

TODAY

In 1777, American forces won the Battle of Bennington in what was considered a turning point of the Revolutionary War.

In 1812, Detroit fell to British and Native American forces in the War of 1812.

In 1861, President Abraham Lincoln issued Proclamation 86, which prohibited the states of the Union from engaging in commercial trade with states that were in rebellion — i.e., the Confederacy.

In 1948, baseball legend Babe Ruth died in New York at age 53.

In 1962, the Beatles fired their original drummer, Pete Best, replacing him with Ringo Starr.

In 1977, Elvis Presley died at his Graceland estate in Memphis, Tennessee, at age 42.

In 1978, James Earl Ray, convicted assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., told a Capitol Hill hearing he did not commit the crime, saying he'd been set up by a mysterious man called "Raoul."

In 1987, people worldwide began a two-day celebration of the "harmonic convergence," which heralded what believers called the start of a new, purer age of humankind.

In 2002, terrorist mastermind Abu Nidal reportedly was found shot to death in Baghdad, Iraq; he was 65.

In 2003, Idi Amin, the former dictator of Uganda, died in Jiddah, Saudi Arabia; he was believed to have been about 80.

In 2014, Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon declared a state of emergency and imposed a curfew in the St. Louis suburb of Ferguson, where police and protesters repeatedly clashed in the week since a Black 18-year-old, Michael Brown, was shot to death by a white police officer.

In 2018, Aretha Franklin, the undisputed "Queen of Soul," died of pancreatic cancer at the age of 76.

In 2020, California's Death Valley recorded a temperature of 130 degrees amid a blistering heat wave, the third-highest temperature ever measured.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Ann Blyth is 94. Actor Gary Clarke is 89. Actor Julie Newmar is 89. Actor-singer Bettye LaVette is 88. Actor John Standing is 88. Actor Anita Gillette is 86. Movie director Bruce Beresford is 82. Actor Bob Balaban is 77. Ballerina Suzanne Farrell is 77. Actor Lesley Ann Warren is 76. Rock singer-musician Joey Spampinato is 74. Actor Marshall Manesh is 72. Actor Reginald VelJohnson is 70. Former TV host Kathie Lee Gifford is 69. R&B singer J.T. Taylor is 69. Movie director James Cameron is 68. Actor Jeff Perry is 67. Rock musician Tim Ferriss (INXS) is 65. Actor Laura Innes is 65. Singer Madonna is 64. Actor Angela Bassett is 64. Actor Timothy Hutton is 62. Actor Steve Carell is 60. Former tennis player Jimmy Arias is 58. Actor-singer Donovan Leitch is 55. Actor Andy Milder is 54. Actor Seth Peterson is 52. Country singer Emily Strayer (The Chicks) is 50. Actor George Stults is 47. Singer Vanessa Carlton is 42. Actor Cam Gigandet is 40. Actor Agnes Bruckner is 37. Singer-musician Taylor Goldsmith (Dawes) is 37. Actor Cristin Milioti is 37. San Diego Padres pitcher Yu Darvish is 36. Actor Shawn Pyfrom is 36. Country singer Ashton Shepherd is 36. Actor Okieriete Onaodowan is 35. Country singer Dan Smyers (Dan & Shay) is 35. NHL goalie Carey Price is 35. Actor Kevin G. Schmidt is 34. Actor Rumer Willis is 34. Actor Parker Young is 34. Rapper Young Thug is 31. Actor Cameron Monaghan is 29.

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, Aug. 12, 2022

Megamillions

23-24-50-54-64

Megaball: 3

Megaplier: 3

Jackpot: \$82 million

Lucky Lines

2-5-12-13-19-24-25-29

Jackpot: \$10,000

Pick 4

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

4 p.m.: 6-5-6-2

7 p.m.: 6-7-5-0

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

Saturday, Aug. 13, 2022

Powerball

19-24-35-43-62

Powerball: 2

Power Play: 10

Jackpot: \$56 million

Megabucks

6-7-10-29-33-47

Jackpot: \$4.7 million

Lucky Lines

3-8-10-14-19-24-26-31

Jackpot: \$11,000

Pick 4

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

4 p.m.: 2-9-0-8

7 p.m.: 8-1-6-2

10 p.m.: 2-8-7-6

Win for Life

10-34-3545

Sunday, Aug. 14, 2022

Lucky Lines

1-6-12-13-18-21-25-30

Estimated jackpot: \$12,000

Pick 4

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

4 p.m.: 7-8-4-3

7 p.m.: 6-2-7-8

10 p.m.: 0-2-9-6

Sunscreen stations prove popular

Stations installed at Candy Cane, Birnie, Riverside parks and trailhead of MERA's Red Apple area

By DICK MASON

The Observer

LA GRANDE — Amy Yielding, a mathematics professor at Eastern Oregon University, wishes that everyone could have known her sister, Rose, who lived in Arizona and died of skin cancer in 2018.

"She was always volunteering and involved in outreach," said Yielding, who described Rose as the most generous of her 10 brothers and sisters.

Few people in La Grande knew Rose, who was a microbiologist at Phoenix Children's Hospital, but today her presence is being felt throughout La Grande.

Rose's story is touching the lives of others thanks to Yielding, who is installing sunscreen dispensary stations throughout La Grande in memory of her sister.

"I feel like I am planting little Rosies," said Yielding, noting that doing this is helping ease her sense of loss.

To date, Yielding and her husband, Jason, and daughter, Josephine, have installed sunscreen stations at Candy Cane, Birnie and Riverside parks and the trailhead of the Mount Emily Recreation Area's Red Apple area. The sunscreen stations at Birnie and Riverside parks were installed in May and the other two were put in

during 2021.

Yielding has installed all of them to make it easier for people to protect themselves from the sun's damaging rays so they and their loved ones do not experience what her family did.

"Rose died six months after she was diagnosed. It was devastating," she said.

Yielding believes that her sister, who was 35, developed skin cancer because of too much unprotected sun exposure when she was growing up in Arizona.

The project has been funded with help from Grande Ronde Hospital through a small community events and projects donation account that is managed by the hospital and its public relations department. The account helps support, through small, one-time donations, those unique and local community efforts that otherwise may not have access to a traditional funding stream or subsidy source.

Yielding credits Casey Nichols, a dermatology board certified nurse practitioner at the hospital, with providing guidance on the project.

"(Nichols) hooked me up with the right people at Grande Ronde Hospital," she said.

Yielding also said Stu Spence, director of the La Grande Parks and Rec-



Dick Mason/The Observer

The La Grande area now has four sunscreen stations, including this one at Birnie Park, shown on Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2022.

reation Department, and Sean Chambers, who earlier served as the director of MERA, also provided major help in securing the city and county approval needed to install the sunscreen stations.

"Stu and Sean are amazing," she said.

Yielding noted that the sunscreen all the stations use is eco friendly.

The sunscreen stations have been well received over the past two years.

Yielding said that in 2021 people pressed the dispensary buttons of the stations at Candy Cane Park and MERA about 2,000 times. Each pump of a button at the stations pro-

vides at least a teaspoon worth of sunscreen.

Yielding hopes that the stations not only result in more people using sunscreen but also that the hospital signs inspire more people to get checked regularly by a dermatologist for skin cancer.

The response to the stations had been so good that Yielding hopes to later install more stations at other parks around the city and at MERA, after receiving city and county approval. She is also hoping to create a mobile sunscreen station that could be set up for local outdoor events.

Wallowa County comes together to help community battered by storm

People step up in wake of storm that rolled through Wallowa

By BILL BRADSHAW

Wallowa County Chieftain

WALLOWA — When disaster strikes, Wallowa County comes together.

That's what happened during and after the hail and wind storm that struck Thursday, Aug. 11.

"That's one good thing we still have in this country," said Wallowa County Commissioner Susan Roberts, who grew up on a ranch near Wallowa. "We have a lot of people who come together to help."

Sheriff Joel Fish said numerous individuals and businesses turned out to help their neighbors.

"People jumped in and stepped up to the plate last night to help people who couldn't board up windows," Fish said Friday, Aug. 12. "There were so many people helping, I can't tell you who all helped and did things."

He did mention 1917 Lumber in Joseph sent sheets of plywood for residents and businesses to board up their windows. Also, the M.J. Hughes Construction Co. workers,



Bill Bradshaw/Wallowa County Chieftain

Randy Frash dumps a load of leaves he just picked up from a yard Friday, Aug. 12, 2022, in Wallowa. Leaves and branches were strewn all over town after a hail and wind storm passed through Wallowa on Thursday, Aug. 11, and residents quickly began repairing the damage.

who were in Wallowa doing work for the Oregon Department of Transportation, jumped in and helped residents and businesses board up windows.

M Crow of Lostine sent pizza to feed first responders at the triage unit set up at the Wallowa Fire Hall.

A meal site also had been set up at the Wallowa Senior Center, said Paul Karvoski, county emergency services director.

On Aug. 12, residents were active all over town cleaning up the mess the storm created. Leaves and branches littered yards and streets and people

were just trying to get back to normal.

"I just came in and mowed this yard yesterday and it looked pretty good," resident Randy Frash said. "Look at it now."

Fish and Mayor Gary Hulse confirmed Aug. 12 that only four minor injuries were suffered when people were struck by the hail, which reports said ranged from the size of ping pong balls to baseballs.

Hulse declared a state of emergency Aug. 12 for the city, which will start the process of obtaining federal or state aid. He said the city attorney

was working on the declaration.

Roberts said that although the county doesn't "have a pile of cash" sitting there waiting for such emergencies, the county will help.

"We'll help out any way we can," she said.

Oregon Gov. Kate Brown and the Oregon Office of Emergency Management are aware of the storm damage.

"The state has not received a request for a state declaration from Wallowa at this time," Brown spokesman Charles Boyle said Saturday, Aug. 13.

ATV rollover near Ukiah requires search and rescue

East Oregonian

UKIAH — An all-terrain vehicle crash Friday, Aug. 12, near Ukiah resulted in one person suffering serious injuries and requiring an emergency helicopter flight.

The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office reported the county dispatch center that day at 9 a.m. received an emergency notification through Garmin Inreach of an ATV rollover with

injuries in an area near Ukiah.

Two passengers were injured, the sheriff's office reported, one with minor injuries and the other was a woman who suffered serious injuries to her legs and hips.

Umatilla County Search and Rescue responded and located the woman on the Frazier Creek Trail within the Winom Fraizer OHV Recreation Area, Ukiah.

Rescuers placed her

in a litter and carried her out by hand on a narrow ATV trail for a little more than half a mile. A six-person team rotated in the effort and placed her in the back seat of a U.S. Forest Service engine that had backed up a very narrow old logging spur that intersected with the ATV trail.

The Forest Service vehicle took her to the helicopter landing zone, which flew her out.

The sheriff's office

reported it worked with several agencies and individuals in this effort, including U.S. Forest Service crews and Forest Service law enforcement, Pendleton Fire & Ambulance Service and independent ATV operators.

For more information on the volunteer Umatilla County Search and Rescue Foundation, including how to join and/or donate, visit www.umasarfoundation.org.

IN BRIEF

La Grande police identify victim of hit-and-run

LA GRANDE — A La Grande man was killed in a hit-and-run collision on 16th Street during the night of Aug. 12, according to a press release from the La Grande Police Department.

Maison Andrew, 24, was identified as the victim during the course of the investigation.

"We all have heartfelt sorrow for Maison Andrew's family and friends," said Lieutenant Jason Hays in a statement released to the media.

The investigation began after La Grande police responded to a report at 5:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 13, of a dead male on the side of 16th Street. La Grande police officers responded and immediately confirmed the individual had died.

The investigation revealed that a vehicle traveling south on 16th Street struck Andrew as he was walking on the street sometime during the night, according to Hays. The driver fled the scene without contacting emergency services.

The area where Andrew was found was immediately secured and La Grande Police Department investigators were dispatched to the scene. Over the course of the day, 20 personnel were assigned to the case, which also included volunteers.

More than 60 items of evidence were collected at the scene and will be sent to the Oregon State Police Forensic Laboratory for analysis, according to Hays. Residents were interviewed and individuals came forward with information. Investigators are following up on leads and are working to identify the vehicle and driver.

The La Grande Police Department received assistance from the Oregon State Police, the Union County Sheriff's Office and the Union County District Attorney's Office. Additional logistical support was provided by Union County Search and Rescue and La Grande Fire Department. Investigators were supported by local residents, who brought refreshments to the crew.

The investigation is still ongoing and La Grande police urge anyone with information to contact Sgt. Ryan Miller at 541-963-1017.

Oregon's Alpenfest seeks volunteers, food & craft vendors

JOSEPH — Back after two pandemic years, Oregon's Alpenfest is looking for volunteers and asking for food and craft vendors to apply to sell at the West's only Swiss-Bavarian cultural festival Sept. 29-Oct. 2.

Alpenfest, which is held in Joseph at the Joseph Rodeo Grounds, is asking for volunteers to pour beer and wine, provide kitchen and meal service and perform various logistical and safety duties. Each volunteer gets a free admission ticket and a bratwurst sandwich.

The 42nd edition of the festival will feature The Polkatones dance band, the Tirolean Dancers of Oregon, Swiss yodeler Shelby Imholt, accordionist Toby Hanson and alphorns.

To inquire, contact Chuck Anderson at alpenmeister@mail2oregon.com or call 541-398-1096. Food and craft vendors may apply to Lynn Wolf at lakesidelynn@com.com or 503-692-5050.

Gubernatorial candidate Christine Drazan to visit Baker

BAKER CITY — Christine Drazan, the Republican candidate for Oregon governor, will be in Baker City for a meet and greet event on Tuesday, Aug. 16 at 6 p.m. at the Baker County Events Center, 2600 East St.

Drazan, who won the Republican nomination in the May 17 primary, is running against Democrat Tina Kotek and independent Betsy Johnson. Drazan is seeking to become the first Republican elected as Oregon governor in 40 years. Victor Atiyeh was elected in 1982 to the second of his four-year terms.