

TODAY

In 1789, George Washington took the oath of office in New York as the first president of the United States.

In 1803, the United States purchased the Louisiana Territory from France for 60 million francs, the equivalent of about \$15 million.

In 1812, Louisiana became the 18th state of the Union.

In 1900, engineer John Luther "Casey" Jones of the Illinois Central Railroad died in a train wreck near Vaughan, Mississippi, after staying at the controls in a successful effort to save the passengers.

In 1945, as Soviet troops approached his Berlin bunker, Adolf Hitler took his own life along with that of his wife of one day, Eva Braun.

In 1947, President Harry S. Truman signed a resolution officially confirming the name of Hoover Dam, which had also come to be known as "Boulder Dam."

In 1958, Britain's Life Peerages Act 1958 allowed women to become members of the House of Lords.

In 1970, President Richard Nixon announced the U.S. was sending troops into Cambodia, an action that sparked widespread protest.

In 1973, President Richard Nixon announced the resignations of top aides H.R. Haldeman and John Ehrlichman, Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst and White House counsel John Dean, who was actually fired.

In 1975, the Vietnam War ended as the South Vietnamese capital of Saigon fell to Communist forces.

In 1983, blues singer and guitarist Muddy Waters died in Westmont, Illinois, at age 68.

In 1993, top-ranked women's tennis player Monica Seles was stabbed in the back during a match in Hamburg, Germany, by a man who described himself as a fan of second-ranked German player Steffi Graf. (The man, convicted of causing grievous bodily harm, was given a suspended sentence.)

In 2004, Arabs expressed outrage at graphic photographs of naked Iraqi prisoners being humiliated by U.S. military police; President George W. Bush condemned the mistreatment of prisoners, saying "that's not the way we do things in America."

Ten years ago: President Barack Obama and Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda, meeting at the White House, decried aggressive acts from North Korea, including a recent failed rocket launch, and vowed to maintain a unified front against such provocations.

Five years ago: President Donald Trump said after North Korea's latest failed rocket launch that communist leader Kim Jong Un would eventually develop better missiles, and that "we can't allow it to happen"; in a taped interview broadcast on CBS' "Face the Nation," the president would not discuss the possibility of military action.

One year ago: The Transportation Security Administration said it was keeping in place a requirement that people wear masks on planes and all other forms of public transit because of COVID-19. Disneyland in Southern California reopened its gates after a 13-month closure caused by the coronavirus; capacity was limited for the reopening, and only California residents were allowed in.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Willie Nelson is 89. Actor Burt Young is 82. King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden is 76. Singer Merrill Osmond is 69. Movie director Jane Campion is 68. Movie director Lars von Trier is 66. Former Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper is 63. Actor Paul Gross is 63. Basketball Hall of Famer Isaiah Thomas is 61. Actor Adrian Pasdar is 57. Rock singer J.R. Richards (Dishwalla) is 55. Rapper Turbo B (Snap) is 55. Rock musician Clark Vogeler is 53. R&B singer Chris "Choc" Dalrymple (Soul For Real) is 51. Rock musician Chris Henderson (3 Doors Down) is 51. Country singer Carolyn Dawn Johnson is 51. Actor Lisa Dean Ryan is 50. R&B singer Akon is 49. R&B singer Jeff Timmons (98 Degrees) is 49. Actor Johnny Galecki is 47. Rapper Lloyd Banks is 40. Actor Kirsten Dunst is 40. Actor Dianna Agron is 36. Country singer Brandon Lancaster is 33.

LOTTERY

Wednesday, April 27, 2022 Megabucks
1-3-8-25-32-47
Jackpot: \$4.8 million

Lucky Lines
4-7-10-16-18-24-26-32
Estimated jackpot: \$15,000

Powerball
11-36-61-62-68
Powerball: 4

Power Play: 2
Jackpot: \$20 million

Win for Life
10-19-54-68

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

Thursday, April 28, 2022 Lucky Lines
3-6-9-14-17-24-26-31
Jackpot: \$16,000

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

McCloud makes campaign stop in La Grande

Former EOU student believes uniqueness increases his chances in May primary election

By **DICK MASON**
The Observer

LA GRANDE — Oregon gubernatorial candidate Tim McCloud, a former Eastern Oregon University student, believes he has a fighting chance to win the Republican Oregon primary.

"Even though I entered the race just 60 days ago, I'm coming out hot and I am coming on fast," McCloud said during a campaign stop in La Grande on Thursday, April 28.

McCloud, who grew up in Tucson, Arizona, and now lives in Marion County, said one reason for his optimism is that he is campaigning hard to get the Hispanic vote.

"Nobody else running for governor is going after the Hispanic vote," he said.

The candidate noted that as a part of this effort he has a page about his candidacy in Spanish in the voters pamphlet.

The first Black GOP candidate in the state's history to run for governor, McCloud also believes he has a fighting chance because he has a uniqueness that helps him stand out. His race and a compelling life story are two reasons for this. McCloud, who today works for an aerospace and defense manufacturer as a business analyst, was homeless while studying



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Tim McCloud speaks at Mamacita's International Bar and Grill on Thursday, April 28, 2022, in La Grande.

at Eastern Oregon University as an online student. McCloud, who attended EOU from 2012-16, said he is four credits shy of graduating.

He said that his firsthand understanding of homelessness helps him make connections better especially in Western Oregon where the problem is much greater.

"People going to work in Portland see large numbers of homeless people along the street every day," McCloud said.

McCloud did not speak of homelessness in detail on April 28, but he spoke frequently about the need to protect our liberty and how he believes it is threatened by creeping socialism.

"I wanted to take the opportunity to fight for liberty and fight socialism," he said. "That is what drew me into this race."

McCloud said he is opposed to new taxes with one exception. He would like people from other states to have to pay a small sales

MORE ELECTION INFORMATION

Deadline: Election ballots for Oregon's May primary must be returned to the Union County Clerk's Office by 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 17.

tax. He said it is not fair that people from outside the state come to Oregon to buy items because there is no sales tax here and then leave the state. He does not think it is fair that out-of-state customers get to buy things in Oregon at a lower cost and don't have to deal with the consequences Oregonians get hammered with because their state has no sales tax. He also said he does not like the way the government

influences whether companies fail or succeed by determining who gets large contracts. He wants a free market to determine who succeeds.

"The government doesn't pick good winners and losers. Consumers do the job of picking winners and losers," he said.

McCloud is also concerned about the federal land in Oregon. He pointed to Alaska, which is suing the federal government in an effort to regain ownership of the federal land within the state.

"I would like Oregon to do the same thing," he said.

The gubernatorial candidate also is not a fan of how the federal government manages federal lands for things like wildfire prevention. McCloud said that too often the government manages land poorly, leaving people in the area with unfortunate consequences to deal with.

McCloud is one of 21 Republican candidates for governor in the May 17 primary.

Cove City Council to discuss city hall expansion

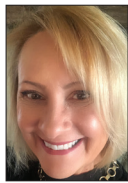
City may also take a step toward creating a municipal court

By **DICK MASON**
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COVE — The city of Cove may soon be a step closer to having a municipal court.

The Cove City Council is set to have a first reading on Tuesday, May 3, of a resolution that would establish fines for violations of city ordinances. The public will have an opportunity to present input on Resolution 2022-2 before the council votes on approving the first reading.

Approval of the first reading of the resolution would mean that the council would likely conduct a second reading at a meeting in June and then vote on it. Approval of a second reading would put the resolution in place, according to Cove Mayor Sherry Haeger, providing the



Haeger



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The Cove City Council at its meeting on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, will discuss plans to expand its city hall building, shown here in an undated photo.

city the first piece needed for the establishment of a municipal court.

Haeger said Cove would work in cooperation with the city of Union's municipal court. The mayor said Cove and Union would share the same municipal judge.

A municipal court typically addresses violations of city ordinances.

Copies of Resolution 2022-2 are available for public inspection at Cove City Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each Monday through Thursday. Also at the May 3

IF YOU GO

What: Cove City Council meeting
Where: 504 Alder St., Cove
When: 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 3
Access: The meeting is open to in-person attendance. People can also attend virtually at www.gotomeet.me/cityofcove or via phone by dialing 1-877-309-2073 and then using the access code: 566-891-2073.

meeting, the city council will discuss plans to expand its city hall building. Expansion plans call for a portion of city

hall to be moved into the connected shop building.

The city council is set to vote on the awarding of bid for the expansion work.

Haeger said the expansion project will be paid for with funds from the federal government for helping cities to deal with issues related to COVID-19. She said that expanding city hall will create a safer site by providing extra space, preventing people from being packed closely together at meetings.

"The expansion will create a healthier environment," Haeger said.

IN BRIEF

Commissioners to hear comments from department heads

LA GRANDE — The Union County Board of Commissioners will meet in regular session Wednesday, May 4, to review comments from county department heads and discuss approval of two consent agenda items.

The board will meet at 9 a.m. in person at 1106 K Ave., La Grande, and there will be an opportunity for public comments.

Public Works Director Doug Wright is scheduled to present three talking points during the meeting — a motor grader lease for a Caterpillar 150AWD, the Catherine Creek Bridge on Woodruff Lane and a right-of-way easement at the airport. Weed Supervisor Brian Clapp is expected to speak on a used vehicle purchase approval and shop space lease.

The commissioners' consent agenda is light. The board will vote on approval of the meeting minutes from the April 20 session and review claims journals from April 20, 21, 27 and 28.

In the administrative matters section, the board is set to discuss Title III funding awards and appointment to the 4-H and Extension Service District Advisory Committee.

Public comments for the board can be submitted via writing to the county office, via email to amoore@union-county.org or in person during the public comment section. Participation via Zoom videoconference also is available. For access information, go to www.union-county.org/commissioners/agendaminutes.

Hansell, Lively appointed to board of Cultural Trust

SALEM — State Sen. Bill Hansell, R-Athens, has been appointed to the Oregon Cultural Trust's board of directors by Senate President Peter Courtney.

Hansell, a third-term senator who represents District 29 in Eastern Oregon, fills a spot held previously by Cliff Bentz, who now is the 2nd District Representative in the U.S. House.



Hansell

"It's an honor to serve on the Cultural Trust Board of Directors," Hansell said in a press release. "I am excited for the opportunity and the work we will be able to accomplish."

A second appointee to the board, Rep. John Lively, D-Springfield, has ties to Eastern Oregon. Lively was born in La Grande and lived in Wallowa County before his family moved west in 1963. Lively, a former Springfield mayor who has been in the Legislature since 2012, was appointed by former House Speaker Tina Kotek, replacing former Rep. Margaret Doherty.

"Cultural arts are an important part of the quality of life in every Oregon community," Lively said. "It is an honor to serve on the Cultural Trust Board, which supports efforts to sustain and enhance offerings throughout our state."

Hansell and Lively both will "serve in an advisory, ex officio non-voting capacity per the Cultural Trust statute," according to the release.

"We are extremely proud that two such passionate and dedicated Legislators have committed their talents to the Cultural Trust," Niki Price, board chair, said in the release. "We welcome their breadth of experience and expertise and know they will make substantial contributions to our work in protecting and strengthening Oregon culture."

The trust was established in 2001 by the Oregon Legislature as an "ongoing funding engine" for arts and culture in the state. Residents gave a record \$5.55 million to the trust in 2021.

Trail-with-rail project still on track despite opposition

May 7 gathering planned to support the trail

Wallowa County Chieftain

WALLOWA — The Joseph Branch Trail Consortium, the nonprofit group working to establish a trail-with-rail alongside the existing railroad tracks that run between Elgin and Joseph, will hold its annual member gathering Saturday, May 7, in Wallowa.

The event will run from 4-6 p.m. at the Nez Perce Wallowa Homeland Project and will include updates from the consortium, a short hike along the trail route in Wallowa and complimentary food and beverages.

There also will be an announcement of the winners in the group's spring drawing. Prizes include two

MORE INFORMATION

All are welcome to join the May 7 gathering in Wallowa, but an RSVP is requested by sending an email to info@josephbranch-trail.org.

seats on a five-day rafting trip on the Snake River, two nights at the Wallowa Lake Lodge, dinner and drinks for two at the Gold Room in Joseph and an echo fly-fishing rod.

A limited number of drawing tickets are available until May 7 at www.josephbranchtrail.org.

The consortium hopes to establish a 63-mile route along the tracks from Elgin to Joseph, but objections by landowners in Wallowa County led to the Wallowa County Board of Commissioners denying conditional

use permits for the project where it runs through the county.

Wallowa County Commission Chair Susan Roberts, who also is co-chair of the Wallowa Union Railroad Authority, said Feb. 21 she isn't optimistic about the project.

"It's doubtful it'll ever go through because people were vehemently opposed to it," Roberts said. "Wallowa County Planning (Department) at this time is not involved because it's not in our county."

But Gregg Kleiner, project coordinator for the consortium, said in an email April 26 that he believes there is reason to hope for the success of the project.

"Momentum is building, our membership is growing and we're attracting major funding and support," Kleiner said.