

TODAY

In 1806, the Holy Roman Empire went out of existence as Emperor Francis II abdicated.

In 1825, Upper Peru became the autonomous republic of Bolivia.

In 1942, Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands became the first reigning queen to address a joint session of Congress, telling lawmakers that despite Nazi occupation, her people's motto remained, "No surrender."

In 1945, during World War II, the U.S. B-29 Superfortress Enola Gay dropped an atomic bomb code-named "Little Boy" on Hiroshima, Japan, resulting in an estimated 140,000 deaths. (Three days later, the United States exploded a nuclear device over Nagasaki; five days after that, Imperial Japan surrendered.)

In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act.

In 1973, entertainer Stevie Wonder was seriously injured in a car accident in North Carolina.

In 1978, Pope Paul VI died at Castel Gandolfo at age 80.

In 1991, the World Wide Web made its public debut as a means of accessing webpages over the Internet. TV newsman Harry Reasoner died in Norwalk, Connecticut, at age 68.

In 1993, Louis Freeh won Senate confirmation to be FBI director.

In 2003, actor Arnold Schwarzenegger used an appearance on NBC's "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" to announce his successful bid to replace California Gov. Gray Davis.

In 2009, Sonia Sotomayor was confirmed as the first Hispanic Supreme Court justice by a Senate vote of 68-31. John Hughes, 59, Hollywood's youth movie director of the 1980s and '90s, died in New York City.

In 2011, insurgents shot down a U.S. military helicopter during fighting in eastern Afghanistan, killing 30 Americans, most of them belonging to the same elite Navy commando unit that had slain Osama bin Laden; seven Afghan commandos also died.

In 2013, U.S. Army Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan went on trial at Fort Hood, Texas, charged with killing 13 people and wounding 32 others in a 2009 attack. (Hasan, who admitted carrying out the attack, was convicted and sentenced to death.)

Ten years ago: Marvin Hamlisch, 68, who composed or arranged the scores for dozens of movies including "The Sting" and the Broadway smash "A Chorus Line," died in Los Angeles.

Five years ago: Vice President Mike Pence, in a statement released by the White House, described as "disgraceful and offensive" a New York Times report suggesting that he was laying the groundwork for a possible presidential bid in 2020 if President Donald Trump were not to run.

One year ago: American Allyson Felix won her record 10th Olympic track medal at the Tokyo Games with a bronze in the 400 meters, the most medals won by any woman in Olympic history. (She would win an 11th the following day.)

Today's Birthdays: Children's performer Ella Jenkins is 98. Actor-director Peter Bonerz is 84. Actor Catherine Hicks is 71. Rock singer Pat MacDonald (Timbuk 3) is 70. Country musician Mark DuFresne is 69. Actor Stephanie Kramer is 66. R&B singer Randy DeBarge is 64. Actor Michelle Yeoh is 60. Country singers Patsy and Peggy Lynn are 58. Basketball Hall of Famer David Robinson is 57. Actor Jeremy Ratchford is 57. Actor Benito Martinez is 54. Country singer Lisa Stewart is 54. Movie writer-director M. Night Shyamalan is 52. Actor Merrin Dungey is 51. Singer Geri Halliwell Horner is 50. Actor Jason O'Mara is 50. Actor Vera Farmiga is 49. Actor Ever Carradine is 48. Actor Soleil Moon Frye is 46. Actor Melissa George is 46. Rock singer Travis McCoy is 41. Actor Leslie Odom Jr. is 41. Actor Romola Garai is 40. U.S. Olympic and WNBA basketball star A'ja Wilson is 26.

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LOTTERY

Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2022 Megabucks 3-4-5-25-34-44 Jackpot: \$4.3 million Lucky Lines 1-5-11-13-20-23-26-30 Estimated jackpot: \$32,000 Powerball 9-21-56-57-66 Powerball: 11 Power Play: 2 Jackpot: \$20 million Win for Life 36-42-50-60 Pick 4 1 p.m.: 5-2-2-0 4 p.m.: 4-2-6-1 7 p.m.: 8-4-3-6 10 p.m.: 0-5-5-7 Thursday, Aug. 4, 2022 Lucky Lines 4-8-12-13-18-22-27-32 Jackpot: \$33,000 Pick 4 1 p.m.: 8-1-4-3 4 p.m.: 2-2-0-4 7 p.m.: 4-5-4-5 10 p.m.: 7-7-7-0



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New place for children to play

Enterprise Elementary playground updated in honor of student

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ENTERPRISE — In commemoration of Daniel Hanson, a fund in honor of his love for play was set up and dedicated to adding more equipment to the current Enterprise Elementary School playground. Daniel was set to enter kindergarten in Enterprise but died in an accident in 2020.

What began as adding a few pieces of play equipment soon sparked the idea of adding equipment more appropriate for preschoolers and young elementary students.

Ideas soon became

MORE INFORMATION

If interested in more information or in contributing to the project, please call Damiana Maxwell at 541-531-9535 or Sara Hayes 541-263-0690.

plans, and plans became action. With Damiana Maxwell and Sara Hayes, early intervention specialists with InterMountain Education Service District guiding the project, the addition to the current playground shifted its focus to a truly inclusive playground for all ages and abilities.

Key elements of the playground plan included smooth surfacing and transitions to allow for even walking and assistive equipment. Play structures were selected from input of elementary students and staff, occupational thera-

pists, physical therapists, playground design consultants and other key experts to ensure all elements were included in the design.

With tremendous generosity from the community, \$14,000 was raised and given toward the playground project in memory of Daniel, who attended the Enterprise Collaborative Preschool. Local grant awards of \$38,000 and fundraising efforts have been contributed so far, including financial support from Enterprise Education Foundation, Lions Club, Wallowa County Local Community Health Partnership, Pacific Power and an organized can drive.

Another \$135,000 in grant and monetary awards within Eastern Oregon have been awarded or are pending including: the Wildhorse Foundation, the

Ford Family Foundation, Lewis & Clark, Oregon Community Foundation and InterMountain ESD. The generosity of Wallowa County shines through with donations including that of Rahn's Sanitary in providing storage space for the new equipment and Enterprise Electric in the use of machinery.

The project broke ground July 5 with the installation of the new equipment to be the week of Chief Joseph Days. The project team remains hopeful all construction will be concluded by the first day of school in August, accessible for students during school hours and the community before and after school hours. The inclusive playground will allow for children and adults of all ages and abilities to enjoy what Daniel cherished most, play.

Voters will decide on psilocybin ban

La Grande City Council passes ordinance banning psilocybin, passing final decision to voters

By ISABELLA CROWLEY The Observer

LA GRANDE — The La Grande City Council voted to declare an emergency in order to pass an ordinance banning psilocybin service centers within city limits during its regular meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 3, which means the issue will be put to the voters on the upcoming November ballot.

"This is a topic that came to be in the 2020 November election with the voter approval of Ballot Measure 109 and that is the legalization of psychedelic mushrooms," said Michael Boquist, community development director for the city of La Grande.

Four options were presented to the city council during the meeting:

- Allowing Measure 109 to

simply go into effect.

- Allowing it to go into effect with restrictions.
- Calling for a complete ban on psilocybin service centers.
- A two-year temporary ban.

The final two options would go to voters for approval. The vote passed 3-2 with John Bozarth, Gary Lillard and Mary Ann Miesner voting in favor of the full ban and Nicole Howard and Mayor Steve Clements voting against. Two members of the council were absent and did not vote.

Boquist believed the full-ban option allows the council the most control over the future of psilocybin in La Grande, while ensuring voters were included in the process. If the ban is approved by voters, it would take another vote of the people to lift it. This could be initiated by voters or the city council.

"Option three is that it runs continually and we're in the driver's seat and we decide when we want to lift that," Boquist said.

In contrast, if the council moved forward with a temporary ban, it would need to be revisited every two years and could not be con-

verted into a complete ban.

Councilor John Bozarth requested La Grande Police Chief Gary Bell's opinion on the matter. Bell was in favor of the full ban.

"I'm not impressed, I'm not excited about it. We have some recent history where the state of Oregon has got the cart before the horse, in my opinion. I don't know what the outcome is and that really concerns me," the police chief said. "And we have our hands full right now with drug abuse in our community. And I'm not suggesting that as presented this is abuse, but I'm very concerned any time we loosen the regulation on these things."

Lillard and Clements both spoke about the medical use of psilocybin, but the general consensus from the city council is that there is still too much unknown about psilocybin and the process. One of the primary concerns raised in favor of the ban by Clements and Boquist is that the Oregon Health Authority has not finalized how the program will be run and what regulations will be in place.



Bell

Cove council to hold special session on Aug. 9

City to consider two-year moratorium on psilocybin

The Observer

COVE — The Cove City Council will hold a special session at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9, to consider an ordinance declaring a ban on psilocybin service centers and the manufacture of psilocybin products.

The ordinance, if approved, would also be referred to voters for approval in the Nov. 8 elec-

tion. The ordinance would impose a two-year moratorium that has a sunset date of Dec. 31, 2024. The moratorium would be repealed on that date.

Copies of Ordinance 2022 are available to the public at Cove City Hall, 504 Alder St., during office hours 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

The public can join the council meeting from a computer, tablet or smartphone by going to meet.goto.com/CityofCove or dialing 877-309-2073 and using access code 566-891-733.

Cove joins the La

Grande City Council and Union County Board of Commissioners in asking their voters to consider banning the psychedelic drug from being sold in the county's unincorporated areas before a state-managed system takes effect in January.

The La Grande City Council declared an emergency on Aug. 3 in order to refer an ordinance banning psilocybin service centers within La Grande city limits to voters, while the Union County Board of Commissioners voted on Aug. 3 to refer a proposed ordinance to ban prohibit the sale and manufacturing

of psilocybin products in unincorporated portions of the county.

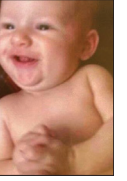
The sale and manufacturing of psilocybin in Oregon is set to become legal in 2023 after voters approved Measure 109 in 2020. If the board of commissioners does not refer the proposed ordinance to voters, Measure 109 will go into effect in unincorporated portions of Union County. It would also go into effect if the proposed ordinance were rejected by voters.

Measure 109 passed with a 56% majority in Oregon in 2020 but voters in Union County rejected it.

IN BRIEF

Oregon child welfare seeks help locating La Grande infant

LA GRANDE — Oregon child welfare officials are asking the public to help locate a missing 3-month-old boy from La Grande, according to a press release from the Oregon Department of Human Services.



Oakley Miller

Officials believe the child, Oakley Miller, went missing with his mother, McKinzie Simonis, from La Grande on Wednesday, Aug. 3, state officials said in an alert issued Aug. 4. The Oregon Department of Human Services' Child Welfare Division believes that Oakley may be at risk and is searching for him to assess his safety.

According to the press release, the mother and son are believed to be in the La Grande area and may be staying in a hotel in the area. McKinzie Simonis and Oakley may also be with Oakley's father, Remington Miller.

Oakley has blond hair and blue eyes.

Culvert projects are set to begin

LA GRANDE — A pair of culvert projects in the La Grande and Whitman Ranger districts will soon be disrupting traffic.

In the La Grande Ranger District, Forest Service Road 4305, a culvert over Jordan Creek will be replaced starting Monday, Aug. 15. Forest Service Road 4305 will remain open during construction to high clearance vehicles.

Travelers are advised to plan accordingly when visiting parts of the forest affected by the road work. For additional information about this closure, call the La Grande Ranger District office at 541-962-8500.

On the Whitman Ranger District, Forest Service Road 7735 over Little Eagle Creek will be closed for approximately 60 days starting Aug. 15. During this closure public access will not be allowed at the site. Alternate access is available from the junction of Forest Service roads 7735 and 7700. The purpose of this closure is to allow crews to complete a bridge replacement over Little Eagle Creek.

For additional information about this closure, call the Whitman Ranger District office at 541-523-6391.

Enterprise City Council to discuss ARPA funds

ENTERPRISE — City officials on Monday, Aug. 8, will discuss the expenditure of more than \$220,000 Enterprise is expected to receive this month under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

The discussion will take place at the August City Council meeting. It begins with a work session at 6 p.m. followed by the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

The city is expected to receive a second round of funding from the federal government this month, the council was told at its Monday, July 11 meeting.

City Administrator Lacey McQuead said \$221,795 in ARPA funds is expected.

The city received \$221,546 under the first round of funding last summer, McQuead said.

Also on Monday's agenda, the council will:

- Hear a request for Opportunity Funds for the coaching staff for funding to replace the current backstop at the baseball field. Jim Nave is expected to address the council on the matter.
- Witness the swearing in of new Enterprise Police Officer Shannon Emel.
- Hear an update on traffic control.
- Hear a recommendation from the Planning Commission.
- Hear the various department reports.

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