

## TODAY

In 1790, President George Washington signed into law the first U.S. copyright act.

In 1859, the Big Ben clock tower in London went into operation, chiming for the first time.

In 1889, some 2,200 people in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, perished when the South Fork Dam collapsed, sending 20 million tons of water rushing through the town.

In 1921, a race riot erupted in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as white mobs began looting and leveling the affluent Black district of Greenwood over reports a Black man had assaulted a white woman in an elevator; hundreds are believed to have died.

In 1949, former State Department official and accused spy Alger Hiss went on trial in New York, charged with perjury (the jury deadlocked, but Hiss was convicted in a second trial).

In 1962, former Nazi official Adolf Eichmann was hanged in Israel a few minutes before midnight for his role in the Holocaust.

In 1970, a magnitude 7.9 earthquake in Peru claimed an estimated 67,000 lives.

In 1977, the Trans-Alaska oil pipeline, three years in the making despite objections from environmentalists and Alaska Natives, was completed. (The first oil began flowing through the pipeline 20 days later.)

In 1989, House Speaker Jim Wright, dogged by questions about his ethics, announced he would resign. (Tom Foley later succeeded him.)

In 2009, Dr. George Tiller, a rare provider of late-term abortions, was shot and killed in a Wichita, Kansas, church. (Gunman Scott Roeder was later convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison with no possibility of parole for 50 years.) Millvina Dean, the last survivor of the 1912 sinking of the RMS Titanic, died in Southampton, England at 97.

In 2014, Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl, the only American soldier held prisoner in Afghanistan, was freed by the Taliban in exchange for five Afghan detainees from the U.S. prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. (Bergdahl, who'd gone missing in June 2009, later pleaded guilty to endangering his comrades by walking away from his post in Afghanistan; his sentence included a dishonorable discharge, a reduction in rank and a fine, but no prison time.)

In 2019, a longtime city employee opened fire in a municipal building in Virginia Beach, Virginia, killing 12 people on three floors before police shot and killed him; officials said DeWayne Craddock had resigned by email hours before the shooting.

In 2020, tens of thousands of protesters again took to the streets across America, with peaceful demonstrations against police killings overshadowed by unrest; officials deployed thousands of National Guard soldiers and enacted strict curfews in major cities.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actor-director Clint Eastwood is 92. Humanitarian and author Terry Waite is 83. Actor Sharon Gless is 79. Football Hall of Famer Joe Namath is 79. Broadcast journalist/commentator Bernard Goldberg is 77. Actor Tom Berenger is 72. Actor Gregory Harrison is 72. Actor/comedian Chris Elliott is 62. Actor Lea Thompson is 61. Singer Corey Hart is 60. Actor Hugh Dillon is 59. Rapper DMC is 58. Actor Brooke Shields is 57. Actor Colin Farrell is 46. Rock musician Andy Hurler (Fall Out Boy) is 42. Country singer Casey James (TV: "American Idol") is 40. Actor Jonathan Tucker is 40.

## CORRECTIONS

The Observer works hard to be accurate and sincerely regrets any errors. If you notice a mistake in the paper, please call 541-963-3161.

## LOTTERY

## Friday, May 27, 2022

## Megamillions

3-14-40-53-54

Megaball: 8

Megaplier: 3

Jackpot: \$170 million

## Lucky Lines

3-8-11-16-18-21-26-29

Jackpot: \$45,000

## Pick 4

1 p.m.: 1-9-8-7

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

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

10 p.m.: 7-6-4-0

## Saturday, May 28, 2022

## Powerball

2-39-50-61-66

Powerball: 15

Power Play: 2

Jackpot: \$157 million

## Megabucks

11-13-15-35-47-48

Jackpot: \$1.4 million

## Lucky Lines

3-6-11-13-18-21-26-32

Jackpot: \$46,000

## Pick 4

1 p.m.: 3-6-0-7

4 p.m.: 8-3-9-1

7 p.m.: 3-0-7-4

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

## Win for Life

18-26-49-72

## Sunday, May 29, 2022

## Lucky Lines

1-6-12-14-19-24-28-32

Estimated jackpot: \$47,000

## Pick 4

1 p.m.: 0-6-0-7

4 p.m.: 9-5-1-9

7 p.m.: 8-7-7-8

10 p.m.: 0-7-3-2

## GRADUATION 2022

## Imbler High graduates 18

By ISABELLA CROWLEY

The Observer

The members of Imbler High School's Class of 2022

celebrated their graduation in the high school gymnasium on Friday, May 27. The class included 18 seniors, many of whom received multiple awards and scholarships.

Kendra Counsell and Nathan Bingaman were named the class' co-valedictorians and Allison Stirewalt was the salutatorian. Bingaman, Counsell, Carter Crook, Stirewalt, Bryce Sullivan, Joelle Treat and Gracie Turley graduated with honors diplomas.

Before graduating, the senior class symbolically passed on the light of knowledge to the juniors.



Isabella Crowley/The Observer

The members of Imbler High School's senior class mark the end of their high school days on Friday, May 27, 2022, in the school's gym.



Isabella Crowley/The Observer

The Imbler High School Class of 2022 metaphorically passes on the light of knowledge to next year's seniors in a ceremony during graduation in the school's gymnasium on Friday, May 27, 2022.

## LA GRANDE

## Council to consider budget approval

New sidewalk system on Adams Avenue would replace current ramps with handicap accessible entries

By DAVIS CARBAUGH

The Observer

LA GRANDE — The La Grande City Council will consider adopting its budget for the 2022-23 fiscal year.

The council will also discuss a number of new topics at its regular session on Wednesday, June 1, such as an updated ramp project on Adams Avenue that would replace outdated curbs with ADA accessibility ramps.

The fiscal year budget proposal rounds out at just over \$63 million, with a general fund of nearly \$20 million. The La Grande Urban Renewal Agency's general fund is proposed at just over \$2.1 million.

In the new business section, the La Grande City Council will consider awarding the ADA ramp construction contract to HP Civil Inc., of Salem, which submitted a bid of \$583,710.

The sidewalk project will involve the reconstruction of 16 ADA corner ramps in downtown La Grande. HP Civil Inc.'s bid included replacing 3,200 square feet of sidewalk, 410 feet of curb and gutter and 200 square feet of driveway.

Also in the new business section for the June 1 meeting is a fund balance classification policy and resolution. The resolution would allocate 75% of an unanticipated increase

## MORE INFORMATION

The June 1 regular session meeting of the La Grande City Council will be open to the public at La Grande City Hall, beginning at 6 p.m. The meeting will be streamed to the La Grande Alive website and on Facebook.

in the city's general fund toward capital improvement projects.

The council meeting's agenda's consent section includes five different items of approval.

Councilors will vote on awarding a bid to G. Gordon Construction Company LLC for the concrete work required for the city-wide voluntary sidewalk local improvement district. The district is an interactive way for the city to work with property owners on maintaining and improving sidewalks

across La Grande.

The council will vote upon "Exhibit A" of an intergovernmental agreement between the La Grande Urban Renewal Agency and the City of La Grande that outlines the legal provisions for the working agreement between the two entities. The revised proposal for "Exhibit A" is included in the 2022-23 fiscal year budget.

Other items on the consent agenda are appointing a new member to the Union County Tourism Promotion Advisory Committee, approving regular session minutes from the May session and approving a tourism annual program for work ahead of the budget approval.

Two public hearing items will include potentially adopting the city's budget and a first reading of the parks department's master plan adoption.

## NEWS BRIEFS

## Nobody hurt in early morning house fire

LA GRANDE — A morning house fire seriously damaged a La Grande home on Sunday, May 29, but caused no injuries.

The home, located on North Third Street, was occupied when the fire started but everybody got out safely, according to La Grande Fire Department Capt. Merle Laci.

The fire was reported at 5:30 a.m. and involved a single-story home. "The entire home was damaged," Laci said.

The La Grande Fire Department sent five engines to the blaze and was assisted by the La Grande and Imbler rural fire departments and Union's ambulance service.

Firefighters needed an hour to get the blaze under control. Laci said firefighters were hampered by wind.

Laci said the cause of the fire is under investigation.

## Light agenda awaits Wallowa County commissioners

ENTERPRISE — A light agenda awaits the Wallowa County Board of Commissioners as they prepare for their Wednesday, June 1, meeting.

The meeting begins at 9 a.m. in the Thornton Conference Room of the Wallowa County Courthouse, Enterprise.

The agenda includes a request by Scott Siebe for an easement to extend a culvert on Reavis Lane near Enterprise, the approval of a services agreement with Paige Sully as county counsel and the modification of a grant agreement for a change in funding from the USDA Forest Service. There will also be an executive session.

The meeting can be attended in person, by phone or by Zoom. For access information, questions, concerns or need of special accommodations, call the Wallowa County Commissioners Office at 541-426-4543, ext. 1130.

## Wallowa County Rotary Club announces scholarship recipients

ENTERPRISE — The Rotary Club of Wallowa County recently named its scholarship recipients among graduating high school seniors.

Enterprise's Sophia Esponosa was awarded the Don Swart Scholarship for \$2,000.

Other Enterprise scholarship winners were Rose Movich-Fields (\$2,500) and Alona Yost (\$2,000), and Kodie Kiser and Lannis Stonebrink (\$500 each).

Willie Gibbs, of Wallowa High School, received a \$2,000 scholarship and Joseph Charter School's Piper Larison received \$500.

The scholarships will be available for the students' sophomore year of college.

## WALLOWA COUNTY

## ODFW extends kill permit for wolf pack

Chesnimnus Pack responsible for preying on cattle twice in late April

By GEORGE PAVLEN

Capital Press

JOSEPH — The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has extended a kill permit for one wolf from the in Wallowa County.

The original permit was issued Friday, April 29, for two wolves after ODFW confirmed the Chesnimnus Pack was responsible for preying on cattle twice between April 25 and April 27 on a public grazing allotment north of Joseph, resulting in three dead calves.

Ranchers in Eastern Oregon can request a kill permit under the state's Wolf Conservation and Management Plan if ODFW confirms two depredations in nine months. They must also be using nonlethal deterrents and remove all potential wolf attractants to qualify.

One of the producer's agents killed a yearling male on May 3, according to John Williams, of Enterprise, co-chairman of the wolf committee for the Oregon Cattlemen's Association. The producer, Tom Birkmaier, is a Crow Creek rancher who is the president of the Wallowa County Stockgrowers Association.

Since the killing of the yearling male on May 3, ODFW stated there has been one more "probable" depredation in the area and wolf activity and risk to livestock remains high.

According to ODFW's own investigations, biologists have confirmed one other depredation by the Wenaha Pack in Wallowa County; three by the Cornucopia Pack and one by the Keating Pack in neighboring Baker County; and one by the Desolation Pack in Grant County.

"Evidence indicates wolves are testing cattle, with cattle showing signs of stress including breaking through a fence in one incident," the agency reported.

ODFW extended Birkmaier's permit through June 14 after it was set to expire on May 24. It allows him to shoot one additional wolf to protect his cattle in pastures where they graze.

"The producer continues to use nonlethal measures including moving their cattle to a different pasture and increased human presence," ODFW added.

Biologists say killing another Chesnimnus wolf would not impact the pack's breeding success. The Chesnimnus Pack numbers seven to eight adult and yearling wolves, and their breeding female may still be in the den. None of the wolves has a working GPS or radio collar.

Birkmaier runs about 500 cows, most of which have calves. He lost a half dozen animals to wolves of the Chesnimnus Pack in late April and early May. Birkmaier said he asked ODFW to "remove" the pack — meaning to kill them.

In response, ODFW issued the kill permit on April 29. The permit allowed Birkmaier or an agent on his behalf to kill two wolves in Dorrance Pasture or Trap Canyon Pasture, where the depredations on cattle occurred, he said.

Birkmaier said that at the time of the killing of the yearling male on May 3, the wolf was not actively attacking cattle, but was in Dorrance Pasture along Crow Creek. A targeted wolf does not legally have to be in the act of attacking livestock, it just has to be in an area where depredations have occurred, he said.

Wallowa County Chief reporter Bill Bradshaw contributed to this report.