

## TODAY

Today is Friday, Nov. 2, the 306th day of 2018. There are 59 days left in the year.



## TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On Nov. 2, 1976, former Georgia Gov. Jimmy Carter became the first candidate from the Deep South since the Civil War to be elected president as he defeated incumbent Gerald R. Ford.

## ON THIS DATE

In 1889, North Dakota and South Dakota became the 39th and 40th states with the signing of proclamations by President Benjamin Harrison.

In 1947, Howard Hughes piloted his huge wooden flying boat, the Hughes H-4 Hercules (derisively dubbed the "Spruce Goose" by detractors), on its only flight, which lasted about a minute over Long Beach Harbor in California.

## LOTTERY

**Megabucks:** \$2 million  
7-8-13-16-19-35

**Mega Millions:** \$45 million  
20-31-39-46-49 23-x2

**Powerball:** \$40 million  
7-25-39-40-47 20-x3

**Win for Life:** Oct. 31  
22-23-31-51

**Pick 4:** Nov. 1  
• 1 p.m.: 2-8-2-7  
• 4 p.m.: 9-5-1-1  
• 7 p.m.: 0-1-8-7  
• 10 p.m.: 5-1-6-3  
**Pick 4:** Oct. 31  
• 1 p.m.: 8-6-0-8  
• 4 p.m.: 3-3-6-3  
• 7 p.m.: 7-0-6-9  
• 10 p.m.: 2-7-5-0

## ROAD REPORT

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## CORRECTION

In the Page A1 story "Safety in churches: faith community responds to shooting," published Wednesday, Oct. 31, the story misstated the United Methodist Church Pastor Al Trachsel.

## NEWSPAPER LATE?

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If I have any beliefs about immortality, it is that certain dogs I have known will go to heaven, and very, very few persons."

— James Thurber, American author and humorist (1894-1961).

## BANQUET

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challenges.

"People think it is all fun and dandy when the weather is good, but when you are packing calves into a barn at two or three in the morning when it is cold and the wind is howling, it is not the life that people think it is," Hefner said.

The Union rancher praised the Union County Chamber of Commerce for the quality of the banquet and its support of agriculture.

Cheryl Martin helped put the North Powder agricultural community in the spotlight by winning the Ag Woman of Year Award. Martin learned of her selection when she answered her cellphone while working cattle on her family's North Powder area ranch.

"I was totally shocked," she said.

Martin was praised by Kurt Romans, owner of Romans' Precision Irrigation, not only for her work as a rancher but also for the ways she touched the lives of young people as a North Powder School District teacher and adviser for its FFA chapter.

Martin praised the support she has received from her family and said she enjoys ranching immensely.

"I would not want to do anything else," Martin said.

The Young Farmer of the Year Award went to Colby Johnson of Cove.

Jed Hassinger, who presented the award, praised Johnson for being at the forefront of using technology to farm more efficiently, which means he is using less fuel and agricultural products, reducing his environmental impact. The technology has also allowed him to use wastewater from the Cove municipal water system for irrigation.

Hassinger noted Johnson operates a Century Farm that has long been in his family.

"He is a fifth generation farmer," Hassinger said.

Johnson was selected by a Union County Farm Bureau Committee. The committee, Hassinger said, quickly decided on Johnson.

"It was an obvious choice," he said.

The Good Steward of the Year Award went to Mary

Aiwohi of Summerville. Aiwohi was recognized for her role in helping restore a quarter-mile portion of Dry Creek on her property so it can provide improved spawning habitat for steelhead. Aiwohi was a partner in a project led by the Union Soil and Water Conservation District.

The project restored a meander to a quarter-mile portion of Dry Creek that had been straightened many years ago. The straightening increased the flow of the creek, deepening the channel and causing erosion. Adding a twisting meander to the creek has slowed its flow and helped widen the channel, creating better spawning habit for steelhead.

Aiwohi, a veterinarian, also said that many slabs of concrete were removed from the creek during the restoration work, further boosting stream quality. The concrete had apparently been placed in the creek decades ago to prevent flooding.

The project was funded by the Bonneville Power Administration and the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board.

Jim Webster, district manager for the Union County Soil and Water Conservation District, said Aiwohi's help was instrumental to the success of the project.

"We are really dependent on private landowners like Mary," Webster said. "She has been such a strong supporter of the district."

The Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award went to Union County Commissioner Steve McClure, who will retire at the end of this year.

"I am really honored," McClure said.

This was the second time McClure has been saluted at the Farmer-Merchant Banquet, for in the early 1980s he was named Young Farmer of the Year. McClure first started attending the banquet with his father about 60 years ago. He said once in the late 1950s or early 1960s he heard Oregon U.S. Senator Wayne Morse speak at the banquet.

McClure is impressed the banquet has been conducted for seven decades.

"This community should

be proud that this has been been put on for 70 years," said McClure, who will retire as Union County Commissioner at the end of this year after serving 28 years.

The winner of the Conservation Farm of the Year Award, Sage Elmer, said he was caught off guard when he learned several weeks ago of his selection.

"I was honored and very surprised. I didn't think anybody was watching what we were doing," Elmer said.

The award salutes steps Elmer has taken to reduce soil erosion caused by wind and rain and his efforts to improve soil health.

Howard Cantrell received the Ecological Restoration and Conservation Award. Cantrell was saluted for his role in the restoration of a six-mile portion of Five Points Creek, 15 miles northwest of La Grande. The project was led by the U.S. Forest Service's La Grande Ranger District. It restored habitat for wild salmon, steelhead and bull trout that had been greatly degraded by timber and agricultural activities, according to a September 2016 Observer article.

Cantrell was a project partner as the owner of a portion of the stream habitat restored by the Forest Service, work done with his permission. The partners assisting the Forest Service also included the Grande Ronde Model Watershed, Oregon Department of Transportation, Bonneville Power Administration, Union Pacific Railroad, Iron Triangle, Kelly Corporation of Powell Butte and Columbia Helicopters.

A total of 1,200 large dead trees were added to the six-mile stretch of stream in the process of restoring fish habitat.

Jeff Oveson, executive director of the Grande Ronde Model Watershed, said Cantrell's help was crucial to the success of the project.

## GROCERY

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upgrade" he said.

The upcoming holiday season further delayed the reopening. He explained holiday products would had to have been ordered months in advance.

When Market Place Family Fresh opens its doors in March, there will be some familiar faces, including Rennie, who was involved in the operation of the original store. Rennie has a background in operating grocery stores, including Whole Foods Market, a major grocery store chain that specializes in natural and organic foods.

Joining the team of Rennie and Adelsberger is Yount, who is the marketing director for Spokane Produce, a produce wholesaler. Yount recently won a major design award for My Fresh Basket, a small neighborhood grocery store in Spokane, and one of his responsibilities with the new Market Place Family Fresh was redesigning the store.

"The layout of the store wasn't good at all," Yount told The Observer Thursday. "That (design flaw) hindered it a little bit, (plus) what they were offering wasn't unique enough, or enticing enough, to get people to come back."

The three men have together re-envisioned the store, from what it looks like to what will be on its shelves.

"(Rennie and Yount) bring more collective experience and more empowerment (than what we had before)," Adelsberger said.

One of the biggest issues of the previous store was that items being sold were wrong for the community, according to surveys the business conducted. The new store will have two new wholesalers that will provide better produce and food items shoppers can't get anywhere else, Adelsberger said.

"It will be a community store with local food. We're going to offer the best of the best with good prices," he said.

The developer said he's met with local ranchers who may be interested in selling their meat at Family Fresh. He wants to make sure customers are getting meat that is local and free of antibiotics.

Adelsberger said the community's needs were paramount in the rebirth of the downtown grocery store.

"We asked ourselves, 'What can we do to support local (vendors) and provide healthier choices with greater value?'" he said.

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The Bulletin

10/10/18

EDITORIAL

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Grants Pass Oregon's Daily Courier

10/14/18

EDITORIAL

Walden deserves another term in Congress.

"Rep. Greg Walden knows exactly what those who have sent him back to Washington 10 consecutive times want from him. They want the 61-year-old Republican to lead on issues that are important to most rural Oregonians, and Walden has done just that. He has pushed the House of Representatives on forest management, fire borrowing, rural internet infrastructure and opioid abuse."

EAST OREGONIAN

10/16/18

EDITORIAL

In the face of change, Walden has earned an 11<sup>th</sup> term in Congress.

"Walden continues to get work done as he sounds the alarm on wildfire management. We believe his efforts in that field to be critical for Oregon's future, and believe his focus on the impact of smoke is as crucial for us as it is in Southern Oregon... however the rest of the chips may fall we believe he is the best suited to bring our needs to Washington and bring results back to the 2nd District."

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