

# Bald is beautiful



A bald eagle rests on a fence post along Peach Road, near Ladd Marsh, on Thursday, March 3, 2022.

Alex Wittwer/EO Media Group

# Playwright to be spring writer-in-residence

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ENTERPRISE — Playwriting and theater are coming to Wallowa County this spring as playwright E.M. “Ellen” Lewis is Fishtrap’s writer-in-residence for the season, according to a press release.

The award-winning dramatist, teacher and opera librettist will be in local schools, teaching students her craft for five weeks.

During that time, Lewis also will be a special guest

at the April 1 Fishtrap Fireside, lead a morning adult play-writing workshop on April 16, and give a public reading of one of her recent plays with actors from Wallowa County’s MidValley Theatre Co.

“We look for a special combination of both creative and teaching experience when we offer a writer the opportunity to spend



Lewis

time with our community as a Fishtrap Writer-in-Residence,” said Fishtrap Executive Director Shannon McNerney. “Ellen provides those skills in spades, along with an understanding of life in rural Oregon. We couldn’t be happier to have her join us this spring.”

The Writer-in-Residence program invites experienced writers and educators to spend 4-6 weeks in the county and includes a stipend, travel allowance and lodging. During their time here,

writers-in-residence devote up to eight hours a week teaching in county schools, leads an adult writing workshop and gives a public reading.

Lewis lives in Oregon’s Willamette Valley on her family’s farm. More about her can be found on her website, [www.emlewis-playwright.com](http://www.emlewis-playwright.com).

To learn more about the Writer-in-Residence program, visit [www.fishtrap.org](http://www.fishtrap.org) or contact McNerney at [shannon@fishtrap.org](mailto:shannon@fishtrap.org) or 541-426-3623.

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

### MEETINGS

• UNION — The Union Rural Fire Protection District Board will meet Tuesday, March 15, at 7 p.m. at the fire hall. For more information, call 541-910-3114 or email [union.rfpd@outlook.com](mailto:union.rfpd@outlook.com).

• LA GRANDE — A joint work session of La Grande’s Urban Renewal Agency and city council is slated for Monday, March 14, at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers, La Grande City Hall, 1000 Adams Ave. The purpose of the session is to discuss economic development strategy. The in-person work session can be viewed virtually at [www.facebook.com/CityofLaGrande](http://www.facebook.com/CityofLaGrande).

• IMBLER — The Imbler School Board of Directors will meet for a regular session on Tuesday, March 15, at 7 p.m. in Room 1 of the high school. The agenda includes discussion of bus routes in La Grande and the hiring of Brandon McGilvray as junior high track coach and Talia Whitmore as the assistant high school and junior high track coach.

• PENDLETON — A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the InterMountain Education Service District will begin at 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 16, at the IMESD, 2001 SW Nye Ave., Pendleton. The IMESD serves school districts in Baker, Morrow, Union and Umatilla counties.

### BRIEFS

#### Hurricane Creek Grange plans March 12 bazaar

JOSEPH — Hurricane Creek Grange invites all to its bazaar on Saturday, March 12, at 82930 Airport Lane, Joseph. The sale will run from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., and breakfast will be available 7-11 a.m.

#### Buy Girl Scout cookies, support local troops

LA GRANDE — After a year hiatus, Girl Scout Cookie booths are back. Troops in the regional Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington are selling cookies this year in person, including in booths set up around Northeastern Oregon as part of what has been called “the largest girl-led entrepreneurial program in the world.”

Although the cookie season could last until March 20, troop leaders said that will depend on availability of some of the popular cookies, including Samoas and Adventurefuls, a caramel-brownie cookie debuting in 2022.

“Local Girl Scouts do incredible things with their cookie earnings,” Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington CEO Karen Hill said in a press release. “Whether earning their way to camp or funding a service project, they’re setting goals and serving as leaders in their own lives and in their communities.”

To find a booth near you, order

online or donate cookies to Meals on Wheels, visit the Girl Scout Cookie Finder [www.girlscoutcookies.org](http://www.girlscoutcookies.org) and enter your ZIP code.

Find more information about joining or volunteering with Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington at [www.girlscoutsw.org](http://www.girlscoutsw.org).

#### Union community meal served Friday, March 11, 2022

UNION — Community meals are served on the second Friday of the month at noon at the Catherine Creek Community Center, housed in the former Union Methodist Church at 667 N. Main St., Union. The next gathering is planned for Friday, March 11. Cost is \$3.50 and all are welcome. Delivery is available. Call 541-562-2038 or email at [ccccenter667@gmail.com](mailto:ccccenter667@gmail.com) to set up delivery.

#### Dive-in Movie Night is back

LA GRANDE — La Grande Parks and Recreation will resume hosting Dive-in Movie Nights at Veterans’ Memorial Pool, 401 Palmer, La Grande, on Friday, March 11. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the movie starts at 5:45 p.m.

The event returns after a hiatus since 2019. Cost is the price of regular admission: \$5 for adults and \$3.50 for children, seniors and veterans. Non-residents pay and extra 50 cents. Memberships are valid for this event. For more information and to see what movie is playing, go to [www.lagrande-parks.org](http://www.lagrande-parks.org) and click on Special Events.

— The Observer

## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

### Tuesday, March 9

6:44 a.m. — La Grande police assisted at a fire call at Eastern Oregon University, 1 University Blvd.

8:05 a.m. — A caller on the 2200 block of Adams Avenue, La Grande, asked for police to help with a person experiencing a mental issue. An officer made contact.

9:44 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 2000 block of Q Avenue on a report of a person in a mental or emotional crisis. Police resolved the situation and took a report.

4:20 p.m. — La Grande police responded to Max Square on a report of a disturbance and provided options.

4:52 p.m. — La Grande police returned to Max Square

on a report of two males fighting. Police trespassed both.

4:59 p.m. — La Grande police received a request to check on the welfare of a male bleeding from his hand and going through trash on the 1200 block of Jefferson Avenue. Police determined he was one of the people involved in the fight at Max Square.

6:20 p.m. — A caller reported possible child abuse on the 2300 block of Q Avenue, La Grande. An officer made contact.

6:48 p.m. — A resident on the 1900 block of Washington Avenue, La Grande, reported three aggressive dogs charged her. Police referred the matter to an animal enforcement officer.

# OSU offers new scholarship for food science and technology students

By SIERRA DAWN McCLAIN  
Capital Press

CORVALLIS — Oregon State University has created a new scholarship fund for undergraduate students in its Department of Food Science and Technology.

The scholarship is available to students in the department’s three study areas: food science, fermentation science and enology and viticulture. The fund is designed to support hands-on learning for students in the program, including internships, research and work-abroad programs.

Directly, college officials say, the scholarship benefits students. Indirectly, it could benefit Oregon’s food and farming industries by helping develop better future food scientists.

“This (scholarship) will have an immense impact,” said Lisbeth Goddik, professor and department head of the OSU Department of Food Science and Technology.

Graduates of the program have gone on to work in many sectors, including at food companies, breweries, wineries, dairies and creameries, as production supervisors on farms with value-added processing, as inspectors for agencies and as entrepreneurs.

“Our current food science students are the future leaders of Oregon’s food and beverage industries,” said Goddik.

The program, college officials and students say, is already hands-on, but some students have missed out on the opportunity to study abroad or do internships because they couldn’t afford the additional costs of travel or housing.

This new fund aims to solve that problem. The scholarship can be used to support travel and/or lodging for students who are doing internships, studying or working abroad in food science via official OSU exchange programs or doing undergraduate research in the department.

“This scholarship can help overcome some of the financial barriers students run into,” said Goddwik.

In 2022, the scholarship is targeted to support 30 to 50 out of the department’s approximately 100 undergraduate students.

Lian Moy, an OSU student who was approved to receive the scholarship this year, said she plans to use it to pay for housing to study at Wageningen University & Research, an agricultural university in the Netherlands.

“It would be really tough to study abroad without the scholarship,” said Moy, who works in OSU’s creamery, where she said she enjoys making cheese.

Another OSU student, Grace Spencer, was also approved for scholarship funding this year. She plans to use it to study sustainable food systems in France.

“Honestly, without the scholarship I probably couldn’t afford the travel,” she said.

Both students said they are eager to bring back ideas and innovations from their studies and experiences in Europe.

“I think it’s super important to understand food systems on an international scale,” Spencer said.

Goddik, the department head, said she hopes the Department of Food Science and Technology will draw more students from farms in the future because she sees opportunities for young people with farming backgrounds to pursue food-science related degrees and then use them to create value-added products.

“What does it take to save the family farm? Sometimes it takes turning a commodity into a value-added product. And we can definitely provide an opportunity there,” she said.

The scholarship’s donors are Grant and Alice Schoenhard. Grant Schoenhard, who holds a doctorate, is a program alumnus. He was a food, additive and medical chemist.

## DEATH NOTICES

### Pamala E. Tucker

Formerly of La Grande

Pamala Eileen Tucker, 59, of Pendleton and formerly of La Grande, died March 3, 2022, at her home. Arrangements are by Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop.

## UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



**March 11 — GEORGE RUSH:** 10:30 a.m. memorial service, Catherine Creek Community Center, Union.

**March 12 — DALTON JONES:** 2 p.m. memorial service, former Valley Fellowship Church building, 507 Palmer St., La Grande.

**March 26 — PATRICIA LEWIS:** 10 a.m. graveside service, North Powder Cemetery; followed by 11 a.m. celebration of life, North Powder Grange.

**March 26 — JUDY HUNT:** 3 p.m. celebration of life, La Grande Seventh-day Adventist Church.

**May 19 — ORVA MURRILL:** 2 p.m. graveside service, Union Victorian Cemetery.

**June 23 — DAN KRAMER:** 2 p.m. memorial service, Grandview Cemetery, La Grande.

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