
**Sunday, Feb. 6, 2022**  
**Lucky Lines**  
 3-8-11-15-20-22-25-32  
 Estimated jackpot: \$18,000  
**Pick 4**  
 1 p.m.: 7-4-0-3  
 4 p.m.: 8-6-7-5  
 7 p.m.: 7-0-2-9  
 10 p.m.: 2-3-3-0

**CHIEF JOSEPH DAYS**

# Rodeo likely to get back in the black

Despite shortfall in profits, attendance in 2021 seemed to be strong

By **BILL BRADSHAW**  
 Wallowa County Chieftain

JOSEPH — Attendance was good in 2021 and plans are underway for this year's Chief Joseph Days Rodeo, but last year's rodeo coming after a year-long hiatus because of the COVID-19 pandemic left the organization in the red, said CJD President Terry Jones.

Asked if the 2021 CJD was profitable, Jones said, simply, "It wasn't."

He declined to say how unprofitable it was, but he said the take was down "a ways."

But last year's rodeo had to cope with the special circumstances of profits for one year having to cover the expenses of two.

"We still have our expenses even though we didn't have a rodeo," in 2020, Jones said. "We had to cover two years with one year. It's been a long 2-1/2 years."

**Attendance strong**

Despite the shortfall in profits, attendance seemed to be strong.

"It was good, I'll put it that way," Jones said. "We had a good turnout. Saturday night probably a record crowd. The Saturday night crowd was the biggest night I've ever seen."

He said he believed



A customer buys a ticket to the Chief Joseph Days Rodeo at the rodeo office in Joseph on Saturday, July 31, 2021, the last day of last year's rodeo.

attendance at the rodeo's Wednesday and Friday performances also may have broken records. Thursday is normally a bit down, and last year was no exception.

"There were a lot of people, a lot of people," he said.

Jones said that the rodeo, run by a non-profit organization, is not intended to be a great moneymaker.

"I know a lot of people's misconception is that we just roll in the bucks, but that's not how it works," he said.

The CJD organization has to cover the cost of its office, insurance, the rodeo grounds and other expenses, he said.

"All those things have to be generated from our rodeo. Normally, we're able to do that," he said.

"But when you're trying to cover two years of all those things, it's a little harder."

Jones said he doesn't have the actual attendance numbers, but about 25,000 rodeo tickets were printed, some of which were complimentary tickets.

"Between the sponsored tickets and ones that we sold, it was 21,000-22,000 tickets that were passed out, which was a good year for us," he said.

Jones said the rodeo usually operates in the black, and he expects this year will be no different, with 2020 being the anomaly because of the pandemic.

"I would hope so, but how do you know? It might rain, COVID might come back with a vengeance," he said. "But we're going to plan on making it through next year."

**A boon to the county**

Still, the mere fact that the rodeo happens is a boon to the economy of Joseph and all of Wallowa

County.

Jones said that studies done in the past have shown that the rodeo and accompanying events typically bring in 18%-25% of the total tourist dollars for the summer.

"When we bring 25,000 people to town, that brings money in for the community," he said. "When people come to town, it's got to be a boost to the economy."

Work on this year's rodeo, which is July 27-30, is already well underway. This year's rodeo court was named last fall, and consists of Bailey Vernam, Mia Salerno and Maggie Zacharias. One will be named queen this spring. Tickets for season pass holders also are going out.

"We hoped to entertain people, and it seemed that was the case," Jones said of last year's rodeo. "And we hope people enjoy it."

# No snow or rain in forecast for this week

By **DICK MASON**

The Observer

LA GRANDE — Moderately higher temperatures and no snow or rain is in the forecast for La Grande and Enterprise from Tuesday, Feb. 8, through at least the rest of the week, according to the National Weather Service.

"A high-pressure system is expected to be

over the Pacific Northwest. It will result in dry conditions and mild temperatures," said Marilyn Lohmann, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service, Pendleton.

The high-pressure system is keeping storms from coming into the region. Lohmann said it is expected to remain in place through about Feb. 14 when a storm system

is expected to enter the Pacific Northwest.

Lohmann said there is a small chance that Union County will experience high winds this week, likely in Ladd and Pyles canyons.

Temperatures are projected to be cooler in Enterprise than in La Grande. La Grande's high temperatures will range between 42-48 degrees,

according to the National Weather Service.

The high temperatures in Enterprise are expected to be between 37-45 degrees.

La Grande's low temperatures are projected to be between 23-25 degrees, while Enterprise's low temperatures will range between 22-25 degrees, the National Weather Service said.

# EOU grad named permanent CEO at Yellowhawk

East Oregonian

MISSION — Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center turned to a familiar face for its open CEO position.

On Tuesday, Feb. 1, Yellowhawk announced it was removing the interim tag from CEO Aaron Hines and was naming him the permanent chief executive of the clinic.

"Aaron has served as the Interim for the past several months and proved to be an asset and leader for Yellowhawk," Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla of Indian Reservation Health

Commission Chair Shawna Gavin said in a statement.

"We (the Commission) are excited and looking forward to the outlook that Aaron brings, he has a fresh take on our vision and work, and we are excited to have the opportunity to continue working with him directly."

Hines is a longtime tribal official, having served six years on the CTUIR Board of Trustees as the General Council chair and treasurer. He's also served on the boards for the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, the National Congress of American Indians

and Nixyaawii Community Financial Services.

Hines holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Eastern Oregon University and is pursuing a master's degree in health care business administration from Oregon Health & Science University and Portland State University.

Hines had been serving as interim CEO since May 2021, when his predecessor, Lisa Guzman, resigned. Hines had been working as Yellowhawk's human resources director prior to his appointment.



Aaron Hines speaks in 2011 during a candidates forum. Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center on Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2022, announced Hines is its new CEO after serving as interim CEO since May 2021.

**NEWS BRIEFS**

**Crane to stay on for another year at Enterprise schools**

ENTERPRISE — Tom Crane, the interim superintendent for the Enterprise School District, has agreed to stay on another year, he said Thursday, Feb. 3.



Crane

The former Enterprise teacher and coach who returned last summer to fill the post vacated by Erika Pinkerton initially came out of retirement to take the job for a single year. He said that school board members met with a representative of the Oregon State School Board Association to talk with the search company that is seeking a permanent superintendent and concluded that Enterprise's best alternative is to keep Crane on for another year.

"There is a large number of superintendent vacancies this year," Crane said.

He said there are at least 28 vacancies throughout the state.

"It's a tough job," he said, with all the added difficulties of the COVID-19 pandemic making it harder.

Replacing Crane with a newcomer now would be all the more difficult because of the ongoing projects within the district, such as the construction work funded largely by the 2020 school bond.

"They spent a lot of time training me about the bond and they'd have to do it again," he said.

There's also the task of replacing Enterprise High School Principal Blake Carlsen, who resigned last fall. Carlsen, who is leaving to be closer to family in Texas, originally was going to leave at the end of 2021 but asked to stay on until the end of the current school year, Crane said. He said the school board approved that request.

Although Crane was "happily retired" when he took the interim post, he's content to stay on another year.

"I like what I'm doing and being back," he said. "The community has really been welcoming."

**County commissioners to meet about moving border**

LA GRANDE — The Union County Board of Commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 9, to discuss ballot measure 31-101.

The measure, which Union County voters approved in 2020, requires the board of county commissioners to hold public meetings to discuss a proposal to make the county part of a new state, which would be named Greater Idaho.

People will not be able to attend the meeting in person.

To join 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.

Comments may be emailed to amooore@unioncounty.org no later than 5 p.m. on Feb. 8.

— EO Media Group

# Resident asks for apology from county leader

Man objects to Bruce Nichols' request for deputy's presence during Feb. 2 meeting

By **SAMANTHA O'CONNOR**

Baker City Herald

BAKER CITY — Curtis Martin, of North Powder, is asking for an apology from Baker County Commissioner Bruce Nichols after the commissioner requested a sheriff's deputy at the courthouse be present during a contentious discussion between Martin and the two other commissioners at their Wednesday, Feb. 2, meeting.

Martin chastised commissioners for failing to reject Gov. Kate Brown's executive orders requiring some employees to be vaccinated and mandating face masks in indoor public spaces, including the courthouse.

Martin spoke during the public comment period of the Feb. 2 meeting, leading to a sometimes heated discussion with the commission chairman, Bill Harvey, and Commissioner Mark Bennett.

In a Feb. 3 letter to the commissioners calling for Nichols to apologize, Martin wrote that: "During my public testimony, Commissioners Bennett, Harvey and I engaged in dialogue. All of us with a direct, strong held positions of disagreement, but respectful of each other's right of free speech and expressing, passionately those opinions, with possibly raised voices to emphasize our points. Unbeknownst to me at the time, Nichols got up to ask for court security personnel to come to the commission chamber, evidently wanting to shut down the robust discussion we were having."

Nichols said that shutting down the discussion was not his intention, nor was his request for a security officer directed at Martin.

"I'm sorry he felt that way because it was not directed at him," he said. "It was directed at the flaring tempers in the room and I thought, if we could get a deputy down here to just come in, just have a presence there. That's all I wanted is to calm things down a little bit because I was afraid of things escalating and it wasn't directed at Curtis at all."

Nichols said he requested the deputy's presence because he wasn't sure whether other speakers would continue the discussion and whether the situation might become more tense.

Martin had previously written to Harvey to object to wording that the county added last month to its public announcements about commission meetings.

Martin said during the Feb. 2 meeting that although he understands Harvey's point that the county isn't enforcing the mask requirement, he objects to what he called "acquiescence to continue compliance with these illegitimate agency mandates."

"It's time to quit hunkering down and face this tyranny head on and tell these agencies Baker County will not tolerate nor adhere to their directives," Martin said. "A majority of citizen constituents want less oppression and leadership that expresses true to local representative government. I can assure you, that is not what we are getting now."