

DAILY PLANNER

TODAY

Today is Monday, Nov. 12, the 316th day of 2018. There are 49 days left in the year.



TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On Nov. 12, 1927, Josef Stalin became the undisputed ruler of the Soviet Union as Leon Trotsky was expelled from the Communist Party.

ON THIS DATE

In 1920, baseball got its first "czar" as Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis was elected commissioner of the American and National Leagues.

In 1936, the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge opened as President Franklin D. Roosevelt pressed a telegraph key in Washington, D.C., giving the green light to traffic.

LOTTERY

Megabucks: \$2.8 million
20-33-36-40-42-44

Mega Millions: \$106 million
8-14-27-57-67-5 x4

Powerball: \$107 million
5-29-34-53-57-PB 24-x2

Win for Life: Nov. 10
17-19-27-64

Pick 4: Nov. 11
• 1 p.m.: 5-8-6-0
• 4 p.m.: 2-1-8-4
• 7 p.m.: 8-2-0-0
• 10 p.m.: 9-0-4-3

Pick 4: Nov. 10
• 1 p.m.: 5-7-6-8
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It's all right to have a train of thoughts, if you have a terminal."
— Richard R. Bowker, American publisher (1848-1933).

EOU

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Sparked by on-campus initiative, the Office of Student Diversity and Inclusion is serving as headquarters for the creation of 21 care packages to be sent to students' and community members' families in the Northern Marianas as part of relief efforts. Packages will be mailed in 48-quart chest coolers to ensure supplies aren't damaged in transit and to later be used as storage for food and supplies.

Donations will be accepted until Nov. 16 in Hoke 212. A GoFundMe campaign has been established to help pay for shipping costs and cover the purchase of additional goods and supplies. The goal is to raise \$10,500 — with any remaining funds to be donated to the Red Cross.

"Students really expected to figure out (how to help their families) on

their own," Moses-Mesubed said. "I've heard some students say their families are kind of shocked — they didn't expect a place like Eastern Oregon or La Grande to do something like this. They're grateful but also surprised, in a good way."

Students were asked what kind of goods and supplies their families most immediately needed, and Moses-Mesubed looked at what FEMA and Red Cross groups were already supplying and what they lacked in order to tailor their relief efforts.

Around 30-40 students have been involved in EOU's relief efforts thus far and will help pack coolers in preparation for the packages' week-long journey to the Northern Marianas.

"What we heard from a lot of students was 'I just want to help my family, whatever that looks like,' so when we're ready to package the items, students (will have) a time to

WOODGRAIN

Continued from Page 1A diligence. That period is now over and the transaction has been finalized.

"There have been some logistical headaches, but we are making sure everything is crossing over well," Dame told The Observer. "There are things we knew were going to be trouble and some things taking a little more effort. But it's been good."

Dame said there have not been any layoffs during the transition. There are approximately 250 employees who stayed on after the shift of ownership. He also said Woodgrain wanted to offer the employees the same compensation and benefits they were receiving under Boise Cascade — if not better.

"There wasn't a decrease," he said. "We tried to match benefits, if not improve them. We wanted to make the transition as easy as possible."

Woodgrain is also hiring more full-time employees, Dame said. Those positions include administrative assistant, human resources representative, procurement/purchasing manager, maintenance superintendent, IT site administrator, multiple millwright positions and multiple entry-level laborers at all three mills.

Dame said one of the biggest priorities for Woodgrain in this transition is streamlining operations, and the new owners are asking for input from their employees.

"We know we're not experts within the industry," he said. "We don't have a huge past in lumber and sawmills.

We let (the employees) know they have been in the industry and their roles (longer and know more about it), and our expectation is to get the feedback and make improvements."

Dame said that includes capital improvements on the buildings and the equipment.

"They have to present the opportunities, but as we get familiar with things we'll find places to improve as well. We just want to make sure what we're doing works. They know what's working and what's not," he said.

Kelly Dame, Woodgrain's CEO, said he's excited about the acquisition because Boise Cascade aligns well with Woodgrain's strategy of growth through vertical integration.

"Even more important, I am excited about the talent of the individuals who will be joining the company," Kelly Dame said in a press release sent last week. "We have been impressed with the caliber of people who will be coming over in the acquisition. It says a lot about Boise Cascade, the individuals and the community. We plan on resuming full production at each facility ... with minimal delays in production and delivery."

Tanner Dame said the company is happy to be a part of the community. He said despite Woodgrain being in a different state, the communities are similar.

"We're expanding the footprint," he said. "The new associates and people who came over we're excited to get to know, and we've been impressed with the skill set and attitude."

Typhoon Yutu donations are requested

EOU's Multicultural Center will be accepting donations for victims of Super Typhoon Yutu until Nov. 16. Requested items to be sent to the Northern Marianas in care packages as part of relief efforts (listed below) can be brought to Hoke 212:

- Duracell or Energizer Batteries (all sizes)
- Small battery-operated fans
- Canned foods: Vienna sausage, corned beef hash, chili, Spam, beef stew, Campbell soups/meals, spaghetti or canned pasta, canned veggies (corn, green beans, stewed tomatoes)

- First aid kits
- Flashlights
- Heavy-duty work gloves
- Lantern lamps or solar-powered lamps
- Mosquito coils/citronella candles (not sprays or liquid as those aren't allowed to be mailed)
- Mosquito nets
- Travel-size personal hygiene items (shampoo, body soap bars, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, wet wipes, razors, hand sanitizers, hand lotion, etc.)
- Power inverters (minimum of 750 watt)
- 550 Paracord, 50-100 feet
- Towels (shower and kitchen)

come together and help," Moses-Mesubed. "That may also be a time of healing."

Aside from more obvious responses to natural disasters such as aid and relief efforts, she said incidents like Typhoon Yutu open up dialogue on campus concerning broader topics of environmental and climate change.

"These efforts, I think,

have bigger messages and a bigger meaning — the importance of taking care of the environment and what we can do on a personal level," Moses-Mesubed said. "Climate change is something that's been very real in the Pacific Islands for over 20 years (and is) a reality for a lot of (EOU) students who grew up there. Efforts like this are

opportunities for education (and to) ask questions — students are more inclined to be curious and want to know the connection."

For more information on the university's relief efforts, contact Moses-Mesubed at 541-962-3741. To donate to the GoFundMe campaign, visit www.gofundme.com/lagrande-saipanyutur relief.

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