

**TODAY**

In 1802, Washington, D.C., was incorporated as a city.

In 1937, Margaret Mitchell won the Pulitzer Prize for her novel, "Gone with the Wind."

In 1947, Japan's postwar constitution took effect.

In 1948, the Supreme Court, in *Shelley v. Kraemer*, ruled that covenants prohibiting the sale of real estate to Blacks or members of other racial groups were legally unenforceable.

In 1960, the Harvey Schmidt-Tom Jones musical "The Fantasticks" began a nearly 42-year run at New York's Sullivan Street Playhouse.

In 1979, Conservative Party leader Margaret Thatcher was chosen to become Britain's first female prime minister as the Tories ousted the incumbent Labour government in parliamentary elections.

In 1987, The Miami Herald said its reporters had observed a young woman spending "Friday night and most of Saturday" at a Washington townhouse belonging to Democratic presidential candidate Gary Hart. (The woman was later identified as Donna Rice; the resulting controversy torpedoed Hart's presidential bid.)

In 2006, a federal jury in Alexandria, Virginia, rejected the death penalty for al-Qaida conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui, deciding he should spend life in prison for his role in 9/11; as he was led from the courtroom, Moussaoui taunted, "America, you lost."

In 2009, Mexican President Felipe Calderon told state television that a nationwide shutdown and an aggressive informational campaign appeared to have helped curtail an outbreak of swine flu in Mexico.

In 2011, Chicago's Derrick Rose became at age 22 the NBA's youngest MVP.

In 2015, two gunmen were shot and killed by a police officer in Garland, Texas, after they opened fire outside a purposely provocative contest for cartoon depictions of the Prophet Muhammad.

In 2016, in a stunning triumph for a political outsider, Donald Trump all but clinched the Republican presidential nomination with a resounding victory in Indiana that knocked rival Ted Cruz out of the race.

In 2018, a federal grand jury in Detroit indicted former Volkswagen CEO Martin Winterkorn on charges stemming from the company's diesel emissions cheating scandal. (Under Germany's constitution, he could not be extradited to the U.S. to face charges.)

**Today's Birthdays:** Singer Frankie Valli is 88. Sen. Jim Risch, R-Idaho, is 79. Sports announcer Greg Gumbel is 76. Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., is 73. Pop singer Mary Hopkin is 72. Singer Christopher Cross is 71. Rock musician David Ball (Soft Cell) is 63. Country singer Shane Minor is 54. Actor Amy Ryan is 54. Actor Bobby Cannavale is 52. Music and film producer-actor Damon Dash is 51. Country musician John Driskell Hopkins (Zac Brown Band) is 51. Country-rock musician John Neff is 51. Actor Marsha Stephanie-Blake is 47. TV personality Willie Geist (TV: "Today") is 47. Actor Christina Hendricks is 47. Actor Dule Hill is 47. Country singer Eric Church is 45. Actor Tanya Wright is 44. Dancer Cheryl Burke is 38. Soul singer Michael Kiwanuka is 35. Actor Zoe De Grand Maison is 27. Rapper Designer is 25.

**LOTTERY**

**Friday, April 29, 2022**

**Megamillions**

9-11-34-49-66

Megaball: 15

Megaplier: 2

Jackpot: \$57 million

**Lucky Lines**

1-6-9-16-20-22-27-29

Jackpot: \$17,000

**Pick 4**

1 p.m.: 1-6-0-5

4 p.m.: 8-6-6-2

7 p.m.: 7-8-1-4

10 p.m.: 9-0-8-9

**Saturday, April 30, 2022**

**Powerball**

14-21-37-44-63

Powerball: 1

Power Play: 3

Jackpot: \$27 million

**Megabucks**

1-24-26-31-32-35

Jackpot: \$4.9 million

**Lucky Lines**

4-7-9-14-17-24-25-31

Jackpot: \$18,000

**Pick 4**

1 p.m.: 1-8-0-4

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

7 p.m.: 1-6-2-4

10 p.m.: 3-3-4-0

**Win for Life**

31-52-60-76

**Sunday, May 1, 2022**

**Lucky Lines**

1-7-11-15-20-22-27-30

Estimated jackpot: \$19,000

**Pick 4**

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

4 p.m.: 0-6-9-8

7 p.m.: 8-3-9-2

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

# Hoping to tell students' stories

Sara Hayes selected as principal by Wallowa School Board; starts July 1

By RONALD BOND  
Wallowa County Chieftain

WALLOWA — Sara Hayes was interviewed by Wallowa students during the process of being ultimately named Wallowa junior's high and high school principal.

That experience, she said, helped shape her view of the role she will be officially stepping into July 1.

"In that, I really took away or walked away feeling like we need to tell their stories, to show their greatness," Hayes said. "I think Wallowa doesn't get as much limelight or attention as the other two (county high schools, Joseph and Enterprise). What I walked away with is how great these kids are, but (they need) help (and) support to show their greatness."

The Wallowa School Board named Hayes as its selection as the next principal April 14. She has been operating in tandem with Rollie Marshall as the interim principal, spending a day a week in the role.

It's a homecoming of sorts for Hayes, who began working in education with Wallowa Head Start. She said she was "in the early childhood field I think eight (to) 10 years." She said in that time she saw importance in the intersection of family, community and education.

Hayes went on to earn her master's degree in elementary education, according to a press release from the school, and "soon after enrolled in the Educational Leadership Principal Licensure program through Lewis and Clark College where she expanded her experience into 7-12th grade at both Joseph Charter School" and into her role in recent



Bill Bradshaw/Wallowa County Chieftain

Wallowa Junior/Senior High School's new principal, Sara Hayes, left, talks with school secretary Jessica Nye on Monday, April 25, 2022.



Bill Bradshaw/Wallowa County Chieftain

Sara Hayes, the new principal of Wallowa Junior/Senior High School, sits in her office Monday, April 25, 2022. She has been operating in tandem with Rollie Marshall as the interim principal, spending a day a week in the role, and will officially step into the position July 1.

weeks as Wallowa interim principal.

She joins Wallowa at a time when the school has momentum, she said, not only as a level of normalcy returns with the ebb of the two-year COVID-19 pandemic, but also with Wallowa's recent reaccreditation scores. The school was rated by Cognia with a score of 362 on a scale of 100-400, and had the highest possible ranking on 25 of 30 rated categories.

"We're the only school out of the county that is accredited," she said. "I think the whole process (is)

really insightful to see what are our strengths. We have a lot. That for sure is part of the momentum."

She added as the school comes out of the pandemic that it's important to look at the lessons from those two years.

"I feel like we're rebounding into a positive space," she said.

She described a "feeling" in the atmosphere of the school — including during a recent field trip — as playing a key role in her decision to apply for the position: "I think that the kids and the staff, the feel that is Wallowa

and how unified the staff are in supporting our kids. I think for me, just being in there and feeling it. It's one thing to hear it, but to feel that energy, is definitely what did it for me."

Hayes said she's carrying a high level of excitement for her new role and hopes not only to tell students' stories, but put students in a position where the story is one of success.

"What's really resonated with me is we want to build those experiences so they can better know when they head out of high school what they want to do," she said.

# City council to discuss establishment of sidewalk improvement district

District would create process for financing sidewalk improvement projects for La Grande property owners

By DAVIS CARBAUGH  
The Observer

LA GRANDE — The La Grande City Council is scheduled to discuss the establishment of the City Wide Voluntary Sidewalk Local Improvement District for 2022 at its Wednesday, May 4, session, at La Grande City Hall, beginning at 6 p.m.

Councilors are set to vote on the City Wide Voluntary Sidewalk Local Improvement District for 2022, which creates a pro-

cess for financing sidewalk improvement projects for property owners. The annual request supports public improvements in the right-of-way throughout La Grande.

In 2021, the City Wide Voluntary Sidewalk Local Improvement District repaired roughly 750 square feet of sidewalk and driveways, 40 feet of curbs and two ADA accessibility ramps. The project costs were estimated at \$16,258. This year's proposed improvement dis-

trict would involve the city's engineering division making sidewalk improvement based on requests, as opposed to designating a specific sidewalk zone as in past years.

The second item of new business to be considered is the transfer of appropriations within the city's street maintenance budget for repair work on Second Street. The funds, which will be included in the 2021-22 fiscal year budget, will total \$15,000 to cover paving costs. The project requires a total funding cost of \$164,874, but \$150,000 was originally budgeted for the project. The funds will be transferred from contingency from the maintenance

budget, which contains \$100,000.

The May meeting will include in-person congregation and attendance, the second of which has been held in 2022. Those interested in public comment can sign in at the meeting or sign up to make virtual comments through [rstroke@cityoflagrande.org](mailto:rstroke@cityoflagrande.org) or by calling the city recorder at 541-962-1309.

The meeting will be available for viewing via the city's scheduled Charter Communications channel 180, on the La Grande Alive website (<https://coalive.tv/city-events>) or on the Eastern Oregon Alive.TV Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/EOAliveTV](http://www.facebook.com/EOAliveTV)).

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Nearly \$10K raised for local health care by Men's Guild

LOSTINE — Nearly \$10,000 was raised by the Men's Guild during a fundraiser for local health care Tuesday, April 26, in Lostine.

More than 50 men turned out for the event, which was the first in-person meeting for the Men's Guild since 2019. The group, which is sponsored by the Wallowa Valley Health Care Foundation, raised \$9,800, coming close to the stated goal of \$12,000.

"It's because of such strong community support that we are able to be so well-positioned with modern medical equipment for excellent patient care," Wallowa Memorial Hospital CEO Larry Davy said during the event. "This is critical, as we face mounting inflation, supply chain shortages and other challenges."

The project presented to the guild on April 26 was to provide for ultrasounds to be performed in the field "so that life-saving infor-

mation can be learned right away, so earlier intervention is possible," a press release from the foundation stated. "That includes accessing Life Flight helicopter services if needed, and alerting hospital medical staff in advance so they can begin preparations."

### Wallowa Lake firewise committee to host wildfire awareness public event

JOSEPH — The South Wallowa Lake Community Firewise Committee is set to host a wildfire awareness event at Wallowa Lake on Saturday, May 7.

The event is a part of Wildfire Community Preparedness Day, a national campaign to raise awareness of wildfire risks.

The public is invited to attend Saturday's event from 1-2 p.m. at 84747 Talemema Dr. at Wallowa Lake, where techniques and tips will be demonstrated by SWLC Firewise Committee volunteers.

Participants can view the techniques behind a mesh screen at the home — the SWLC Firewise Committee received a \$500 national grant from State Farm Insurance in coordination with the National Fire Protection Association to safeguard several homes in the area with the protective mesh in case of flying embers during a wildfire.

"We hope to protect several homes with the material purchased by the grant funds," SWLC Firewise Committee member Janet Groat said in a press release. "Homeowners will help hang the material on their own deck and then, hopefully, turn around and share their new expertise with their neighbors."

South Wallowa Lake Community Firewise Committee is the most recently accredited firewise community in Wallowa County. Wallowa Resources provides support to the firewise community.

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# Clements earns statewide award

La Grande mayor presented with Oregon Urban and Community Forestry Award

By DAVIS CARBAUGH  
The Observer

LA GRANDE — La Grande Mayor Steve Clements recently earned a statewide award for the city's efforts toward urban forestry.

At the La Grande City Council meeting on Wednesday, April 6, Tree City USA presented Clements with the 2022 Oregon Urban and Community Forestry Award. The award came during Arbor Month and recognizes Clements and the city of La Grande for commitment to urban forestry through the promotion of proper tree planting and care, engaging citizens and raising awareness of urban trees and forests.



Clements

"I'm immensely appreciative and grateful to the Department of Forestry for the recognition," Clements said.

Urban forestry has been a priority for Clements since first joining the city council in the early 1990s. At the time, the city had a part-time urban forester — the ensuing 30 years have seen a continued effort and sense of pride toward the urban forestry program in La Grande among city residents and councilors alike.

"The first 10 years we had to fight for it every year, but we started consistently getting this award," the mayor said. "There was always a steady progress. I think it's made a huge difference in how our urban forestry is managed."

The award requires a minimum \$2 per capita investment into urban forestry, a mark that La Grande is well above. La Grande now employs a full-time urban forester, Teresa Gustafson.

Brian Kelly, a board member of Oregon Community Trees, presented Clements with the award and spoke on behalf of Tree City USA and the Oregon Department of Forestry. La Grande was recognized with its 30th growth award for increased programs and resources, which ranks the town first in Oregon and second in the United States in number of times receiving the award.

The primary focus of Tree City USA is promoting healthy tree growth in urban settings, planting the right tree at the right place. Clements noted that over time, La Grande residents have bought into this idea more and more through working with the city to create a healthy urban landscape.

"I have to chalk it up to our urban foresters and the way they approached the public in selling the program and educating about the benefits of healthy trees, working with commercial arborists and working with OTEC," Clements said.

"I just like to see when people take their own initiative to ask for trees," he said. "I think that's fabulous."

Clements stated that La Grande's reputation as a thriving urban forestry city sheds a positive light on the town as a whole, particularly when passersby come in and out of town.

With Clements set to serve out the remainder of his final term as mayor, the long-tenured La Grande councilor said he hopes the city's thriving urban forestry program will continue.

"We do an amazing thing in this little town," Clements said. "I think that kind of recognition is nice. We can toot our horn about that."