

**TODAY**

In 1775, the American Revolutionary War began with the battles of Lexington and Concord.

In 1865, a funeral was held at the White House for President Abraham Lincoln, assassinated five days earlier; his coffin was then taken to the U.S. Capitol for a private memorial service in the Rotunda.

In 1897, the first Boston Marathon was held; winner John J. McDermott ran the course in two hours, 55 minutes and 10 seconds.

In 1912, a special subcommittee of the Senate Commerce Committee opened hearings in New York into the Titanic disaster.

In 1943, during World War II, tens of thousands of Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto began a valiant but ultimately futile battle against Nazi forces.

In 1977, the Supreme Court, in *Ingraham v. Wright*, ruled 5-4 that even severe spanking of schoolchildren by faculty members did not violate the Eighth Amendment ban against cruel and unusual punishment.

In 1989, 47 sailors were killed when a gun turret exploded aboard the USS Iowa in the Caribbean. (The Navy initially suspected that a dead crew member had deliberately sparked the blast, but later said there was no proof of that.)

In 1993, the 51-day siege at the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas, ended as fire destroyed the structure after federal agents began smashing their way in; about 80 people, including two dozen children and sect leader David Koresh, were killed.

In 1995, a truck bomb destroyed the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, killing 168 people. (Bomber Timothy McVeigh, who prosecutors said had planned the attack as revenge for the Waco siege of two years earlier, was convicted of federal murder charges and executed in 2001.)

In 2005, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger of Germany was elected pope in the first conclave of the new millennium; he took the name Benedict XVI.

In 2013, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, a 19-year-old college student wanted in the Boston Marathon bombings, was taken into custody after a manhunt that had left the city virtually paralyzed; his older brother and alleged accomplice, 26-year-old Tamerlan, was killed earlier in a furious attempt to escape police.

In 2015, Freddie Gray, a 25-year-old Black man, died a week after suffering a spinal cord injury in the back of a Baltimore police van while he was handcuffed and shackled. (Six police officers were charged; three were acquitted and the city's top prosecutor eventually dropped the three remaining cases.)

In 2018, Raul Castro turned over Cuba's presidency to Miguel Mario Diaz-Canel Bermudez, the first non-Castro to hold Cuba's top government office since the 1959 revolution led by Fidel Castro and his younger brother Raul.

**Today's birthdays:** Actor Elinor Donahue is 85. Rock musician Alan Price (The Animals) is 80. Actor Tim Curry is 76. Pop singer Mark "Flo" Volman (The Turtles; Flo and Eddie) is 75. Motorsports Hall of Famer Al Unser Jr. is 60. Former recording executive Suge Knight is 57. Singer-songwriter Dar Williams is 55. Actor Kim Hawthorne (TV: "Greenleaf") is 54. Actor Ashley Judd is 54. Singer Bekka Bramlett is 54. Latin pop singer Luis Miguel is 52. Actor Jennifer Esposito is 50. Actor Jennifer Taylor is 50. Actor James Franco is 44. Actor Kate Hudson is 43. Actor Hayden Christensen is 41. Actor Catalina Sandino Moreno is 41. Actor-comedian Ali Wong is 40. Actor Victoria Yeates is 39. Retired tennis player Maria Sharapova is 35. NHL forward Patrik Laine is 34.

**LOTTERY**

**Friday, April 15, 2022**

**Megamillions**  
4-17-20-46-64  
Megaball: 23  
Megaplier: 4  
Jackpot: \$20 million

**Lucky Lines**  
2-6-10-16-20-21-28-29  
Jackpot: \$26,000

**Pick 4**  
1 p.m.: 7-6-1-3  
4 p.m.: 5-8-7-3  
7 p.m.: 8-6-6-4  
10 p.m.: 3-0-8-3

**Saturday, April 16, 2022**

**Powerball**  
15-21-32-62-65  
Powerball: 26  
Power Play: 5  
Jackpot: \$348 million

**Megabucks**  
1-7-26-35-43-44  
Jackpot: \$4.3 million

**Lucky Lines**  
2-6-12-14-18-21-25-32  
Jackpot: \$27,000

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

**Win for Life**

2-20-53-57

**Sunday, April 17, 2022**

**Lucky Lines**  
1-7-10-14-19-24-25-29  
Estimated jackpot: \$28,000

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

# Umatilla National Forest reopens portion of Forest Service Road 32

East Oregonian

PENDLETON — Umatilla National Forest officials have reopened access on just more than 1 mile of Forest Service Road 32 along the Umatilla River and are cautioning visitors about spring weather conditions in the forest.

While snow may have thawed from the foothills, forest roads still are not accessible due to mud or snow, according to a Forest Service press release. In addition, traveling on thawing, saturated and muddy roads can result in resource damage and serious safety concerns, especially if visitors are unprepared.

"We typically see incidents this time of year where families head up for the day, get stuck and end up spending the night or making a very long hike out to look for help," Shane Dittlinger, recreation program manager for the Umatilla National Forest, said in the release.

This can become a serious situation quickly. Many places in the Blue Mountains have limited or no cellphone coverage, so forest visitors always should be prepared to spend the night, with warm clothing, food and plenty of water.

Forest officials also are encouraging the public to minimize impacts to natural resources from travel on roads that are susceptible to rutting due to warmer weather and melting snowpack.

"Forest roads are not constructed to be all-



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**Umatilla National Forest officials on April 4, 2022, announced the reopening of a portion of Forest Service Road 32, a popular access route into the Umatilla River drainage on the Walla Walla Ranger District of the Umatilla National Forest. Other portions of the road remain closed due to damage from the floods of 2021.**

weather roads, so they can be easily damaged when wet, especially during the spring season," said Shaun Oliver, Umatilla National Forest engineer, in the release. "Tire ruts that are just an inch deep can leave lasting impressions that only grow with rain and erosion."

The Forest Service also warned it is illegal to operate a vehicle on or off-road in a manner that damages or unreasonably disturbs land and vegetation and urged people to report resource damage

if they see it.

Some roads and trails are closed in areas with significant flood damage from the 2020 February and May flood events. One portion of the popular Forest Service Road 32 that flooding in 2020 damaged now is reopen.

The Forest Service recently announced it reopened the road from the forest boundary near Corporation Guard Station (approximately 8 miles east of Gibbon) to the bridge near Umatilla Forks Campground. With access to this

**MORE INFORMATION**

Additional information about the Umatilla National Forest is available at [www.fs.usda.gov/umatilla](http://www.fs.usda.gov/umatilla).

portion of FSR 32 restored, forest officials plan to reopen a portion of Umatilla Forks Campground in late spring or early summer.

Flood repairs on this portion of FSR 32 were completed in the fall of 2021, which included clearing debris slides on the road, cleaning or repairing damaged culverts and ditches and removing trees along the road that were posing risks to public safety. Additionally, personnel cleared debris and removed danger trees at Umatilla Forks Campground to reopen nine campsites later this year. The remaining campsites will be closed until further flood damage repairs are completed.

Forest Service staff continue to work with the Federal Highway Administration to develop repair plans for the remaining flood-damaged sections of road upstream from Umatilla Forks Campground. Forest Service Road 32 is a popular access route into the Umatilla River drainage on the Walla Walla Ranger District of the Umatilla National Forest. The road closure is being lifted as repairs are complete for each portion. The Umatilla National Forest also reported it will provide updates as work progresses.

# Lunch-and-learn series to start April 20

Local businesses will be shown how to access resources

By **DICK MASON**  
The Observer

LA GRANDE — La Grande Main Street Downtown is launching a program aimed at connecting businesses to resources throughout the area and region.

The brown-bag style lunch-and-learn series, Business-Resource Connection, will begin meeting monthly on the third Wednesday at noon starting Wednesday, April 20.

All sessions will be at the Ignite Center, 104 Depot St., which will be hosting the presentations. The Ignite Center provides small business resources, classes and referrals.

"One of the goals of launching this new series is to highlight the wide range of resources we have locally that businesses can leverage

to really elevate their performance, some of which businesses may not even have exposure to," said Taylor Scroggins, executive director of La Grande Main Street Downtown, now also known as Main Street.

Timothy Bishop, the city of La Grande's economic development director and chair of the Main Street Economic Vitality Committee, said this workshop series provides an important opportunity for local business owners.

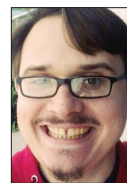
"Small business owners spend a lot of their time just running their business and aren't always aware of the support organizations that are there to assist them," he said. "The Economic Vitality Committee hopes this monthly series will help build more awareness about the small business support organizations and services that are available in La Grande and help business owners connect to those resources."

The series is similar to the former Hot Topics series Main Street hosted many years ago with a newly revamped format and programming, according to a Main Street press release. The Economic Vitality Committee is leading the effort to organize the series. Each month, a different organization will give a presentation designed to help businesses develop a better understanding of and connections to the resources available to them locally. Representatives of organizations, including the Eastern Oregon Visitors Association and WorkSource Oregon, will be among those giving presentations.

WorkSource is a partnership of public and private organizations that work together to provide a variety of services for job seekers. The Eastern Oregon Visitors Association is a group of organizations striving to market and present Eastern Oregon as destination for visitors to enhance the regional economy.

Suzannah Moore-Hemann, the project's chairperson, like Bishop, wants the series to help businesses to make connections.

"Businesses are increasingly looking to expand their access to resources to maintain optimal performance and function, but need to do so strategically," Moore-Hemann said. "This series will provide businesses the opportunity to develop new contacts and relationships, and a better understanding of the resources available to them."



Scroggins

# Red Cross blood draw in La Grande on record pace

April blood drive brings in more than 200 units

The Observer

LA GRANDE — A total of 222 units were collected at a two-day American Red Cross blood drive in La Grande on Tuesday, April 5, and Wednesday, April 6.

This two-day total puts La Grande, where three more two-day drives will be conducted this year, on pace to collect 1,140 units of blood in 2022, a mark that would be 150 units greater than the 965 units

collected at American Red Cross blood drives in La Grande in 2021 and 297 more than the 2020 La Grande mark of 643 units.

One reason the donation rate is much higher than it was in 2020 and earlier is that the blood draw sessions in La Grande, all conducted at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, are now two days instead of one. The extra day was added about a year ago to accommodate the greater number of people who want to give blood in Union County.

Sheldon and Linda Strand, community blood drive volunteer organizers,

credit the increase in the number of people wanting to donate blood to a growing understanding of the critical need for blood.

Close to 200 people participated in the April blood drive in La Grande. The number was strong despite a small hiccup when the draw on April 5 ended 90 minutes early because of a shortage of tags used to track each unit of blood.

The Red Cross delivered tags during the night and the blood draw staff was ready for the April 6 opening. Draw hours were extended to accommodate donors who were turned away on April 5.

A number of the donors at the latest Red Cross blood draw were giving blood for the first time.

"We are encouraged by the number of first-time donors responding to the need for blood," the Strands said in a press release.

The three remaining American Red Cross blood drives in La Grande will be conducted June 14-15, Sept. 13-14 and Nov. 8-9. All will run from noon to 6 p.m. the first day and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. the second day at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1802 Gekeler Lane.

**NEWS BRIEFS**

**County commissioners to discuss Cove cleanup**

LA GRANDE — The Union County Board of Commissioners will meet Wednesday, April 20, at 9 a.m. in the commissioners conference room on the east end of the Joseph Building, 1106 K Ave., La Grande.

Items to be discussed at the meeting include Cove's upcoming cleanup day.

The session will be open to public attendance and also can be viewed via Zoom at [www.us02web.zoom.us/j/81420006863](http://www.us02web.zoom.us/j/81420006863).

Written comments for the meeting may be submitted via email to [amoores@union-county.org](mailto:amoores@union-county.org) by 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 19.

**Plans for Enterprise pump track put on hold**

ENTERPRISE — Plans for a bicycle pump track in Enterprise are on hold after the Wallowa Mountains Bicycle Club at the Enterprise City Council meeting Monday, April 11, withdrew its request for a conditional use permit for property it was considering.

In a letter to the council, Angela Mart, club president, said her club's board withdrew the request because of opposition to the planned track from property owners and because of the composition of the land.

She said the club will continue to work with the city to find an appro-

priate location.

The club and the city Public Works Department were looking at a site near the city well at the corner of Fourth Street and the road that goes to the Ant Flat Landfill.

City Administrator Lacey McQuead said Mart's letter stated that she had talked to some of the surrounding property owners and most did not support the idea of the pump track there.

Some concerns included safety of children, access and increased dust since Fourth Street is not paved.

The property would require a significant amount of dirt to create a flat surface for the track, McQuead said.

Previous sites considered include next to the city park and adjacent to the skateboard park. Both of those also met with opposition for various reasons.

**Joseph library presentation planned April 26**

JOSEPH — A presentation and community conversation on the new Joseph City Library will be held Tuesday, April 26, at the Joseph Community Events Center, according to a press release from the Wallowa County Chamber of Commerce.

Penny Hummel, who has been hired by the city of Joseph to conduct a library needs assessment and develop a plan for the new library, will lead the discussion that begins at 7 p.m.

The event originally was scheduled for April 12, but was post-

poned because of inclement weather.

The library is currently located in the Joseph City Hall. Plans are to move it to the Blackburn Building, just down the hill from Joseph Charter School. The former medical building at 100 N. East St. is currently in the process of being refurbished.

Plans are to use the current library space as chambers for the city council and other needs the city has.

**Joseph City Council to discuss ARPA funds, SDCs**

JOSEPH — Allocation of Joseph's share of federal American Rescue Plan Act funds and setting the fee amounts for system development charges will be on the agenda Monday, April 25, when the Joseph City Council holds a Zoom-only work session at 6 p.m.

On Thursday, April 28, at 6 p.m., a special session will be held at the Joseph Community Events Center to vote on both items.

The city is slated to receive \$229,109 in federal ARPA funds granted because of the COVID-19 pandemic, according to a report on KGW8's website.

The SDCs are charges that a city or county may assess to cover the "true cost" of development and include costs to existing and additional water, sewer, transportation and park services.

—EO Media Group



McQuead