

TODAY

In 1607, English colonists went ashore at present-day Cape Henry, Virginia, on an expedition to establish the first permanent English settlement in the Western Hemisphere.

In 1865, John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of President Abraham Lincoln, was surrounded by federal troops near Port Royal, Virginia, and killed.

In 1913, Mary Phagan, a 13-year-old worker at a Georgia pencil factory, was strangled; Leo Frank, the factory superintendent, was convicted of her murder and sentenced to death. (Frank's death sentence was commuted, but he was lynched by an anti-Semitic mob in 1915.)

In 1933, Nazi Germany's infamous secret police, the Gestapo, was created.

In 1964, the African nations of Tanganyika and Zanzibar merged to form Tanzania.

In 1968, the United States exploded beneath the Nevada desert a 1.3 megaton nuclear device called "Boxcar."

In 1977, the legendary nightclub Studio 54 had its opening night in New York.

In 1984, bandleader Count Basie, 79, died in Hollywood, Florida.

In 1986, an explosion and fire at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant in Ukraine caused radioactive fallout to begin spewing into the atmosphere. (Dozens of people were killed in the immediate aftermath of the disaster while the long-term death toll from radiation poisoning is believed to number in the thousands.)

In 1994, voting began in South Africa's first all-race elections, resulting in victory for the African National Congress and the inauguration of Nelson Mandela as president.

In 2000, Vermont Gov. Howard Dean signed the nation's first bill allowing same-sex couples to form civil unions.

In 2009, the United States declared a public health emergency as more possible cases of swine flu surfaced from Canada to New Zealand; officials in Mexico City closed everything from concerts to sports matches to churches in an effort to stem the spread of the virus.

In 2018, comedian Bill Cosby was convicted of drugging and molesting Temple University employee Andrea Constand at his suburban Philadelphia mansion in 2004. (Cosby was later sentenced to three to 10 years in prison, but Pennsylvania's highest court threw out the conviction and released him from prison in June 2021, ruling that the prosecutor in the case was bound by his predecessor's agreement not to charge Cosby.)

WALLOWA COUNTY

Volunteers take part in Cove trail maintenance to mark Earth Day



Volunteers Meadow Fosseck, above left, and Heidi VanSchoonhoven dig up invasive plants during the Cove Community Association Earth Day cleanup event on Saturday, April 23, 2022. A group of about 20 volunteers picked up trash and removed invasive plants from the Tish Croom Nature Trail next to the Cove Ascension School. Native plants, right, are protected from wildlife by metal fencing along the roughly 1-mile loop walking trail. The large field and surrounding walking path are part of a larger effort to restore the area to its once thriving role as a growing and gathering spot for tribal first foods such as greens, berries, seeds, fruits, nuts and fish. The riparian area served as a gathering site for Cayuse, Umatilla, Walla Walla and Nez Perce tribes.

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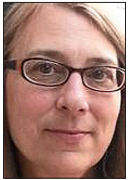
Main Street Program plans regional effort May 4-5

Event to include walking tour through Wallowa County communities

Wallowa County Chieftain

ENTERPRISE — A series of walking tours, conversations and a county-wide public meeting Wednesday, May 4, and Thursday, May 5, will explore the possibility of establishing a Regional Main Street Program for Wallowa County, according to a press release.

The event will be led by Sheri Stuart, manager of the Oregon Main Street Program, that includes support for historic preservation, new businesses and downtown improvements; access to special funding; and a



Stuart

structure for collaborative efforts to increase livability and maintain vibrancy of small rural towns.

The Northeast Oregon Economic Development District and the Wallowa County Chamber of Commerce are conducting outreach and hosting activities to explore the feasibility of a such a program in Wallowa County, bringing all the county's communities that choose to participate together to partner in statewide programs with a single entity managing the program for all.

"We're starting conversations with business

owners, nonprofits and community members to gauge interest and learn about the types of projects people want to support in their communities," said Lisa Dawson, executive director at NEOEDD. "We hope to hear from everyone who likes to support their hometown, including business owners, people new to the community and younger residents."

Those interested may participate in several ways:

- Take an online survey at www.neoedd.org/wallowa-county-main-street/ to share information about plans, challenges and ideas for your business and/or community.
- Join a walking tour with Stuart, NEOEDD staff and community members May 4 in Enterprise starting at City Hall at 9 a.m., at

MORE INFORMATION

To learn more about a potential Regional Main Street Program in Wallowa County, contact Chantal Ivenso at chantalivenso@neoedd.org or 541-426-3598.

Wallowa Lake starting at Wallowa Lake Lodge at 1 p.m. or in Joseph at 1 p.m. at City Hall.

On May 5, walking tours will be in Lostine at 11 a.m. at City Hall and in Wallowa at 1 p.m. at City Hall.

- Attend a countywide public meeting at 7 p.m. May 5 at the Southfork Grange on Rosewell Street in Lostine.
- Request an interview with the NEOEDD and answer a few questions about your interests and projects.

NEWS BRIEFS

Umatilla National Forest to conduct invasive plant treatments in late April

PENDLETON — The Umatilla National Forest is set to begin conducting invasive plant treatments in late April.

The treatment process aims to prevent the expansion of invasive species throughout the forest and is expected to last through October, according to the Forest Service.

A statement from Forest Integrated Vegetation Staff Officer Richie Gardner said the treatments will include primarily spot application through truck sprayers, backpack sprayers and utility task vehicles.

The targeted treatment sites are scattered across the Umatilla National Forest. Herbicide treatments are set to be marked on the ground during the time of treatment. A full map of proposed treatment sites is located on the Umatilla National Forest website.

The herbicides set to be used in the treatments are aminopyralid, chlor-sulfuron, clopyralid, imazapic, met-sulfuron methyl and picloram. Typical invasive species targeted in the treatment include common crupina, yellow starthistle, sulphur cinquefoil, dalmatian toadflax and hound's tongue.

The treatment process has been ongoing over time, with the work implemented under the 2010 decision for invasive species treatment project and the forest plan amended by the Pacific Northwest Region 2005 decision for preventing and man-

aging invasive plants. The Forest Service is partnering with weed boards in Oregon and Washington as well as the Oregon Department of Agriculture and Wallowa resources.

Introduction to native languages offered

JOSEPH — A virtual lecture as an introduction to Nez Perce and other Sahaptin languages will be held Saturday, May 14, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. presented by the Josephy Center for Arts and Culture, according to a press release.

Angel Sobotta will conduct the lecture. She is a Nez Perce mother, dancer, language instructor and PhD student at the University of Idaho.

A Nez Perce language program app is available on your phone. The cost of the lecture is \$30.

This interactive lecture will cover:

- Nez Perce and other Sahaptin languages: How close are they? What do they share or what makes them different?
- Accepted linguistic spellings and pronunciations so that we can follow words on maps, words that come up in tribal papers, etc.
- Common greetings and place names, especially names of places in Oregon and Idaho.
- Family names — how are they passed down and carried on? What names can a family choose from? Are native names used more now than in previous decades?
- Next steps for those who want to really learn the language.

To register, contact Cheryl Coughlan at the center at 541-432-0505, by email at director@josephy.org or stop in at 403 N. Main St. in Joseph.

La Grande man arrested on multiple rape charges

LA GRANDE — La Grande police last week arrested a 19-year-old man on 30 counts of sex crimes.

The arrest of Joel Phoenix Rogers occurred without incident Friday, April 22, at about 8:43 p.m. on the 2000 block of Jacob Street, La Grande, two days after a grand jury handed up the indictment that promoted a warrant for his capture.

Police booked Rogers in the Union County Jail on the following: three counts of first-degree rape; five counts of second-degree rape; two counts of strangulation; three counts of first-degree sex abuse; five counts of second-degree sex abuse; two counts of first-degree sodomy; four counts of luring a minor; four counts of using a child in a display of sexually explicit conduct; and two counts of attempted third-degree sodomy.

Bail for Rogers has been set at \$300,000, according to a press release from the Union County Sheriff's Office.

The Union County Circuit Court appointed lawyer Jared Boyd, of La Grande, to serve as Rogers' defense attorney.

The state alleges Rogers committed the crimes between July 1 and Nov. 18, 2021, according to Union County Circuit Court documents. The victim was a juvenile.

Local stockgrowers to host Lane County group

County votes to help fund agritourism effort

By **BILL BRADSHAW**
Wallowa County Chieftain

ENTERPRISE — The Wallowa County Stockgrowers Association plans to host an "exchange" with their counterparts from Lane County next month, and the county commissioners voted Wednesday, April 20, to help fund it.

"Twenty years ago, the Lane County cattlemen came up here and had a tour with the Wallowa County Stockgrowers Association and they had a good time," said Commissioner Todd Nash, who is a rancher.

He said he met with a representative of the Lane County group to discuss the possibility of doing it again.

"At first blush, he said that probably 80 people would come," Nash said. "Now he thinks it's somewhere between 20 and 40. Maybe fuel prices had something to do with that, I'm not sure, but at any rate, they want to come up here again. He's been coordinating with the stockgrowers leadership there and they are interested in coming up."

The commissioners agreed to grant \$1,620 to help pay for bus transportation to take the group — both Lane County stockgrowers and locals who wish to attend — to various sites around the county.

"We've encouraged people from this area to come along," Nash said.

He said the plan is for the Lane County group to arrive May 20. The next day, there will be a breakfast at the Cloverleaf Hall in Enterprise, sack lunches for the bus tour and a steak dinner that evening at the Cloverleaf.

The tour will visit the Zumwalt Prairie where the discussion will focus on rangeland grazing there. Then, they'll head for Buckhorn Lookout where they can view the Innaha Canyon lands and hear about ranching there. The tour will conclude with a stop at the Dorrance barn on Crow Creek where they'll hear from a member of the Dorrance family who will talk about his family and some of their history in the area.

"It should be a really wonderful day," Nash said. "We'll have a sack lunch to go on the bus and a steak dinner at the Cloverleaf that night and all for the low-budget price of \$70."

Commission Chair Susan Roberts recommended the funds come out of the county's Economic Development Fund since the tour promotes economic development in the county, as the Lane County group will take advantage of restaurants and motels here.

Nash said providing the funds for the bus transportation falls right in with encouraging local agritourism.

"Agritourism is talked about a lot, but it's rarely supported, so this is a way to support that, and maybe we can do more in the future," he said.

AGRITOURISM

Anyone interested in participating in the Wallowa County agritourism tour is urged to RSVP by May 15 to OSU Extension/Wallowa County Stockgrowers at 668 NW First St., Enterprise, by phone at 541-426-3143 or by email at Peter.Schreder@oregonstate.edu.

LOTTERY

Friday, April 22, 2022
Megamillions
7-28-29-58-59
Megaball: 10
Megaplier: 3
Jackpot: \$31 million
Lucky Lines
4-7-12-16-20-21-26-32
Jackpot: \$10,000
Pick 4
1 p.m.: 1-0-9-3
4 p.m.: 1-4-0-8
7 p.m.: 2-3-7-1
10 p.m.: 6-3-4-6
Saturday, April 23, 2022
Powerball
10-39-47-49-56
Powerball: 8
Power Play: 3
Jackpot: \$421 million
Megabucks
5-22-29-30-35-41
Jackpot: \$4.6 million
Lucky Lines
1-8-11-13-18-23-28-32
Jackpot: \$11,000
Pick 4
1 p.m.: 5-0-5-0
4 p.m.: 9-3-9-7
7 p.m.: 1-7-6-6
10 p.m.: 1-8-5-2
Win for Life
3-18-53-77
Sunday, April 24, 2022
Lucky Lines
4-6-9-16-17-21-27-31
Estimated jackpot: \$12,000
Pick 4
1 p.m.: 9-9-5-7
4 p.m.: 1-7-5-7
7 p.m.: 5-5-0-5
10 p.m.: 0-6-5-3