

TODAY

In 1765, the British Parliament passed the Stamp Act to raise money from the American colonies, which fiercely resisted the tax. (The Stamp Act was repealed a year later.)

In 1882, President Chester Alan Arthur signed a measure outlawing polygamy.

In 1941, the Grand Coulee hydroelectric dam in Washington state officially went into operation.

In 1945, the Arab League was formed with the adoption of a charter in Cairo, Egypt.

In 1963, The Beatles' debut album, "Please Please Me," was released in the United Kingdom by Parlophone.

In 1978, Karl Wallenda, the 73-year-old patriarch of "The Flying Wallendas" high-wire act, fell to his death while attempting to walk a cable strung between two hotel towers in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

In 1988, both houses of Congress overrode President Ronald Reagan's veto of the Civil Rights Restoration Act.

In 1993, Intel Corp. unveiled the original Pentium computer chip.

In 1997, Tara Lipinski, at age 14 years and 10 months, became the youngest ladies' world figure skating champion in Lausanne, Switzerland.

In 2010, Google Inc. stopped censoring the internet for China by shifting its search engine off the mainland to Hong Kong.

In 2019, special counsel Robert Mueller closed his Russia investigation with no new charges, delivering his final report to Justice Department officials. Former President Jimmy Carter became the longest-living chief executive in American history; at 94 years and 172 days, he exceeded the lifespan of the late former President George H.W. Bush.

In 2020, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo ordered all nonessential businesses in the state to close and nonessential workers to stay home. Kentucky Republican Rand Paul became the first member of the U.S. Senate to report testing positive for the coronavirus; his announcement led Utah senators Mike Lee and Mitt Romney to place themselves in quarantine.

Ten years ago: Coroner's officials ruled singer Whitney Houston died by drowning the previous February, but that heart disease and cocaine use were contributing factors.

Five years ago: A knife-wielding man plowed a car into pedestrians on London's Westminster Bridge, killing four people, then stabbed an armed police officer to death inside the gates of Parliament before being shot dead by authorities. Supreme Court nominee Neil Gorsuch wrapped up two days of Senate questioning to glowing GOP reviews but complaints from frustrated Democrats that he had concealed his views from the American public.

One year ago: A man opened fire at a crowded supermarket in Boulder, Colorado, killing 10 people, including one of the first police officers to respond. (The suspect, Ahmad Al Aliwi Alissa, has so far been found mentally incompetent to stand trial.)

Today's Birthdays: Evangelist broadcaster Pat Robertson is 92. Actor William Shatner is 91. Former Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, is 88. Actor M. Emmet Walsh is 87. Singer-guitarist George Benson is 79. Writer James Patterson is 75. CNN newscaster Wolf Blitzer is 74. Composer Andrew Lloyd Webber is 74. Sportscaster Bob Costas is 70. Actor Lena Olin is 67. Singer-actor Stephanie Mills is 65. Actor Matthew Modine is 63. Actor-comedian Keegan-Michael Key is 51. Actor Will Yun Lee is 51. Olympic silver medal figure skater Elvis Stojko is 50. Actor Cole Hauser is 47. Actor Kellie Williams is 46. Actor Reese Witherspoon is 46.

LOTTERY

Friday, March 18, 2022

Megamillions

2-6-25-40-45

Megaball: 5

Megaplier: 4

Jackpot: \$39 million

Lucky Lines

4-8-9-15-18-21-26-32

Jackpot: \$35,000

Pick 4

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

4 p.m.: 0-7-6-6

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

10 p.m.: 4-6-1-3

Saturday, March 19, 2022

Powerball

8-9-18-48-52

Powerball: 6

Power Play: 2

Jackpot: \$156 million

Megabucks

3-5-32-38-45-46

Jackpot: \$3.1 million

Lucky Lines

4-7-10-14-18-22-27-29

Jackpot: \$36,000

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 1-0-1-1

4 p.m.: 7-7-4-4

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

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

Win for Life

9-59-68-71

Sunday, March 20, 2022

Lucky Lines

1-8-9-15-18-22-28-31

Estimated jackpot: \$xx,000

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 4-8-2-3

4 p.m.: 7-0-6-4

7 p.m.: 1-2-3-9

10 p.m.: 9-2-9-9

The face of Fruitdale Lane

Ken Eberhard regularly walks 4 miles a day keeping roadway clean from litter

By DICK MASON

The Observer

LA GRANDE — Hundreds of people travel along two-mile Fruitdale Lane daily in north La Grande.

Many, especially those in vehicles with their windows tinted dark, have an air of anonymity.

And then there is Ken Eberhard, who might be described as the face of Fruitdale Lane.

The youthful 80-year-old walks a total of 4 miles on Fruitdale Lane about four times a week, beginning on the road's north side while walking west from Hunter Road to Riverside Park before returning on its south side while striding east back to Hunter Road.

"It is great exercise," Eberhard said.

He periodically looks down while walking, not to look for text messages on his cellphone but to check for something found in Fruitdale Lane's ditches long before the digital age started — litter.

Eberhard has been picking up debris along Fruitdale Lane ever since starting his regular walks about two years ago.

"I want to help keep it clean," he said.

Eberhard finishes each walk with a plastic bag filled with litter including face masks, food wrappers, small boxes and much more.

And his work is noticed.

"You don't see any garbage there," said Eberhard's son-in-law, Gary



Alex Wittwer/EO Media Group

Ken Eberhard, 80, walks along Fruitdale Lane to pick up litter on Friday, March 11, 2022. Eberhard started picking up litter along his morning walks as a way to combine exercise and public service.



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Ken Eberhard, 80, collects litter during his daily walk and, when the weather warms up, wears a backpack to train for hunting season.

Anderson, who also lives on Fruitdale Lane.

Eberhard picks up the litter with a degree of sensitivity.

If he finds something that he thinks someone may have lost and will be back to retrieve, he will place it in the far edge of the Fruitdale Lane's shoulder or hang it on a fence. If nobody claims it, he'll place it in his trash bag two or three days later.

Sometimes the bag is filled before he completes his walk.

Eberhard is careful

not to walk when there is extensive snow and ice on Fruitdale Lane because of the risk it poses.

"There is no point in exercising if you are going to get hurt doing it," he said.

Later in the year, he wears a backpack during his walks to make it more challenging. He said this gets him in better condition for big game hunting seasons in the fall. Those he hunts with include Anderson, his son-in-law, who credits Eberhard with being able to take on difficult terrain during hunts

because of his excellent condition.

He also hunts geese in farm fields near his home.

"He has his own blind," Anderson said.

When Eberhard is not hunting he is often angling. Last weekend, for example, he was fishing for walleye on the Columbia River.

He's rarely idle.

"He always keeps busy," Anderson said. "If he sits down he gets bored."

His penchant for being active is a carry over from the years Eberhard operated a logging company he owned in the Elgin area.

"He worked from sunup to sundown and then worked in his office at night," Anderson said.

He said Eberhard's work ethic reflects his generation.

"Ken is an old school worker," Anderson said.

One who enjoys helping his community and making connections with those within it.

"He is a people person," said his daughter Keri Eberhard, of La Grande.

Enterprise, Joseph to be in indie film

By BILL BRADSHAW

Wallowa County Chieftain

ENTERPRISE — Wallowa County is going to be a star. At least, several locations in Enterprise and Joseph will be in the upcoming independent film "New Life," which capitalizes on the county's resemblance to Canada.

"Today we are filming in downtown Enterprise," Hannah Cumming, associate producer and production coordinator for the film, said on Thursday, March 17. "We're shooting on the sidewalk along Main Street, by the courthouse and near the city park."

She said the previous day the crew shot at a ranch near Joseph.

"It was beautiful there," Cumming said.

She said the film is about Jess Murdoch, who gets infected with a virus that is "causing serious side effects and she's being pursued by an official, Elsa, who is trying to figure out why the side effects are not affecting her the way they're affecting everyone else."

Murdoch is portrayed by Hayley Erin, of Los Angeles, while Elsa Gray is portrayed by Sonya Walger, of the United Kingdom.

Enterprise is doubling



Photos by Bill Bradshaw/Wallowa County Chieftain

Actress Hayley Erin, right, portraying Jess Murdoch, flees after hearing her name called Thursday, March 17, 2022, during filming of the independent film "New Life" in downtown Enterprise. Sites in Wallowa County were selected for the film because producers believe they resemble Canada.

as a town in Alberta, Canada, near the U.S. border.

"We were trying to find a place in Oregon that looked like Canada," Cumming said. "The Wallowa definitely look like the Canadian border area."

While "New Life" is not your typical film about the "undead" — they emphasized that "We don't use the 'Z' word," Erin said — it tries to get into the genre with a more realistic approach, Cumming said.

Occasionally, there is some of the "undead"-like appearance to characters.

"There was some freaky makeup in that one," Cumming said of the

scenes shot near Joseph.

The only local Cumming mentioned using during production was Michael Ferrell, owner of the Michael's on Main Street salon.

"One of the extras wasn't here and they were filming a scene where they were walking in front of the Humane Society that they put in because of the kitties," Ferrell said. "So I got to be in the movie as a walker with a girl at my side."

Kevin Brown, another associate producer, said he's still unsure when the film will be released.

"It's an independent film and we don't have a distributor yet," he said.

NEWS BRIEF

Program offered to start small business

ENTERPRISE — The CO.STARTERS Core Program is being offered by the Northeast Oregon Economic Development District for small business entrepreneurs interested in successfully launching a small business idea.

CO.STARTERS Core, offered in partnership with Reinventing Rural,

equips entrepreneurs of all kinds with the insights, relationships and tools needed to turn business ideas into action.

CO.STARTERS walks small business owners or those with a business idea through lean, effective business modeling methods in a simple, visual, and intuitive way, while connecting them to a supportive community of peers and mentors.

Entrepreneurs will meet virtually on Thursday evenings from 5:30-8:30 p.m. starting April 7 for 10 sessions. Sessions will be led by facilitators Lisa Dawson, NEOEDD's executive director, and Bryan Tweet, Launch Pad Baker's executive director.

For more information, contact Dawson at 541-426-3598 ext. 1, 541-432-1056 (cell) or www.neoedd.org. — The Observer

Local bridge projects underway

Project work set in Union, Wallowa and Baker counties

By DICK MASON

The Observer

LA GRANDE — The Oregon Department of Transportation is launching a bridge renovation and building drive that will restore six spans in Union and Baker counties and replace another in Wallowa County.

Work is now starting on three of the projects — two in La Grande and one in Wallowa County.

The two La Grande spans are the north Second Street bridge about 250 yards southeast of the Union County Fairgrounds, and McAlister Lane Bridge near the Flying J Travel Center truck stop. Both bridges are over Interstate 84.

Work on the north Second Street bridge started Monday, March 21, and is expected to be completed by the end of July, said ODOT spokesperson Tom Strandberg. The bridge will be closed to motorized traffic until the work is finished but bicyclists and pedestrians, including those with disabilities, will be allowed access through the work zone.

Crews working at the north Second Street site will upgrade bridge rails to current standards, repair and seal deck surfaces, and perform other repairs to keep structures safe and in good condition.

Work on the bridge will not affect traffic on Interstate 84, which runs under the span. ODOT will stage a detour around the work zone.

Crews contracted by ODOT began work at the McAlister Lane Bridge over I-84 on March 14. Containment devices were installed to prevent debris from the project from falling to I-84. There will be occasional traffic delays at this site through June when work should be finished, Strandberg said.

Work that will be done later includes the removal and replacement of the existing bridge railing with a new one that meets current vehicular crash standards, the installation of new protective screening and sealing the existing bridge deck to extend the life of the surface.

The work scheduled for Wallowa County will involve the replacement of the Bear Creek Bridge on Highway 82 near Wallowa. Removal of vegetation at the site to allow for bridge building started March 14.

"Basically, we will be replacing the bridge over the Wallowa River just to the north of the town of Wallowa," Strandberg said.

The narrow bridge will replace an 80-year-old span that requires upgrades and repairs. The bridge will continue to be used until the new span is completed.

Freeze-thaw cycles have damaged concrete railings, sidewalk and other portions of it, said Vicki Moles, an ODOT community affairs specialist.

"Erosion and debris jeopardize the bridge's foundations," Moles said.

Strandberg said that unless the old bridge is replaced there is a good chance that it would eventually have to be closed for repairs, something that would cause a major disruption for those traveling to and from northwest Wallowa County.

The new bridge, which will cost \$14.3 million, is expected to be completed by fall 2024.

Other bridge projects to be started this year in Wallowa, Union and Baker counties, all on or adjacent to I-84, include the Upper Perry Bridge, about 5 miles east of La Grande; the on- and off-ramp bridges at Exit 259, 2 miles east of La Grande; and the Highway 86 Bridge at Exit 302, just north of Baker City.

All of the seven ODOT projects except for replacement of the Bear Creek Bridge are expected to be completed at least by November, according to ODOT.