

TODAY

In 1413, the coronation of England's King Henry V took place in Westminster Abbey.

In 1939, Marian Anderson performed a concert at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., after the Black singer was denied the use of Constitution Hall by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

In 1940, during World War II, Germany invaded Denmark and Norway.

In 1942, during World War II, some 75,000 Philippine and American defenders on Bataan surrendered to Japanese troops, who forced the prisoners into what became known as the Bataan Death March; thousands died or were killed en route.

In 1959, NASA presented its first seven astronauts: Scott Carpenter, Gordon Cooper, John Glenn, Gus Grissom, Wally Schirra, Alan Shepard and Donald Slayton. Architect Frank Lloyd Wright, 91, died in Phoenix, Arizona.

In 1968, funeral services, private and public, were held for Martin Luther King Jr. at the Ebenezer Baptist Church and Morehouse College in Atlanta, five days after the civil rights leader was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee.

In 1979, officials declared an end to the crisis involving the Three Mile Island Unit 2 nuclear reactor in Pennsylvania, 12 days after a partial core meltdown.

In 1996, in a dramatic shift of purse-string power, President Bill Clinton signed a line-item veto bill into law. (However, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down the veto in 1998.)

In 2003, jubilant Iraqis celebrated the collapse of Saddam Hussein's regime, beheading a toppled statue of their longtime ruler in downtown Baghdad and embracing American troops as liberators.

In 2005, Britain's Prince Charles married longtime love Camilla Parker Bowles, who took the title Duchess of Cornwall.

In 2010, Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens announced his retirement. (His vacancy was filled by Elena Kagan.)

In 2020, the government reported that 6.6 million people had sought unemployment benefits in the preceding week, bringing the total to 16.8 million in the three weeks since the coronavirus outbreak took hold. The Food and Drug Administration sent a warning letter to conspiracy theorist and radio host Alex Jones, telling him to stop pitching bogus remedies for the coronavirus.

Ten years ago: A Florida special prosecutor said a grand jury would not look into the Trayvon Martin case, leaving the decision of whether to charge the teen's shooter in her hands alone. (Prosecutor Angela Corey ended up filing second-degree murder charges against George Zimmerman, who pleaded not guilty, claiming self-defense; Zimmerman was acquitted at trial.)

Five years ago: Suicide bombers struck hours apart at two Coptic churches in northern Egypt, killing 43 people and turning Palm Sunday services into scenes of horror and outrage. Sergio Garcia beat Justin Rose in a sudden-death playoff at the Masters for his first major.

One year ago: Britain's Prince Philip, husband of Queen Elizabeth II, died at the age of 99; he was Britain's longest-serving consort. Hip-hop icon DMX died at a hospital in White Plains, New York, days after suffering what officials called a catastrophic cardiac arrest; the Grammy-nominated rapper and actor was 50. Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear signed a partial ban on no-knock warrants a year after the fatal shooting of Breonna Taylor.

Today's birthdays: Satirical songwriter and mathematician Tom Lehrer is 94. Actor Michael Learned is 83. Actor Dennis Quaid is 68. Country musician Dave Innis (Restless Heart) is 63. Talk show host Joe Scarborough is 59. Actor-model Paulina Porizkova is 57. Actor Cynthia Nixon is 56. Rock singer Kevin Martin (Candlebox) is 53. Actor Keshia Knight Pulliam is 43. Rock musician Albert Hammond Jr. (The Strokes) is 42. Actor Kristen Stewart is 32. Actor Elle Fanning is 24. Rapper Lil Nas X is 23.

LOTTERY

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

Megabucks

16-25-38-40-42-45
Jackpot: \$3.9 million

Lucky Lines

3-7-12-15-17-21-26-31
Estimated jackpot: \$17,000

Powerball

6-42-45-47-64
Powerball: 18

Power Play: 3
Jackpot: \$268 million

Win for Life

24-58-59-70
Pick 4

1 p.m.: 3-5-9-5
4 p.m.: 6-4-6-5
7 p.m.: 6-6-9-0
10 p.m.: 1-5-7-5

Thursday, April 7, 2022

Lucky Lines

3-8-12-16-19-21-28-30
Jackpot: \$18,000

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 9-0-0-3
4 p.m.: 6-2-1-5
7 p.m.: 6-9-8-7
10 p.m.: 7-0-7-0

Capturing the moment

EOU photography class takes real-world experience to the big stage

By DAVIS CARBAUGH

The Observer

LA GRANDE — When it comes to photography skills, there is no better way to improve than by gaining experience.

Eastern Oregon University students did just that and more this past week, traveling to Treefort Music Fest in Boise to hone their photography skills. Eleven students in the university's first-ever special topics in concert photography class took photos across the five-day event, capturing the musical performances and overall experience of Boise's storied festival.

"To be able to travel and see another city and spend time in this atmosphere is invaluable," said Michael Sell, the associate professor of art at Eastern who teaches the class. "It gave them the ability to take pictures in an interesting way to engage with the performers. The students really got into it."

Students in the 300-level class were required to photograph at least six different shows across four or more venues in Boise and were encouraged to go out of their comfort zones to capture the best photos. In addition to photographing live music performances, the students were tasked with capturing the overall ambiance and festival experience — the finished product was compiled into two portfolios and graded as the largest project of the course.

The festival began in 2012 and has evolved into a beloved downtown gathering that welcomes indie rock bands and fans from all over. The five-day event brings in hundreds of bands and performers, stretching across the live music venues in the city.

Sell noted that the Treefort experience mirrored how professional photographers often operate.



Koedi Birmingham/Contributed Photo

The Regrettes perform at the Treefort Music Fest main stage in Boise, Idaho, on Saturday, March 26, 2022. Students from Eastern Oregon University photographed the festival as part of a first-time course at the university.



Jan Ng/Contributed Photo

Prism Bltch performs at Sonic Temple Blue in Boise, Idaho, on Saturday, March 26, 2022, during Treefort Music Fest. The special topics in concert photography class at Eastern Oregon University presented 11 students with the opportunity to photograph the regional music festival and improve their live-performance photography skills.

"That was a new thing for many students, to be out in the field, so to speak," he said.

Experience levels in the class varied, with a number of art students joining non-art students looking to share in the common goal of improving their photography skills. Emily Wadkins came into the class with experience taking portraits and photography on the side, and found concert photography on a large scale like Treefort as a welcoming challenge.

"Learning how to take low-light photos was a little bit of a learning curve the first day, but by the second day I started to get a grasp on it and I got some great photos out of it," Wadkins said.

Wadkins noted that the

class and other photographers at the festival made for a helpful atmosphere for advice and tips. While not an art major herself, Wadkins was excited at the opportunity to take part in the first rendition of the concert photography class at Eastern.

"It's not something I would normally take in my schedule, but art has become a really great hobby and creative outlet," Wadkins said. "I've never been good at drawing or painting, but being able to do digital art is something I've always been really passionate about."

Corinna Stadler, who attended the entirety of the festival, noted that the Treefort festival experience created a community of performers, fans, photographers and other attendees alike.

After photographing and meeting numerous bands throughout the festival, Stadler and several other student photographers were able to intrigue some of the performers with the possibility of performing in Eastern Oregon as well.

"I am hoping to return as a photographer again next year and felt like it was a great experience," Stadler said.

For Carolyn Brandt-Griffith, Treefort was the first time she had photographed a big concert.

"Overall, it was a really great experience and cool to see a show from a different perspective," she said. "We all looked at it with different perspectives while looking for unique ways to capture it."

Sell noted that the idea for the topics in concert photography class had been in the works for a while and may be an option for students at Eastern in the future. The concept allows for professor like Sell, who has a background in photography and music, to create a curriculum based on a more specific topic. He stated that the festival organizers were accommodating to the group, allowing college students to gain valuable real-world experience.

"Top to bottom it was a great experience," Sell said. "For photography students, it's super valuable to have these experiences."

Knox retiring after 12 years at chamber

Wallowa County administrative assistant excited to get out from behind desk

By BILL BRADSHAW

Wallowa County Chieftain

ENTERPRISE — Visitors will only have until the end of April to see Diane Knox's smiling face greet them at the offices of the Wallowa County Chamber of Commerce in Enterprise. After that, she'll be out in the woods enjoying her retirement.

After 12 years as the chamber's administrative assistant, Knox is stepping down.

"There's other things I want to do," she said. "I have family I want to go see and there are different projects I haven't gotten to because I'm too busy here."

Knox said she hopes to do more hiking, huckleberry picking and looking for morel mushrooms, in particular.

"You know, get out in the woods more, no longer sitting at a desk," said Knox, who moved to the county in 1986.

Knox's retirement plans take her back to what she spent most of her working life doing. For 20 years, she worked for the U.S. Forest Service in wildlife management, as a silviculturist and in reforestation. Her Forest Service work was mostly here, but also in the John Day area.

After leaving the Forest Service, she spent a couple years working for the Wallowa County Nursery before landing the chamber job.

Knox said that although she prefers to be outside, she's found her work at the chamber interesting.

She said she's liked "working with different members, the different businesses and getting them to work more on our web page, putting more about their businesses because we've enhanced our website so they can have a better description. They can put a photo gallery displaying their businesses and working with them trying to promote them."

That doesn't mean she's necessarily a computer guru.

"I don't know if I'd go that far, but I know enough to get where I need to be," she said.

The most interesting part of the job, Knox said, has been meeting all the different people who stop in to learn about what the county has to offer.

"I've been working with a lot of visitors, giving them ideas of where to go and what to go see in the county, promoting all the local businesses that we have here so that they can find them," she said. "Different people want different things. Sometimes we'll promote the barn tour, sometimes businesses at the lake, hiking trails and telling them where to get more information, etc."

She said she's visited with not only people from elsewhere in the country, but from foreign countries as well.

"People come here from all over the world and that's pretty cool," she said. "I've had people in here from Australia, South Korea, China, France, Germany, Austria, Sweden, the United Kingdom, all over the world."

Chamber Executive Director Jennifer Piper said Knox won't be easy to replace.

"Diane has kept everything running and has been a tremendous help and resource to me and getting myself established in this role," said Piper, who has been in her post since December 2020. "She has very big shoes for someone to fill. I'm making it sound a little bit intimidating, but we're excited to find the next person as the chamber continues to evolve in a new phase of the organization. We know the right fit is out there. I just really appreciate everything that Diane has done in my time at the chamber and prior to my time. She's given a lot to this organization."



Knox

NEWS BRIEFS

Gun show comes to Elgin

ELGIN — A gun show will be conducted at the Elgin Stampede Grounds on Saturday, April 30, and Sunday, May 1. The event will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on April 30 and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on May 1.

Admission will be \$5 for adults. Everyone age 12 and under will be admitted for free. Breakfast and lunch will be available at the show, and there will be a raffle for an AR-15.

To reserve a table as a vendor or for more information, call Kylie Evans at 541-786-1751.

Union County to receive \$41,614 in wolf funding

LA GRANDE — Union County is set to receive a \$41,614 grant from the Oregon Department of Agriculture to compensate ranchers for livestock lost to wolves and to help protect their animals from the predator.

This is the largest grant Union County has received from the Oregon Department of Agriculture program that provides wolf depredation funding, according to Union County Administrative Officer Shelley Burgess. The \$41,614 total is almost 80% of the \$52,000 Union County applied for.

The grant will pay livestock producers in Union County \$9,308 to compensate them for animals killed by wolves in 2021. This sum is the full amount requested by the county for this purpose.

The grant will also provide \$11,306 to ranchers for the livestock losses that are believed to be due to wolf activity, which is about half of what was requested, Burgess told the Union County

Board of Commissioners at its Wednesday, April 6, meeting.

A total of \$21,000 from the grant is to be provided to ranchers to help them protect their livestock from wolves. The money can be spent on increasing the number of workers riding horses near livestock, purchasing fence flags and guard dogs.

The Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to accept the \$41,614 grant from the state.

Town hall on opioid misuse planned

LA GRANDE — The Union County Safe Communities Coalition will host a community town hall at La Grande High School on Thursday, April 28, to discuss rising opioid misuse and prevention of drug use in Union County.

Guest speakers Deputy Sheriff Gomez of the Boise County Sheriff's Office and Dale McQueeney of the Center for Human Development will give presentations during the town hall. Gomez serves as a school resource officer and McQueeney specializes in addictions and mental health services.

The session will include an open discussion, allowing community members to ask experienced professionals questions about opioid misuse and how to prevent it.

Further information on the town hall can be found by contacting Union County Safe Communities Coalition at 541-963-1068 or online at www.ucsafecommunities.com.

Greater Idaho movement organizers get OK to gather signatures

WALLOWA COUNTY — Proponents of the Greater Idaho move-

ment are again making a push to add Wallowa County to the fold.

Organizers announced Thursday, April 7, that Wallowa County Clerk Sandy Lathrop approved circulation of a petition to get the Greater Idaho ballot initiative in front of voters during the November general election.

The group needs to gather 242 valid signatures and submit them to Lathrop by Aug. 10 to garner a spot on the Nov. 8 ballot. According to information on the website greateridaho.org, the group's goal is to gather 295 signatures.

"It's a percentage of the amount of people that actually voted for the (governor race) back in 2018" in the county, said Lathrop, who approved the petition April 3. That year is chosen, she added, because it was the most recent year that a governor was elected to a full term.

The clerk added it's a pretty simple procedure on her end. She received several forms from the petition-seekers, then just had to verify the content.

"I double-check to make sure that everything (is OK)," she said, and she checks that it all "conforms to the regulations."

Should the ballot initiative make it to voters and pass in November, it would require the county commissioners to meet twice annually "to discuss the issue of moving the Oregon/Idaho border to include rural Oregon into Idaho," according to a press release. The measure is almost verbatim the one that Wallowa County residents turned away by just 41 votes in the 2020 general election, as that measure would have required commissioners to meet three times a year.