

TODAY

In 1543, England's King Henry VIII married his sixth and last wife, Catherine Parr.

In 1812, United States forces led by Gen. William Hull entered Canada during the War of 1812 against Britain. (However, Hull retreated shortly thereafter to Detroit.)

In 1862, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln signed a bill authorizing the Army Medal of Honor.

In 1908, comedian Milton Berle was born Mendel Berlinger in New York City.

In 1909, the House of Representatives joined the Senate in passing the 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, allowing for a federal income tax, and submitted it to the states. (It was declared ratified in February 1913.)

In 1965, the Beach Boys single "California Girls" was released by Capitol Records.

In 1967, rioting erupted in Newark, New Jersey, over the police beating of a Black taxi driver; 26 people were killed in the five days of violence that followed.

In 1974, President Richard Nixon signed a measure creating the Congressional Budget Office. Former White House aide John Ehrlichman and three others were convicted of conspiring to violate the civil rights of Daniel Ellsberg's former psychiatrist.

In 1984, Democratic presidential candidate Walter F. Mondale announced his choice of U.S. Rep. Geraldine A. Ferraro of New York to be his running-mate; Ferraro was the first woman to run for vice president on a major-party ticket.

In 1991, a Japanese professor (Hitoshi Igarashi) who had translated Salman Rushdie's "The Satanic Verses" was found stabbed to death, nine days after the novel's Italian translator was attacked in Milan.

In 1994, President Bill Clinton, visiting Germany, went to the eastern sector of Berlin, the first U.S. president to do so since Harry Truman.

In 2003, the USS Ronald Reagan, the first carrier named for a living president, was commissioned in Norfolk, Virginia.

In 2016, with hugs and handshakes, Bernie Sanders endorsed Hillary Clinton for president during an appearance in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

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CORRECTIONS

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LOTTERY

Friday, July 8, 2022

Megamillions

20-36-61-62-69

Megaball: 20

Megaplier: 3

Jackpot: \$440 million

Lucky Lines

4-7-12-13-18-23-25-32

Jackpot: \$32,000

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 3-9-8-6

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

7 p.m.: 8-4-5-5

10 p.m.: 7-9-1-5

Saturday, July 9, 2022

Powerball

14-22-42-46-52

Powerball: 24

Power Play: 3

Jackpot: \$56 million

Megabucks

5-17-21-29-30-41

Jackpot: \$3.2 million

Lucky Lines

2-6-9-15-19-23-28-32

Jackpot: \$33,000

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 9-0-3-1

4 p.m.: 0-8-5-4

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

10 p.m.: 5-0-2-7

Win for Life

8-38-65-70

Sunday, July 10, 2022

Lucky Lines

1-5-11-14-17-24-27-32

Estimated jackpot: \$34,000

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 6-9-5-4

4 p.m.: 7-0-1-2

7 p.m.: 9-5-6-9

10 p.m.: 6-5-8-1



Wallowa County Chieftain, File

A building at the Maxville townsite in northern Wallowa County is observed by teachers and students in 2015. The building has been dismantled and will be reconstructed in the spring of 2023, the 100th anniversary of the founding of the former logging town. The Maxville Heritage Interpretive Center in Joseph was awarded a \$10,000 grant in July 2022 to help get the Maxville site on the National Register of Historic Places.

Maxville, history center win parks grants

By BILL BRADSHAW

Wallowa County Chieftain

WALLOWA COUNTY — Two sites in Wallowa County are soon to be the recipients of grants from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, it was announced Friday, July 1.

The Maxville Heritage Interpretive Center in Joseph requested and received a \$10,000 grant, with \$10,000 matching in in-kind support and funds raised to get the Maxville site east of Wallowa on the National Register of Historic Places. The money will help cover the cost of the nomination process.

Gwendolyn Trice, executive director of the center, said Wednesday, July 6, that the grant should arrive any day. It will pay for the writer of the nomination to the national register, she said.

The center has finally purchased the 240-acre site that includes Maxville. Trice said the center closed on the site June 10. Maxville, which existed as a company logging town from 1923-33,



Wallowa County Chieftain, File

The Wallowa History Center — housed in the old ranger's office at the historical Bear-Sleds Ranger Station in Wallowa — in July 2022 was awarded a \$20,000 Oregon Department of Parks and Recreation grant to help restore the building.

was at one time the largest town in Wallowa County, according to the Maxville website. It was home to Black loggers at a time when Oregon's constitution included a provision excluding Blacks from the state. Maxville had a population of about 400 residents, 40 to 60 of them Black, the website says.

Trice's father, grandfather, uncles and cousins came from Arkansas to work as loggers in Maxville.

She said the main lodge has been dismantled and

will be rebuilt at the site in the spring, which will be the 100th anniversary of the establishment of Maxville.

"We've been working on it and now it's a reality," she said.

Trice said archaeological students from around the region have been working on the site before any reconstruction work is done.

"We're making sure we're doing the due diligence before we rebuild," she said. "We want to honor all the (archaeolog-

ical) processes before we turn any soil."

In addition to the residents of the logging town, archaeology connected to the Nez Perce and Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla, which were the original inhabitants of the area, also is being considered.

The Wallowa History Center in Wallowa also requested and received a \$20,000 grant to repair the exterior of the old ranger's office at the historical Bear-Sleds Ranger Station in Wallowa. The office now hosts the history center. The center also will have \$22,250 in matching funds.

No one was available at the center to discuss the grant.

The two were among 14 applicants from across the state that combined requested \$215,466, received \$200,000 and had \$366,830 in matching funds.

For more about the grant program, visit www.oregonheritage.org or contact Kuri Gill at kuri.gill@opr.d.oregon.gov or 503-986-0685.

Summer coronavirus surge in Union County

Commissioners say no restrictions are planned after county lands on CDC high community spread list in early July

By ISABELLA CROWLEY and DICK MASON

The Observer

LA GRANDE — Union County remains in the highest tier of community spread for COVID-19 after the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's weekly update on Thursday, July 7.

Seven Oregon counties dropped to low levels of community spread, according to data released July 7. A week ago, the agency showed no Oregon counties at low level, 12 at medium and 24 at high.

The CDC monitors levels of COVID-19 to help communities decide what prevention steps to

take based on the latest data. Levels can be low, medium or high and are determined by looking at hospital beds being used, hospital admissions and the total number of new COVID-19 cases reported in an area.

During the month of June a total of 147 coronavirus cases were reported in Union County to the Oregon Health Authority. This month, 24 cases have been reported as of July 6.

For any county in the high tier, the CDC recommends wearing a mask while indoors in public, staying up to date with COVID-19 vaccines and getting tested if you

have symptoms. Additional precautions may be needed for people at high risk for severe illness.

However, Donna Beverage, chair of the Union County Board of Commissioners, said the board does not plan to reimpose restrictions for COVID-19.

Beverage does encourage people to exercise caution and to use the free COVID-19 test kits that are available throughout Union County, including at Grande Ronde Hospital and the Center for Human Development in La Grande.

Union County Commissioner Paul Anders said the rise in COVID-19 numbers in Union County is something he is watching closely.

"They are concerning but not alarming," he said of the reported cases.

During the La Grande

City Council meeting on July 6, Councilor Gary Lillard asked Union County Commissioner Matt Scarfo if the county had any plans regarding the recent surge in COVID-19 cases.

Scarfo said that when coronavirus numbers started to spike, he consulted with CHD and the hospitals to ensure there are adequate resources in the county.

"Yes, our cases are up, but we have 52 ICU beds available in our region. So, I'm really looking at the hospitals right now, and how we can help this, but the spread is there," Scarfo said. "I've seen it a lot worse, but everyone, like I've said from the very beginning, if you have symptoms stay home. I think that's the best thing I can say to anybody right now."

IN BRIEF

Six La Grande businesses apply for URA funding

LA GRANDE — The Urban Renewal Agency and Urban Renewal Advisory Commission will meet for a joint special session to allocate project funding on Wednesday, July 13.

Six project proposals were submitted for consideration, according to Timothy Bishop, La Grande's economic development director. Proposals were submitted by the Bohnenkamp Building, Country Financial, Evermine Label Company, Front Office Solutions, Smokehouse Restaurant and The Local Kitchen.

"I'm super excited about the quantity and quality of projects applying for funds," Bishop said. "Last year, only two applied for funding and one pulled out due to rising costs."

The adopted budget for the program allocates \$350,000 for projects not located within the La Grande Business and Technology Park and, across the six proposals, a total of \$399,453 was requested.

Each project will be assessed by staff on a scoresheet. Points are awarded for a variety of different categories, including return on investment, private investment to public dollars and business viability. Once the proposals are evaluated

and ranked, the available funding will be allocated to projects starting with the highest ranked proposal and working down the list. Projects will receive the full amount of funding requested until the program budget is exhausted.

The special session will be open to the public at La Grande City Hall, 1000 Adams Ave., with the meeting set to begin at 6 p.m. July 13. The meeting will also be streamed on the La Grande Alive website at (www.eoalive.tv/city-events) and the Eastern OregonAlive.TV Facebook page (www.facebook.com/EOAliveTV).

— The Observer

Wallowa County may get federal land

By BILL BRADSHAW

Wallowa County Chieftain

ENTERPRISE — The Wallowa County Board of Commissioners heard a brief presentation from Wayne Monger of the federal Bureau of Land Management in Vale who discussed possibly divesting the BLM of its minimal holdings in the county.

Monger, who is relatively new to the position, said at the Wednesday, July 6, meeting he wished to become known to the board. He said he will be implementing a quarterly report from his district.

He emphasized that fire season has started, mentioning a 4,000-acre blaze that burned north of Vale.

"Just be aware, it is coming," he said of the fire season.

Monger said his district covers about 5.1 million acres, and Commissioner Todd Nash said the BLM holds less than 30,000 acres in Wallowa County.

However, several parcels are in key places and Commission Chair Susan Roberts told Monger that if the BLM wishes to divest itself of some of its holdings in the county, the county or private land-owners might be interested in purchasing it or accepting a donation of the land.

"We'll have to look at parcels we'd consider for disposal, so if you have any suggestions, by all means," Monger said.

"We do," Roberts said. "There aren't very many acres in Wallowa County and they're located in spots that are more conducive to private ownership, if we can get that — or county ownership — so if you need to dispose of parcels, the county would like to offer."

Roberts and Monger agreed they would keep in touch over possible transfer of ownership.

Nash said his main concern is along the Minam River down to Troy.

"The use of it has ramped up considerably," he said, "that being a wild and scenic river and everything reverts back to BLM, but there really isn't a presence of BLM here in the county. I'm like Commissioner Roberts in that either you need to have a presence and help us through some of the concerns that arise or wash your hands of it."

Roberts said the county has a permanent easement with BLM for Wildcat Road that the agency has land along.

Commissioner John Hillock agreed, saying county access is crucial.

"The last time there was a flash flood, we couldn't get in to do work on the road," he said.

Roberts said the easement that has since been arranged is the solution to that access.

The commissioners also:

- Approved a resolution to declare certain property surplus and sell it at a minimum cost.

- It also prohibits us from selling dangerous things, hazardous things and prevents us from purchasing them ourselves or getting our best friend to buy it and then give it to us," Roberts said with a laugh.

- Initiated the process to obtain a \$20,000 grant from the Wildhorse Foundation for a therapy K9 for Community Correction.

- Hired Gavin Collier as a juvenile tracker — sort of a modern-day truant officer — with the county's Department of Youth Services; accepted the resignation of Brooke Langerman as a 911 dispatcher because she took another position; and acknowledged the retirement of William Moore as a custodian.



Nash



Roberts



Hillock