

TODAY

In 1715, following a reign of 72 years, King Louis XIV of France died four days before his 77th birthday.

In 1897, the first section of Boston's new subway system was opened.

In 1923, the Japanese cities of Tokyo and Yokohama were devastated by an earthquake that claimed some 140,000 lives.

In 1939, World War II began as Nazi Germany invaded Poland.

In 1942, U.S. District Court Judge Martin I. Welsh, ruling from Sacramento, California, on a lawsuit brought by the American Civil Liberties Union on behalf of Fred Korematsu, upheld the wartime detention of Japanese-Americans as well as Japanese nationals.

In 1945, Americans received word of Japan's formal surrender that ended World War II. (Because of the time difference, it was Sept. 2 in Tokyo Bay, where the ceremony took place.)

In 1969, a coup in Libya brought Moammar Gadhafi to power.

In 1972, American Bobby Fischer won the international chess crown in Reykjavik, Iceland, as Boris Spassky of the Soviet Union resigned before the resumption of Game 21. An arson fire at the Blue Bird Cafe in Montreal, Canada, claimed 37 lives.

In 1983, 269 people were killed when a Korean Air Lines Boeing 747 was shot down by a Soviet jet fighter after the airliner entered Soviet airspace.

In 1985, a U.S.-French expedition located the wreckage of the Titanic on the floor of the Atlantic Ocean roughly 400 miles off Newfoundland.

In 2005, New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin issued a "desperate SOS" as his city descended into anarchy amid the flooding left by Hurricane Katrina.

In 2009, Vermont's law allowing same-sex marriage went into effect.

In 2015, invoking "God's authority," Rowan County, Kentucky, Clerk Kim Davis denied marriage licenses to gay couples again in direct defiance of the federal courts, and vowed not to resign, even under the pressure of steep fines or jail. (Davis would spend five days in jail; she was released only after her staff issued the licenses on her behalf but removed her name from the form.)

Ten years ago: President Barack Obama ridiculed the just-completed Republican National Convention as better-suited to an era of black-and-white TV and "trickle-down, you're on your own" economics, and declared that Mitt Romney "did not offer a single new idea" for fixing the economy.

Five years ago: A line of cars stretched more than a mile at a water distribution center set up on a high school football field in Beaumont, Texas, which had been left without drinking water by flooding from Hurricane Harvey.

One year ago: Three suburban Denver police officers and two paramedics were indicted on manslaughter and other charges in the 2019 death of Elijah McClain, a 23-year-old Black man who was put into a chokehold and injected with a powerful sedative in a fatal encounter that provoked national outcry. President Joe Biden played host to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in the Oval Office, and sought to reassure him that the U.S. remained squarely behind the Eastern European nation.

Today's Birthdays: Attorney and law professor Alan Dershowitz is 84. Comedian-actor Lily Tomlin is 83. Singer Barry Gibb is 76. Talk show host Dr. Phil McGraw is 72. Singer Gloria Estefan is 65. Country singer-songwriter Charlie Robison is 58. Retired NBA All-Star Tim Hardaway is 56. Actor Ricardo Antonio Chavira is 51. Actor Maury Sterling is 51. Rock singer JD Fortune is 49. Actor Scott Speedman is 47. Country singer Angaleena Presley (Pistol Annies) is 46. Actor Boyd Holbrook is 41. Actor Zoe Lister-Jones is 40. Rock musician Joe Trohman is 38. Actor Aisling Loftus is 32.

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

Monday, Aug. 29, 2022

Megabucks

4-11-17-27-43-46

Estimated jackpot: \$5.4 million

Lucky Lines

2-7-12-16-19-22-28-32

Estimated jackpot: \$27,000

Win for Life

3-23-67-74

Pick 4

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

4 p.m.: 0-5-0-1

7 p.m.: 7-3-4-6

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

Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2022

Mega Millions

2-38-55-57-65

Mega Ball: 17

Megaplier: 3

Estimated jackpot: \$169 million

Lucky Lines

2-8-10-14-20-21-28-29

Estimated jackpot: \$28,000

Pick 4

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

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

7 p.m.: 3-5-7-4

10 p.m.: 1-0-9-6

Labor Day heat wave expected

Union County temperatures set to heat up again for Labor Day

By SHANNON GOLDEN

The Observer

LA GRANDE — After a slight reprieve, temperatures in La Grande are expected to heat up once more in time for Labor Day weekend — but not for long.

Last weekend's highs were markedly lower than last week's forecast, dropping around 10 degrees. The weekend also brought cooler temperatures in the mornings, reaching the low 40s around dawn. Still, this week's forecast predicts that temperatures will once again spike to the high 90s.

Rob Brooks, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Pendleton, noted that a high-pressure area coming out of Nevada and Utah and extending up into the Pacific Northwest — in an elongated format that he equated to a mountain ridge — may be to blame. But he asserted that these elevated averages shouldn't stick around.

"We don't anticipate a



Isabella Crowley/The Observer

Hazy air caused by burning wildfires and high temperatures blankets the Grande Ronde Valley, obscuring the view from Blackhawk Trail Lane north of La Grande, on Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2022.

whole lot of more heating past this," he said. "It's going to get warmer, but we're not looking forward to it becoming 100 (degrees) again."

The average temperature for September will sit at 60.4 Fahrenheit, with an average low of 32 degrees. This weekend, highs will reach the low 90s and lows will drop into the high 40s, according to the National Weather Service. Labor Day will bring sunny skies and a high of 88.

High-pressure areas

make it harder for clouds to accumulate, resulting in hotter, dryer temperatures. The National Weather Service has issued a heat advisory for the lower Columbia River Basin of Oregon — not including Union County — urging residents to take precautions while outside and to drink plenty of fluids.

The hottest hours of the day are between 3-5 p.m. and night temperatures in the area are still above 65 or 70 — making it a challenge for people "to

cool down overnight," according to Brooks.

Temperatures will begin to dip again in the coming weeks, as the days get shorter. Brooks estimated that in the next few months, precipitation is expected to be at normal levels, while the temperature highs will remain slightly above average. The National Weather Service's Climate Prediction Center predicts most of Oregon will also receive normal precipitation this fall.

Hurricane Creek Grange named Distinguished Grange

Wallowa County grange to be honored at national convention in November

Wallowa County Chieftain

JOSEPH — Hurricane Creek Grange has been recognized as a 2021-22 Distinguished Grange, by the National Grange organization.

Grange members will attend the 156th annual National Grange Convention in Sparks, Nevada, in November to receive the award in person at a special reception for the 24 community granges and three state granges to receive the distinction. The Oregon State Grange was one of the three state granges to also receive the Distinguished Grange recognition.

"It will come as no surprise to people in the communities where these distinguished granges are active that they have qualified for such a select honor," National Grange President Betsy Huber said. "While each of our 1,500 granges across



Bill Bradshaw/Wallowa County Chieftain, File

The Hurricane Creek Grange gave a free barbecue Sunday, Aug. 22, 2021, to thank the community for the past year. The grange has been recognized as a 2021-22 Distinguished Grange.

America perform great feats to improve their communities, these granges are an integral piece of the fabric of their hometowns, constantly finding ways to improve the lives of their neighbors and rising to the occasion with innovating outreach."

Hurricane Creek Grange members said they were proud to qualify for the award.

"We are very pleased to be able to serve our community in a number of ways. Receiving the National Distinguished Grange award is a great honor," Grange Treasurer David McBride said. "As Hurricane Creek Grange

completes 100 years of supporting Wallowa County next year, it is very impressive to remember all that has been accomplished by the grange. We certainly look forward to expanding our membership and support for the community."

Hurricane Creek Grange submitted for national review a recap of activities from July 2021 through June 2022, including awarding \$1,500 in scholarships to three graduating high school seniors, distributing dictionaries to third grade students throughout Wallowa County, offering a free ice cream social in the

MORE INFORMATION

Hurricane Creek Grange meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Grange Hall, 82930 Airport Lane, Joseph.

spring and a barbecue to the community. Hurricane Creek Grange offers a low-cost breakfast monthly, and hosts meals through Community Connection of Northeast Oregon. The Grange Hall is offered for public gatherings. Hurricane Creek Grange members volunteer to assist with the Eagle Cap Extreme Dog Sled race, Chief Joseph Days Rodeo and the Wallowa County Museum.

"I grew up just down the road from Hurricane Creek Grange and remember attending a few events when I was a young child," Grange member Mary Kay Pace said. "Fast forward, after finishing a teaching career in Nevada, my husband and I returned home to Joseph. I joined the grange in 2017 because I wanted to make sure that the beautiful old white Hurricane Creek Grange continues to flourish and serve the communities of Wallowa County."

Bad weather brings out best in people

By ANN BLOOM

For the Wallowa County Chieftain

WALLOWA — Despite being pelted by hail balls three inches in size, and after working a nine-hour shift, crew members on the ADA sidewalk ramp upgrade project in Wallowa, still found it within themselves to help the community in its time of need, including aiding a pedestrian to shelter and helping to board up broken windows.

Henry Lugo, consultant construction inspector for the project who was on site during the storm, said after everything they had already done during their shift, "they still wanted to keep helping and doing as much as they could."

The sudden midday hailstorm on Aug. 11, caused several injuries, broke windows, knocked out car windshields and stripped trees of leaves.

According to a press release from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), vacuum truck operator Randy Burns, was responsible for guiding a pedestrian to safety, providing care until medical personnel could arrive to treat her injuries and transport her to the hospital. The identity and condition of the woman is unknown.

During the storm, according to Lugo, drill operator Aaron Griffiths and laborer Willy Ramos began securing the roadway, clearing it of traffic cones, and some signs, to make

a path for emergency vehicles. He said the debris was nothing serious.

Lugo also said that Griffiths and Ramos helped board up the broken windows of a couple of Wallowa residences using plywood from their trucks. He said the plywood was on the truck and used for multiple purposes at other times. It was donated to the homeowners.

Matt Murray, a journeyman electrician, took up the responsibilities of an injured flagger, directing traffic and emergency vehicles until both lanes of traffic through town could be reopened, according to the press release.

All of the men now work out of Portland and were unavailable for comment.

IN BRIEF

Eastern Promise is now Early College Initiatives

LA GRANDE — Eastern Oregon University's Eastern Promise program is getting a name change.

The decade-old dual credit and professional development program will be known as Early College Initiatives, according to a press release from the school.

With an eye for new avenues of success, Early College Initiatives will utilize the new Rural Post-Sec-

ondary Economic Development grant and Moonshot collaboration to provide more resources to dual-credit high school students. ECI is dedicated to creating a robust environment for students to learn, teachers to be trained and opportunities to be realized at Eastern Oregon University.

To contact Early College Initiatives, parents, students, teachers and other partners can now email eci@eou.edu or visit eou.edu/early-college-initiatives.

"The foundation that was laid a decade ago has allowed us to move forward with additional grant funding and a new commitment to our dual credit community," Kathleen Brown, associate director of Early College Initiatives, said. "ECI is excited to continue our partnerships and develop new ones that help all students in our region, no matter their educational location, realize their goals of a college education."

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Eagle Cap Wilderness fires grow

By JAYSON JACOBY

Baker City Herald

BAKER CITY — The Wallowa-Whitman National Forest has closed sections of three trails that are near one of the two growing lightning-sparked fires the agency is monitoring, but not fighting, in the Eagle Cap Wilderness.

The Wallowa-Whitman announced the trail closures, in the North Minam River area, on Tuesday, Aug. 30.

Both the Sturgill Fire, which is near the closed trails, and the Nebo Fire, more than 15 miles east across the wilderness, produced large smoke plumes on Aug. 30 as temperatures eclipsed record highs for the date.

The fires started Aug. 22. The Sturgill Fire spawned a pyrocumulus cloud Aug. 30 — in effect, a thunderhead induced by the fire's heat.

The atmosphere was already slightly unstable, meaning the sun was heating the ground and causing the air to rise high enough that some of the moisture condensed into cumulus clouds, said Jay Breidenbach, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service office in Boise.

The fire added considerably more heat to the equation, he said, allowing the air to rise even higher. The result was the pyrocumulus cloud.

Breidenbach said he reviewed a time-lapse loop of satellite images from Aug. 30, and the progression of both smoke from the Sturgill Fire and the formation of the pyrocumulus cloud were evident.

Such clouds typically form late in the afternoon and dissipate relatively rapidly after sundown as the air cools, Breidenbach said.

Sturgill Fire

The blaze, on the east side of the Minam River Canyon, is about 6 miles from the nearest private property.

Firefighters are working on a strategy to protect private land at Catherine Creek Meadow, to the southwest, and Red's Horse Ranch and Minam River Lodge to the northwest.

The Wallowa-Whitman has closed sections of three trails near the fire.

- Minam River Trail, No. 1673, from the Bear Mountain Trail junction south to the Rock Creek Trail.

- North Minam Trail, No. 1675, from the Minam River Trail to the Bowman Trail.

- Green Lake Trail, No. 1666, from the North Minam Trail to Green Lake.

Nebo Fire

Firefighters are working along roads and trails outside the Eagle Cap Wilderness to potentially use them as control lines if necessary to protect the Lick Creek Guard Station, structures at Big Sheep Camp, and Indian Crossing campground along the Imnaha River should the fire threaten those, according to the Wallowa-Whitman.

There were no trail closures around the Nebo Fire as of Wednesday, Aug. 31.

Crocketts Knob Fire

This blaze, started by lightning on Aug. 22, continues to burn on the Malheur National Forest, in the Greenhorn Mountains about 19 miles north of Prairie City.

The fire has burned about 1,900 acres. Gusty winds and higher temperatures on Tuesday, Aug. 30, resulted in active burning, and the fire produced a significant smoke column.

The fire has moved close to the west Princess Trailhead south of Indian Rock Lookout, and it has spread northeast onto a small part of the Umatilla National Forest.