

**TODAY**

**In 1775**, Ethan Allen and his Green Mountain Boys, along with Col. Benedict Arnold, captured the British-held fortress at Ticonderoga, New York.

**In 1818**, American patriot Paul Revere, 83, died in Boston.

**In 1865**, Confederate President Jefferson Davis was captured by Union forces in Irwinville, Georgia.

**In 1869**, a golden spike was driven in Promontory, Utah, marking the completion of the first transcontinental railroad in the United States.

**In 1924**, J. Edgar Hoover was named acting director of the Bureau of Investigation (later known as the Federal Bureau of Investigation, or FBI).

**In 1933**, the Nazis staged massive public book burnings in Germany.

**In 1940**, during World War II, German forces began invading the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Belgium and France. The same day, British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain resigned, and Winston Churchill formed a new government.

**In 1941**, Adolf Hitler's deputy, Rudolf Hess, parachuted into Scotland on what he claimed was a peace mission. (Hess ended up serving a life sentence at Spandau Prison until 1987, when he apparently committed suicide at age 93.)

**In 1994**, Nelson Mandela took the oath of office in Pretoria to become South Africa's first Black president. The state of Illinois executed serial killer John Wayne Gacy, 52, for the murders of 33 young men and boys.

**In 1995**, 104 miners were killed in an elevator accident in Orkney, South Africa.

**In 2002**, a tense 39-day-old standoff between Israeli troops and Palestinian gunmen at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem ended with 13 suspected militants flown into European exile and 26 released into the Gaza Strip.

**In 2013**, the Internal Revenue Service apologized for what it acknowledged was "inappropriate" targeting of conservative political groups during the 2012 election to see if they were violating their tax-exempt status.

**In 2014**, Michael Sam was picked by the St. Louis Rams in the seventh round of the NFL draft, becoming the first openly gay player drafted by a pro football team. (Sam retired after an unsuccessful stint with the Rams and the Dallas Cowboys.)

**Today's birthdays:** Author Barbara Taylor Bradford is 89. R&B singer Henry Fambrough (The Spinners) is 84. Writer-producer-director Jim Abrahams is 78. Singer Donovan is 76. Singer-songwriter Graham Gouldman (10cc) is 76. Singer Dave Mason is 76. Actor Mike Hagerty is 68. Sports anchor Chris Berman is 67. Actor Bruce Penhall is 65. Actor Victoria Rowell is 63. Rock singer Bono (U2) is 62. Rock musician Danny Carey (Tool) is 61. Actor Darryl M. Bell is 59. Playwright Suzan-Lori Parks is 59. Model Linda Evangelista is 57. Rapper Young MC is 55. Actor Erik Palladino is 54. Rock singer Richard Patrick (Filter) is 54. Actor Lenny Venito is 53. Actor Dallas Roberts is 52. Actor Leslie Stefansson is 51. Actor-singer Todd Lowe is 50. Actor Andrea Anders is 47. Race car driver Helio Castroneves is 47. Rock musician Jesse Vest is 45. Actor Kenan Thompson is 44. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jason Dalyrimple (Soul For Real) is 42. Actor Odette Annable is 37. Actor Lindsey Shaw is 33. Actor Lauren Potter is 32. Olympic gold medal swimmer Missy Franklin is 27.

**CORRECTIONS**  
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**LOTTERY**

**Friday, May 6, 2022**  
**Megamillions**  
16-21-33-52-70  
Megaball: 10  
Megaplier: 2  
Jackpot: \$86 million  
**Lucky Lines**  
2-6-12-13-18-22-27-30  
Jackpot: \$24,000  
**Pick 4**  
1 p.m.: 2-5-1-5  
4 p.m.: 0-5-6-7  
7 p.m.: 1-3-0-3  
10 p.m.: 9-3-5-0  
**Saturday, May 7, 2022**  
**Powerball**  
4-5-6-28-67  
Powerball: 10  
Power Play: 2  
Jackpot: \$59 million  
**Megabucks**  
3-12-28-33-35-45  
Jackpot: \$5.2 million  
**Lucky Lines**  
1-5-9-14-18-22-26-29  
Jackpot: \$25,000  
**Pick 4**  
1 p.m.: 1-8-0-4  
4 p.m.: 4-1-2-6  
7 p.m.: 4-5-6-9  
10 p.m.: 2-4-6-1  
**Win for Life**  
2-4-8-23  
**Sunday, May 8, 2022**  
**Lucky Lines**  
2-6-11-15-18-22-27-31  
Estimated jackpot: \$26,000  
**Pick 4**  
1 p.m.: 3-0-2-8  
4 p.m.: 0-8-0-5  
7 p.m.: 3-3-1-2  
10 p.m.: 2-5-5-6

# Celebrating Arbor Day with tree planting

EOU student-athletes plant eight trees at ISB Building on Gekeler Lane

The Observer

LA GRANDE — Arbor Day 2022 is in the books, marking the continuation of Eastern Oregon University as a Tree Campus USA, along with the addition of some brand-new healthy trees thanks to the school's football team.

More than a dozen EOU student-athletes took part in a tree planting event Friday, April 29.

"It's always the kids, it's always the students. And of course, we're achieving something as well. We're getting trees in the ground and getting them in properly. But they make it quite fun," David Yoder, campus arborist, said.

The students planted eight trees on the grounds of the Integrated Service Building (ISB) on Gekeler Lane, near EOU, in La Grande.

"We put in some Juniperus scopulorum, Rocky Mountain Juniper sky-rockets. Those will become like soldiers around the perimeter. They'll get 25 feet tall and eight feet in diameter," Yoder said.



Eastern Oregon University/Contributed Photo

Members of the Eastern Oregon University football team pose for a photo on Friday, April 29, 2022, after taking part in a tree planting event as part of maintaining EOU's Tree Campus USA status.

EOU students have been assisting in volunteer Arbor Day activities since 2015, with the football team taking the lead in tree planting events in recent years.

"Coach Tim Camp and his leaders on the football team have been a tremendous help over the last several years planting trees," Yoder said. "They're great — we kind of just oversee and instruct. We'll review the work and make sure it was done right, but Coach Camp, he really enjoys it, and it's been a lot of fun."

The tree planting is one of multiple events done as part of EOU's status

as a Tree Campus USA/Higher Ed. EOU first started working toward Tree Campus USA qualification in 2014, was officially recognized in 2016 and has since maintained that status.

Tree Campus USA is a program of the Oregon Department of Urban Forestry and the Arbor Day Foundation, Yoder said, and its goal is "to bring awareness of urban forestry and the value of trees to a community."

As part of its Tree Campus USA status, EOU maintains a tree advisory committee made up of an

administrator from facilities, the campus arborist, a faculty member, a student arborist or community member at large.

"We have several meetings a year with the committee, and so now we're even planning for next year," Yoder said. "The committee reviews the campus arbor and talks about planting and activities. It really is student involved."

The committee will meet in October to discuss future Tree Campus USA, Arbor Day and other tree planting events.

# UC ballot return rate above state average

More than 9% of ballots have been returned

By DICK MASON  
The Observer

LA GRANDE — Union County's ballot return rate for the Tuesday, May 17, mail election is above the state average.

A total of 1,769 ballots for the primary election have been returned to the Union County Clerk's Office as of 1 p.m. Friday, May 6. This is 9.23% of the 19,175 ballots sent out by the clerk's office.

Ballot return statistics from the Secretary of State's website, current as of 8 a.m. Friday, May 6, indicated that the state average was 5.4%. Union County's return rate at that time was 8.1%.

Wheeler County topped the state then with a return percentage of 13.7%, and Deschutes County had the state's low mark at 3%. Wal-



Dick Mason/The Observer

A ballot drop box on Sunday, May 8, 2022, sits outside the Daniel Chaplin Building, 1001 Fourth St. The building houses the Union County Clerk's Office in La Grande. Ballots returned by hand must be received by 8 p.m. May 17. Mailed ballots must be postmarked on or before May 17.

lowa County had a return rate of 4.2%, Baker County's rate was 6.4% and Umatilla County's was 4.8%.

Four years ago a total of 2,330 ballots had been turned in at this time in Union County for the May 15, 2018, primary election. That year the total voter turnout for the May election was 47.01%, according to Lisa Feik, chief deputy of

the Union County Clerk's Office.

All Union County ballots must be returned to the county clerk's office or a drop box by 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 17. Ballots return by mail must be postmarked on or before May 17 to be counted.

Outdoor ballot drop boxes are available in Union County in La Grande at

Cook Memorial Library, 2006 Fourth St., and the Union County Clerk's Office, 1001 Fourth St.; at Cove City Hall, 504 Alder St.; at Elgin City Hall, 7908 Eighth St.; at Imbler City Hall, 180 Ruckman Ave.; at Island City's city hall, 10605 Island Ave.; at North Powder City Hall, 635 Third St.; and at Union City Hall, 342 S. Main St.

# Weather to warm slightly late in the week

Temps will remain below average

By DICK MASON  
The Observer

LA GRANDE — The chilly temperatures the Grande Ronde and Wallowa valleys have been experiencing will warm slightly in the second part of this week, according to the National Weather Service.

"We will have a gradual warming trend in the next half of the week," said Brandon Lawhorn, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Pendleton.

Still the temperatures will remain below average

for this time of the year. "It has been unseasonably cold," Lawhorn said.

Forecasters are projecting that La Grande will have high temperatures of 55 degrees on Tuesday, May 10; 57 degrees on Wednesday, May 11, and Thursday, May 12; and 56 degrees on Friday, May 13. La Grande's low temperatures are expected to be 32 degrees on May 10, 35 degrees on May 11, 37 degrees on May 12 and 39 degrees on May 13.

Enterprise is predicted to have temperatures of 51 degrees on May 10, 53 degrees on May 11, 54 degrees on May 12 and 51 degrees on May 13. Enterprise's low tempera-

tures are projected to be 26 degrees on May 10, 29 degrees on May 11, 31 degrees on May 12 and 31 degrees on May 13.

Lawhorn said the cold weather over the past weekend and through May 10 was caused by a broad low-pressure system that brought in cold air from Canada. After May 11, another low-pressure system will be moving into the region, bringing in air from British Columbia and the Gulf of Alaska.

"It will be from a similar track but it will not be pulling in as much cold air," Lawhorn said.

The low-pressure system is expected to bring in some moisture,

according to the National Weather Service, which is projecting that La Grande and Enterprise will have a slight chance of rain on May 13.

Conditions in Meacham will be similar to those in La Grande and Enterprise over the next four days, according to the National Weather Service. Meacham is projected to have temperatures of 50 degrees on May 10, 53 degrees on May 11 and May 12, and 52 degrees on May 13. Meacham's lows are forecast to be 28 degrees on May 10 (with a slight chance of snow), 31 degrees on May 11, 32 degrees on May 12 and 35 degrees on May 13.

**NEWS BRIEF**

**Scholarships available for health care workers**

ENTERPRISE — Three scholarships are available to health care workers at Wallowa Memorial Hospital or another local nonprofit health care organization through the Wallowa Valley Health Care Foundation.

The scholarships — two at \$2,000 and a third at \$1,000 — are available for workers "who wish to further their professional develop-

ment through training, certification or education," a press release from WVHCF states.

Scholarship requirements include that recipients be committed to staying in the county at the conclusion of their training, certification or education, and that the investment furthers their career and improves or expands county health care services, according to the release.

The scholarships are the \$2,000

Coffin Memorial Scholarship, the \$2,000 Edgar Burbridge and Frances Boyd Burbridge Scholarship, and the new Gail Swart Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.

Applications are available online and are due by June 2, 2022. Visit [www.wchcd.org/scholarship](http://www.wchcd.org/scholarship) to apply or for more information. To speak to someone about the application process, call 541-426-1913.

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# Bailing twine poses danger to osprey

By RONALD BOND  
Wallowa County Chieftain

JOSEPH — Charla Lower is warning residents of Wallowa County of the danger bailing twine can have on osprey.

Lower, the associate director for the Wallowology Natural History Center in Joseph, said few people are unaware that twine "laying all around the county" is lethal to the bird.

"(There's) so many stories of osprey hanging themselves, and lots of pictures," she said.

Lower led a group April 23 — one day after Earth Day — that went to various locations, including farms, around the county picking up twine that had built up.

"I was finding so much I made a day of it. A couple other people continued, as well," she said. "A lot of that twine came from one particular ranch. I still want to go out and collect more. We didn't get to many of the roads I wanted to get to."

She said people aren't aware that twine easily becomes accessible to the osprey, and even fewer are aware of the effects it has.

"It blows out of the back of people's pickups, and they don't even realize it," she said.

Osprey are drawn to taking twine for building nests, something Lower said hawks and eagles don't do.

"What I'm not sure about is if they are attracted to the bright colors," she said. "We're trying to think of solutions to prevent this from happening. Things we're going to look into are if it was natural colors instead of bright colors, would they not see it as easily. Right now (twine is often) bright blue and bright pink."

She said the birds can get a talon stuck in the twine at the bottom of the nest and end up unable to get loose from it.

"We have a picture here at Wallowology of one hanging below its nest. The twine is usually caught in the talon, and they get hung upside down and die," she said.

Lower said while out picking up twine April 23, she came across a woman walking and told her about the danger. The woman said she hadn't known that twine was hazardous for osprey and said she would start picking it up while on her walks and disposing of it.

"If they are aware of that, they might be willing to throw (it) away. It's another form of plastic," Lower said.

Lower knows many farmers and ranchers collect bailing twine and use it on fences and gates because of its durability. She said a simple solution for farmers and ranchers could be for them to cover it up so the osprey don't see it and endanger themselves.

"If they're not going to use it, just throw it away," she said.

Recycling the twine is much more of a challenge, she said, because the nearest place to recycle it is in Portland. She advised against other possible disposal methods.

"It wouldn't be good to burn it. I know people do burn their plastic here, but it's not the best thing for the environment or neighbors," she said. "It is better to throw it in the dumpster."

While only about one or two osprey a year die in Wallowa County because of getting caught in twine, she said that is a significant amount of the roughly eight to 10 pairs of the bird in the county.

"Maybe we can save the lives of a couple osprey," Lower said. "It seems like every year in the county we have one or two die, and we don't have many."