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In 1861, President Abraham Lincoln ordered plans for a relief expedition to sail to South Carolina's Fort Sumter, which was still in the hands of Union forces despite repeated demands by the Confederacy that it be turned over.

In 1867, Britain's Parliament passed, and Queen Victoria signed, the British North America Act creating the Dominion of Canada, which came into being the following July.

In 1943, World War II rationing of meat, fats and cheese began, limiting consumers to store purchases of an average of about two pounds a week for beef, pork, lamb and mutton using a coupon system.

In 1951, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were convicted in New York of conspiracy to commit espionage for the Soviet Union. (They were executed in June 1953.)

In 1971, Army Lt. William L. Calley Jr. was convicted of murdering 22 Vietnamese civilians in the 1968 My Lai massacre. (Calley ended up serving three years under house arrest.) A jury in Los Angeles recommended the death penalty for Charles Manson and three female followers for the 1969 Tate-La Bianca murders. (The sentences were commuted when the California state Supreme Court struck down the death penalty in 1972.)

In 1973, the last United States combat troops left South Vietnam, ending America's direct military involvement in the Vietnam War.

In 1974, eight Ohio National Guardsmen were indicted on federal charges stemming from the shooting deaths of four students at Kent State University. (The charges were later dismissed.)

In 1984, under cover of early morning darkness, the Baltimore Colts football team left its home city of three decades and moved to Indianapolis.

In 2002, Israeli troops stormed Yasser Arafat's headquarters complex in the West Bank in a raid that was launched in response to anti-Israeli attacks that had killed 30 people in three days.

In 2010, two female suicide bombers blew themselves up in twin attacks on Moscow subway stations jam-packed with rush-hour passengers, killing at least 40 people and wounding more than 100.

In 2020, country singer Joe Diffie, who had a string of hits in the 1990s, died at 61 from what a spokesman said were complications from COVID-19.

Today's Birthdays: Author Judith Guest is 86. Former British Prime Minister Sir John Major is 79. Comedian Eric Idle is 79. Composer Vangelis is 79. Basketball Hall of Famer Walt Frazier is 77. Singer Bobby Kimball (Toto) is 75. Actor Bud Cort is 74. Actor Brendan Gleeson is 67. Pro and College Football Hall of Famer Earl Campbell is 67. Actor Marina Sirtis is 67. Actor Christopher Lambert is 65. Rock singer Perry Farrell (Porno for Pyros; Jane's Addiction) is 63. Comedian-actor Amy Sedaris is 61. Model Elle Macpherson is 59. Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto, D-Nev., is 58. Actor Annabella Sciorra is 58. Movie director Michel Hazanavicius is 55. Rock singer-musician John Popper (Blues Traveler) is 55. Actor Lucy Lawless is 54. Country singer Brady Seals is 53. Actor Sam Hazeldine is 50. International Tennis Hall of Famer Jennifer Capriati is 46. Actor Chris D'Elia is 42. R&B singer PJ Morton is 41. Actor Megan Hilty is 41. Pop singer Kelly Sweet is 34.

LOTTERY

Friday, March 25, 2022

Megamillions

3-13-42-51-58

Megaball: 17

Megaplier: 2

Jackpot: \$60 million

Lucky Lines

1-6-10-15-20-21-26-32

Jackpot: \$42,000

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 9-6-0-4

4 p.m.: 4-7-3-8

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

10 p.m.: 9-2-9-4

Saturday, March 26, 2022

Powerball

2-10-50-59-61

Powerball: 6

Power Play: 3

Jackpot: \$195 million

Megabucks

7-9-18-24-42-48

Jackpot: \$3.4 million

Lucky Lines

4-6-11-16-17-23-27-32

Jackpot: \$43,000

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 7-9-1-5

4 p.m.: 1-4-6-0

7 p.m.: 2-2-0-5

10 p.m.: 8-1-0-0

Win for Life

20-29-34-62

Sunday, March 27, 2022

Lucky Lines

3-6-11-16-19-23-28-30

Estimated jackpot: \$44,000

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 9-6-4-0

4 p.m.: 1-2-5-8

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

10 p.m.: 8-5-0-7

Quilting for a cause

Quilting teacher organizes event to raise funds for Ukraine

By **DAVIS CARBAUGH**
The Observer

LA GRANDE — Local quilters are putting their fingers to use for a cause.

Tracy McKenzie, a La Grande resident, hosted a sunflower quilting class on Saturday, March 26, with the funds benefiting those in need in Ukraine. The fundraiser helped raise awareness and donations for Ukraine, while McKenzie also hopes to grow interest in quilting in the community.

"My mind just ran and it became a fundraiser for Ukraine," McKenzie said. "Hopefully we can get some help for all that is going on."

McKenzie began quilting three years ago, when she moved to La Grande. She is the owner of an online store called Essentially Loved Quilts and teaches classes for all skill levels. Saturday's fundraiser was aimed toward beginners, with three basic quilt-piecing techniques being taught to those in attendance.

The quilting fundraiser took place at the La Grande Church of the Nazarene, with local quilters combining their efforts to make a Ukraine-themed pattern.

McKenzie came up with the idea for a Ukraine fundraiser when one of her students was very interested in the idea of working on a sunflower-themed quilt. The student discovered the sunflower is the national flower of Ukraine, inspiring the fundraiser.

The event required a \$20 class fee, with half



Davis Carbaugh/The Observer

Tracy McKenzie operates a sewing machine during a sunflower quilt class and fundraiser for Ukraine on Saturday, March 26, 2022, in La Grande. Local quilters organized efforts to raise funds to benefit those in need in Ukraine.



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A pieced block guides students during a quilt class and Ukraine fundraiser in La Grande on Saturday, March 26, 2022. Tracy McKenzie, a local quilting teacher, organized the event to raise funds for those in need and to increase local interest in quilting.



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Yvonne Whitney works a sewing machine at a quilting class and fundraiser in La Grande on Saturday, March 26. The participants combined efforts for a Ukraine-themed quilt, with donation efforts going to nonprofits in Ukraine.

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— Tracy McKenzie, quilting instructor and owner of Essentially Loved Quilts

those funds going to organizations with boots on the ground in Ukraine. Individuals could also donate a block that would go toward the larger finished quilt, which McKenzie plans to raffle off to raise funds. She stated that the funds will likely go to either Samar-

itan's Purse or Healing Hands Foundation.

McKenzie noted that different quilt styles require more time and effort in the production process. The quilts are compiled of a variety of cut and sewn shapes, with some of the pieces only

about an inch long.

"I want to be able to share," McKenzie said. "I love quilting, for me it's very therapeutic."

With quilting sometimes considered a dying art, McKenzie is hoping to bring back that interest in La Grande.

"We have so many amazing quilters here," she said. "To get our community into a position where we can share our beauty with each other would be an amazing thing."

Dry weather forecast for Grande Ronde, Wallowa valleys

National Weather Service says wet weather could return April 4

By **DICK MASON**

The Observer

LA GRANDE — Dry conditions and moderate temperatures are in the forecast for the Grande Ronde and Wallowa valleys over the next five days.

The forecast from the National Weather Service says that La Grande

and Enterprise will have no rain or snow from Wednesday, March 30, through April 3. Joe Solomon, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Pendleton, said the dry streak could come to an end on April 4, when the forecast calls for rain in both the Grande Ronde and Wallowa valleys.

The National Weather Service is projecting temperatures ranging from 25-56 degrees in La Grande and Enterprise in the upcoming days.

"The high temperatures will be slightly above

normal and the low temperatures will be average for this time of year," Solomon said.

High temperatures in La Grande are expected to be 56 degrees on March 30, 51 degrees on March 31, 47 degrees on April 1, 54 degrees on April 2, and 56 degrees on April 3.

Enterprise's high temperatures should be just below La Grande's each day of the same five-day period, according to the National Weather Service. Enterprise is projected to have highs of 50 degrees on March 30, 46 degrees

on March 31, 42 degrees on April 1, 48 degrees on April 2, and 51 degrees on April 3.

The National Weather Service is forecasting that La Grande will have low temperatures of 37 degrees on March 30, 32 degrees on March 31, 30 degrees on April 1, 32 degrees on April 2, and 36 degrees on April 3.

Enterprise's daily lows are projected to be 28 degrees on March 30, 25 degrees on March 31, 23 degrees on April 1, 25 degrees on April 2, and 29 degrees on April 3.

NEWS BRIEFS

Webinar on Value Added Producer Grant Program is March 31

ENTERPRISE — A free webinar on the application process for the Value Added Producer Grant Program will be held from 3-4 p.m. Thursday, March 31, according to a press release.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development is putting on the webinar and is currently accepting applications for the program, which provides grants to develop new products from raw agricultural products or to expand marketing opportunities for value-added products.

Farmers, ranchers and owners of producer-based rural small businesses in Oregon that plan to apply for the program this year are urged to participate in the webinar to learn more about the application process.

To register online and for full webinar details, go to <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6743351414362308111>.

Community Connection to host public forum

LA GRANDE — Community Connection of Northeast Oregon is looking to gather community feedback.

The organization is set to host a public meeting for the community members to provide input and ask questions regarding needs and gaps

in the community. The meeting is open for any Union County residents to attend, with the goal of Community Connection gathering comments and feedback on how to improve services for low-income individuals.

The organization focuses on providing assistance for low-income individuals, senior citizens, children and those with disabilities.

The event will take place at the Union County Senior Center, 1504 N. Albany St., La Grande, on Friday, April 1. The open forum begins at 6 p.m. Snacks will be served at the event and a drawing will be held for gift cards.

For more information, Community Connection can be reached at 541-963-3186.

La Grande man arrested after brandishing knife

LA GRANDE — A La Grande man, who allegedly had been aggressively waving a knife in the parking lot of a La Grande business on Island Avenue, was arrested Sunday, March 27.

Charles Michael Gohn, 26, was arrested by the La Grande Police Department on charges of second-degree disorderly conduct and second-degree criminal trespassing. Gohn was lodged in the Union County Jail.

Gohn was arrested around 6 p.m. while he was walking toward Interstate 84 after police had received a report that two men, including one

with a knife, had been yelling at each other outside the Island Avenue business. The man with the knife was reportedly waving it aggressively and was also talking to himself, according to police.

Prior to officers arriving, the two separated and Gohn began walking along Island Avenue toward the interstate. Gohn still had the knife in his hand when law enforcement officers contacted him on Island Avenue under the I-84 overpass. Although he initially refused to drop the knife, officers were able to effectively de-escalate the situation and Gohn eventually complied and dropped the knife.

In the interest of public safety, traffic was stopped on Island Avenue briefly when officers were contacting Gohn and until he was safely taken into custody.

Gohn was previously prohibited from being on the business' property, stemming from an incident in December 2021. An investigation determined the other man in the parking lot of the business mentioned in initial reports did not contribute to the disturbance. He was being yelled at by Gohn, according to police.

The La Grande Police Department handled the incident with help from the Oregon State Police and the Union County Sheriff's Office.

The La Grande Police Department is continuing its investigation into the incident and police said more charges may be filed later.

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DA's office completes security upgrades

By **BILL BRADSHAW**
Wallowa County Chief of Police

ENTERPRISE — The Wallowa County District Attorney's Office recently completed a security upgrade to enable better services to the public, while also improving the safety of employees, clients and the victims they serve.

The DA's office also encompasses the county's Victims' Assistance Program and Child Support Enforcement Program and works with a variety of people from all walks of life.

"It allows people to be more safe while working in and doing business in the office," District Attorney Rebecca Frolander said. "Now we have doors that are more difficult to breach."

A new bullet-resistant security window makes it so the public no longer has to call ahead for an appointment, she said.

"It allows us to serve members of the public in the hallway," Frolander said. "It also is more convenient in the office."

Formerly, the office had to have a locked-door policy.

"That was the only way we could address security issues," she said. "It was very inconvenient. With our new ballistic pass-through window, we can deal with the public directly at the time they are seeking assistance."

The security upgrades cost \$31,290.54, Frolander said. That was up from an initial estimate of \$26,848 that didn't take into consideration a higher prevailing wage or the cost of the building permit or shipping of materials.

"Through a combination of funding sources including the Victims of Crime Act funds administered through the Oregon Crime Victims and Survivor Services Division, the Oregon Department of Justice which authorizes reimbursement funds for costs related to Child Support Enforcement, a grant from the Wildhorse Foundation to improve public safety and the support of the Wallowa County Board of Commissioners, the District Attorney's Office was able to accomplish this project," a press release stated.

Frolander said the original VOCA grant was expanded by \$10,000 to address COVID pandemic-related issues, and the grant covered \$17,640.76 of the total project, including the door for the Victims' Assistance Program, and the bullet-resistant pass-through window, the building permit, half of the shipping expenses and the closed-circuit camera system.

The Wildhorse Foundation was asked for a grant to pay for 1-1/3 of the bullet-resistant doors and it came through with \$7,955. The DOJ reimbursed the county \$4,504.43, for two-thirds of the cost of the door that is the main access to the Child Support Enforcement Office, and two-thirds of one quarter of the shipping costs. However, Frolander said, her office had to take another \$1,190.35 out of its general budget to complete the project.

The upgrades were completed March 3 by Cody Aschenbrenner and his team from Silver Lining Construction. Working in phases beginning in September, the workers were regularly plagued by delays, primarily caused by shipping of materials and the need to work around scheduled trials.