

TODAY

In 1815, Napoleon, having escaped exile in Elba, arrived in Cannes, France, and headed for Paris to begin his "Hundred Days" rule.

In 1867, Nebraska became the 37th state as President Andrew Johnson signed a proclamation.

In 1893, inventor Nikola Tesla first publicly demonstrated radio during a meeting of the National Electric Light Association in St. Louis by transmitting electromagnetic energy without wires.

In 1932, Charles A. Lindbergh Jr., the 20-month-old son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh, was kidnapped from the family home near Hopewell, New Jersey. (Remains identified as those of the child were found the following May.)

In 1945, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, back from the Yalta Conference, proclaimed the meeting a success as he addressed a joint session of Congress.

In 1954, four Puerto Rican nationalists opened fire from the spectators' gallery of the U.S. House of Representatives, wounding five members of Congress.

In 1966, the Soviet space probe Venera 3 impacted the surface of Venus, becoming the first spacecraft to reach another planet; however, Venera was unable to transmit any data, its communications system having failed.

In 1971, a bomb went off inside a men's room at the U.S. Capitol; the radical group Weather Underground claimed responsibility for the pre-dawn blast.

In 2005, Dennis Rader, the churchgoing family man accused of leading a double life as the BTK serial killer, was charged in Wichita, Kansas, with 10 counts of first-degree murder. (Rader later pleaded guilty and received multiple life sentences.) A closely divided Supreme Court outlawed the death penalty for juvenile criminals.

In 2010, Jay Leno returned as host of NBC's "The Tonight Show."

In 2015, tens of thousands marched through Moscow in honor of slain Russian opposition leader Boris Nemtsov, who had been shot to death on Feb. 27.

In 2020, state officials said New York City had its first confirmed case of the coronavirus, a woman in her late 30s who had contracted the virus while traveling in Iran. Health officials in Washington state, announcing what was believed at the time to be the second U.S. death from the coronavirus, said the virus may have been circulating for weeks undetected in the Seattle area.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Robert Clary is 96. Singer/actor Harry Belafonte is 95. Rock singer Roger Daltrey is 78. Actor Dirk Benedict is 77. Actor-director Ron Howard is 68. Country singer Janis Oliver (Sweethearts of the Rodeo) is 68. Actor Catherine Bach is 67. Actor Tim Daly is 66. Singer-musician Jon Carroll is 65. Actor Maurice Benard is 59. Actor Russell Wong is 59. Actor George Eads is 55. Actor Javier Bardem is 53. Actor Jack Davenport is 49. Rock musician Ryan Peake (Nickelback) is 49. Actor Mark-Paul Gosselaar is 48. TV host Donovan Patton is 44. Actor Joe Tippett is 40. Actor Lupita Nyong'o is 39. Pop singer Kesha (formerly Ke\$ha) is 35. R&B singer Sammie is 35. Pop singer Justin Bieber is 28.

LOTTERY

Friday, Feb. 25, 2022

Megamillions

15-31-40-56-66

Megaball: 3

Megaplier: 4

Jackpot: \$102 million

Lucky Lines

2-6-10-16-19-23-27-32

Jackpot: \$14,000

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 1-1-6-8

4 p.m.: 5-1-4-3

7 p.m.: 9-5-8-8

10 p.m.: 3-4-2-3

Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022

Powerball

15-32-36-48-64

Powerball: 19

Power Play: 3

Jackpot: \$65 million

Megabucks

20-29-34-40-44-46

Jackpot: \$2.2 million

Lucky Lines

1-5-9-15-17-23-28-32

Jackpot: \$15,000

Pick 4

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

4 p.m.: 7-3-9-5

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

10 p.m.: 4-1-8-1

Win for Life

8-23-30-31

Sunday, Feb. 27, 2022

Lucky Lines

3-5-12-16-17-24-25-29

Estimated jackpot: \$16,000

Pick 4

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

4 p.m.: 0-2-6-5

7 p.m.: 4-7-6-2

10 p.m.: 9-0-1-6

EOU lands Title III grant

University awarded \$2.5 million for student services

The Observer

LA GRANDE — As classes began last fall, Eastern Oregon University had something extra to celebrate.

The university was notified in late September that it had been awarded a \$2.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

The Title III funding is a Strengthening Institutions Grant, paid out at \$450,000 each year for five years, with the initial distribution received in fall 2021.

"This is a significant, substantial grant for a university like EOU because it's five years long and the amount of money that comes to EOU allows us to follow through with the things we know we need to do," said Nate Lowe, dean of the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences who is also acting as interim grant director.

Funds are to be used for academic quality, institutional management and fiscal stability. He said the broad support of this particular grant removes some of the constraints that small, regional universities like EOU tend to face.

"A Title III grant like this can be transformational for a campus like ours," Lowe said. "It's not only a financial boost, but it creates an opportunity for the institution to work together."

A new, comprehensive



Eastern Oregon University/Contributed Photo, File

Students walk to class at Eastern Oregon University in this undated photo. The university was notified in late September that it had been awarded a \$2.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

student success program, called BRIDGES, will take shape thanks to grant funds. Leaders from across the university collaborated to apply for the grant, and will continue their interdisciplinary work to implement a range of resources, from faculty-led math tutoring and expanded diversity and equity efforts to new staff positions. This integrated approach is united in its aim to increase retention and graduation, thereby improving student success and ensuring the university's fiscal stability when the grant funding ends.

"There are dozens and dozens of faculty and staff on this campus who are directly connected to this grant and its activities, out to every corner of campus," Lowe said. "It's meant to create collaboration and interconnection of the work that we do in order to support students."

Initiatives driven by

this grant seek intentionally to break down barriers and increase collaboration for the benefit of students. BRIDGES contains six distinct areas of focus — enhanced academic advising; math and English courses designed to bring students up to college level; experiential learning curriculum for every degree program; comprehensive First Year Experience for incoming students; improved degree planning systems; and cultivating a sense of belonging backed by a new associate vice president for diversity, inclusion, equity and belonging.

The university is in the process of hiring the associate vice president, who will serve as grant director for the Title III funds and oversee the creation of a Center for Diversity, Inclusion, Equity and Belonging at Eastern.

"This is the anchor of the entire grant," Lowe

said. "The funds allow us to invest in additional personnel to enhance student support, especially for those who are underrepresented or underprepared and those who have bigger roadblocks to success."

Some of the work has already begun, while other aspects are still taking shape. Lowe anticipates a growing number of opportunities for university departments, employees and stakeholders to get involved.

It's been eight months since EOU's Provost convened a cross-campus team to spend several weeks working with consultants to apply for the highly competitive Title III grant. Already, it's abundantly clear these funds have potential to transform the student experience at EOU.

"It's really a gift to students today and in the future," Lowe said. "We will be a better institution because of this and on the other side of it."

Rain in forecast for this week

By DICK MASON

The Observer

LA GRANDE — A wet week may be ahead for the Grande Ronde and Walla Walla valleys.

The National Weather Service is forecasting rain and light snow in La Grande and Enterprise this week.

La Grande will have a 50% chance of rain on Tuesday, March 1, a 60% chance of rain on March 2, a 60% chance of rain on March 3 in the daytime and a slight chance of snow that evening, and a slight chance of snow on March

4, according to National Weather Service forecasts.

Enterprise will have a 40% chance of rain on March 1, a 30% chance of precipitation on March 2, a 40% chance of rain on March 3 and a chance of snow on March 4.

The forecast high temperatures for La Grande are 48 degrees on March 1, 47 degrees on March 2, 42 degrees on March 3 and 38 degrees on March 4. Enterprise's high temperatures are expected to be 43 degrees on March 1-2, 38 degrees on March 3 and 33 degrees on March 4.

The National Weather

Service is projecting that La Grande's low temperatures will be 39 degrees on March 1, 37 degrees on March 2, 31 degrees on March 3 and 28 degrees on March 4. Enterprise's lows are expected to be 30 degrees on March 1, 28 degrees on March 2, 21 degrees on March 3 and 18 degrees on March 4.

The warmer temperatures and rain should cause rivers and creeks to rise, but flooding is not considered likely, according to Rob Brooks, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Pendleton. Brooks said, however, the

National Weather Service will be watching closely for potential flooding.

"We will want to get the word out as fast as we can if there is a chance of flooding," he said.

Brooks said that because of the rain and rising temperatures people will need to be careful when walking on snow along the banks of creeks and rivers. He said rising water levels will wash away the base under the snow, meaning people stepping on snow on streambanks run the risk of falling through and into frigid water.

Dating violence theme of teen's presentation

Joseph eighth grader Harley Wanner's project part of school's FCCLA chapter

By BILL BRADSHAW

Walla Walla County Chieftain

JOSEPH — A Joseph Charter School eighth-grader recently headed up an assembly to share with her fellow students concerns about dating violence among teens.

"I'm spreading awareness about teen dating violence," said Harley Wanner before the assembly Tuesday, Feb. 22. "I'm doing this assembly; I'm doing an FCCLA meeting."

It's part of her project as a member of the school's Family, Career and Community Leaders of America chapter.

FCCLA is a nonprofit national career and technical student organization for students in family and consumer sciences education in public and private schools in grades six through 12. There are about 30 students in JCS's chapter, Wanner said. A dozen of them joined her in putting on the assembly.

"I'll go to present this project at state and hopefully at nationals if I make it," Wanner said. "I can present



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Harley Wanner, right, an eighth grader at Joseph Charter School, gives a presentation on teen dating violence and healthy relationships during an assembly Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2022. The presentation was Wanner's project as a member of the school's Family, Career and Community Leaders of America chapter.

my project at state and help people in the community in any way I can."

She said her fellow FCCLA members do a variety of projects with the same goal as hers — of advancing in the competition to state and nationals. She said they work on projects such as teacher appreciation, raise money for cancer victims and their families, and one girl is making a dress of recycled materials.

Lisa Collier, the JCS adviser for the FCCLA chapter, said Wanner also brought in representatives from Safe Harbors, a nonprofit group that provides

crisis intervention and advocacy services to survivors of domestic violence, sexual violence, dating violence and stalking, as well as community education and outreach, according to the group's website. Katherine Marrone and Marika Straw from Safe Harbors put on a slideshow and talked to the youths who attended.

"She wanted to work with Safe Harbors," Collier said of Wanner. "February is dating violence awareness month."

Wanner, who is just 13, said that kids today are dating younger than in even recent generations. "Nowadays, kids as

young as 12 will date," she said. "But any relationship can be toxic."

She also said that the age gap between dating partners doesn't make much of a difference.

"It's all the same," she said. "The age gap doesn't matter."

But it comes down to being aware, she said.

"You watch for signs of abuse and toxic relationships," Harley said. "If they're mentally manipulating you, that's a sign of a toxic relationship. An abusive relationship is when you're physically harming your partner. There are so many other things."

County to tackle wolf issue

Union County Commissioners to decide on wolf depredation funds

By DICK MASON

The Observer

LA GRANDE — Wolves took a toll on Union County livestock in 2021.

The Union County Board of Commissioners will address the topic when it meets at 9 a.m. Wednesday, March 2. The board will vote on how to distribute nearly \$53,000 in wolf depredation funds from the Oregon Department of Agriculture under a program established by the Oregon Legislature in 2011.

The board will consider recommendations from the Union County Wolf Depredation Compensation Advisory Committee. It recommended on Nov. 10, 2021, that Union County apply for \$52,921 to compensate ranchers who owned animals that are now missing because of wolves or were killed or injured by them, and to provide livestock owners more resources to protect their animals from wolves.

The committee recommended that \$31,921 of the \$52,921 be applied to compensate ranchers for killed, lost or injured animals. This would be given to the ranchers who had 12 sheep and nine goats killed by wolves; 36 sheep, six steers, seven heifers and one cow that disappeared apparently because of wolf attacks; and two Kangal dogs injured by wolves.

The Union County Wolf Depredation Compensation Advisory Committee made its \$31,921 recommendation based on applications from producers who were hurt by wolf activity. The committee also recommended that \$21,000 be provided to ranchers to help them protect their livestock from wolves.

Another subject on the meeting's agenda is the 2022 Union County Business Assistance Grant Program, which will provide \$500,000 in federal funding from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund. The money is available to help small businesses adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and by state-mandated efforts to prevent its spread.

The board of commissioners will vote on whether to approve guidelines businesses must meet before they can apply. Under proposed eligibility requirements, businesses must have 30 or fewer employees, been adversely affected by COVID-19 between Dec. 1, 2020, and Dec. 31, 2021, as compared to the same time period in 2019, and meet other requirements.

Grants of up to \$10,000 would be available per business under the county's proposed distribution plan. The proposed application window would be March 2 to April 1.

The March 1 meeting will be conducted via Zoom videoconference and phone because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

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.

Public comments for the meeting can be provided by email to amoores@union-county.org before 5 p.m. March 1.



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