

DAILY PLANNER

TODAY
Today is Monday, March 25, the 84th day of 2019. There are 281 days left in the year.



TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT
On March 25, 1911, 146 people, mostly young female immigrants, were killed when fire broke out at the Triangle Shirtwaist Co. in New York.

ON THIS DATE
In 1634, English colonists sent by Lord Baltimore arrived in present-day Maryland.
In 1865, during the Civil War, Confederate forces attacked Fort Stedman in Virginia but were forced to withdraw because of counterattacking Union troops.
In 1894, Jacob S. Coxey began leading an "army" of unemployed from Massillon (MA'-suh-luhn), Ohio, to Washington D.C., to demand help from the federal government.
In 1915, the U.S. Navy lost its first commissioned submarine as the USS F-4 sank off Hawaii, claiming the lives of all 21 crew members.
In 1931, in the so-called "Scottsboro Boys" case, nine young black men were taken off a train in Alabama, accused of raping two white women; after years of convictions, death sentences and imprisonment, the nine were eventually vindicated.

LOTTERY
Megabucks: \$9.8 million
14-17-20-28-37-43

Mega Millions: \$57 million
7-36-58-60-62-10-x3

Powerball: \$750 million
24-25-52-60-66-PB 5-x3

Win for Life: March 23
19-45-60-76

Pick 4: March 24
• 1 p.m.: 9-7-4-9
• 4 p.m.: 8-3-2-7
• 7 p.m.: 7-5-0-9
• 10 p.m.: 6-4-6-7
Pick 4: March 23
• 1 p.m.: 5-2-4-3
• 4 p.m.: 4-5-3-6
• 7 p.m.: 1-9-7-4
• 10 p.m.: 2-6-4-0
Pick 4: March 22
• 1 p.m.: 3-2-1-2
• 4 p.m.: 2-5-8-0
• 7 p.m.: 9-9-1-6
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QUOTE OF THE DAY
"Scratch a pessimist, and you find often a defender of privilege."
— Lord Beveridge, British economist (1879-1963)

Haines class visits Union County dairy

By Lisa Britton
For WesCom News Service

UNION — Katherine Gentry had her eye on the black baby goat, and after 10 minutes of cuddling the kid in her arms, she settled on a name.

"I'll call him Richard," she said.

Unfortunately, Gentry had to release the baby back into the pen, as did her fellow sixth-grade classmates who seemed quite smitten with the babies.

(Teacher Annetta Evans joked about checking backpacks on the bus to ensure no baby goats were smuggled home.)

On March 20, the sixth-grade class from Haines Elementary School visited Grande Ronde Goat Dairy in Union.

The business is run by Stephanie Rovey, who grew up in Illinois.

As she looks across her herd of 800 goats, she smiles at how it all began.

"This was a 4-H project," she said.

Rovey, 40, got her first dairy goat at age 12.

"My dad thought it would last two or three years. He was wrong."

She earned a degree in animal science at the University of Illinois, then took her goats south when she entered a master's program at the University of Arizona.

"Everywhere I've moved, I brought my goats with me," she said.

Her herd was smaller then, about 10 or 12.

She and her husband, Byron, moved to Union in 2005. In addition to the goats, they plant 2,800 acres in row crops (sunflowers, triticale, alfalfa, sugar beets, and potatoes).

Her goat herd has grown since that first 4-H project. When they first started milking, a crew of 12 spent 13 hours a day in a converted barn to milk 250 goats.

Several years ago, the Roveys embraced technology and invested in a barn that is 525 feet long and 80 feet wide. It can hold 1,000 goats, and has curtains that automatically roll up to maintain

an ideal temperature.

They also built a new milking parlor using a GEA goat rotary — the only one of its kind in the United States. Now they can milk 300 goats in an hour.

"We have to be efficient in agriculture," she said.

When a goat enters the machine, a sensor dispenses grain and a scanner reads the electronic ID. An employee attaches inflations to the udder as the goats circle past at a rate of 3.8 seconds. The machine senses when the milk slows and automatically releases the inflations.

The milk flows into a stainless steel milk line into a 5,000 gallon bulk tank where it is cooled from 101.5 degrees to below 40 degrees.

"The milk is never ever touching human hands or air," Rovey said.

She sells the milk to Laura Chenel Chevre, a company in Sonoma, California, that produces cheese and yogurt. Its products are available

at grocery stores in the Northwest.

The milk is collected twice a week, and tested for antibiotics and bacteria. She ships about 1,000 gallons each week.

A computer in the bulk tank room tracks data for the milk collection, and also monitors the tank temperature. If there is a problem, an alarm sounds on the Roveys' phones.

"That way we avoid catastrophe," she said.

When asked if her family drinks goat milk at home, she laughs — with five young boys who go through 12 gallons of milk in a week, she uses both goat and cow milk.

To wrap up the school tour, Rovey brought out a tray of crackers and goat cheese so everyone could try a taste. She also explained how, on the diverse farm she runs with her husband, she needs to know biology, chemistry, accounting and more in an ever-changing world.

"You can't stop learning, ever," she said. ■

OREGON IN BRIEF

From wire reports

SALEM — An Oregon driver has been charged with manslaughter for a 2018 traffic crash in Salem that killed her 2-year-old daughter.

The Salem Statesman Journal reports 33-year-old Janie Miller of Turner also is charged with driving under the influence, possession of methamphetamine and four counts of reckless endangerment.

The crash occurred on April 7, 2018. Salem police spokesman Lt. Treven Upkes said Miller's car collided head-on with a sport utility vehicle stopped in a turn lane.

Miller and her daughter, Ellie Jane Bruce, were taken to Salem Hospital for treatment. The girl died on April 26.

Prosecutors say Miller's blood-alcohol content was above the legal limit for driving and that she was under the influence of marijuana.

A grand jury indicted Miller this year. She was arrested Thursday.

PHARMACY

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One option Brookshire strongly supports calls for the pharmacy to be moved to the South County Health District, a publicly owned medical center at 142 Dearborn St., where it would be housed in a yet-to-be constructed building. The structure would be a partnership of the Cove-Union-Powder Medical Association in cooperation and the SCHD, which would employ Brookshire and purchase all of the Union Drug Company's prescription and over-the-counter medications.

The Cove-Union-Powder Medical Association has formerly expressed support efforts to keep Union's pharmacy operating. The board of the Cove-Union-Powder Medical Association, a nonprofit that owns the assets of Union's medical center, passed a resolution last week stating it will consider a number of options for helping Brookshire, including constructing a new pharmacy building, renting one or purchasing one that would be renovated.

The resolution passed by the CUP board will take effect only if South County Health District agrees to buy the Union Drug Company and its prescription and over-the-counter medications, said Susan Hawkins, a CUP board member. The board of South County Health District, which handles the business portion of Union's medical center, will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday at Union City Hall to discuss Union's pharmacy options.

Brookshire said he would likely be employed as a pharmacist for the South County Health District if it partners with the CUP Medical Association

on this project.

The CUP Medical Association voted for the resolution last week supporting Brookshire after being urged by between 15 and 20 people from the Union, Cove and North Powder area at a board meeting two weeks ago.

"People were very concerned (about the possibility of losing the pharmacy)," Hawkins said.

Union Drug Company opened in 1903 and has operated at its present location since then. Brookshire, who grew up in Union and earned a degree in pharmacy from Oregon State University, purchased the building in 1994.

He said operating a pharmacy has become more difficult since then in part because of increased insurance paperwork and stiffer Medicare rules. Brookshire said so much time has to be spent on such things that he is not able to spend as much time with patients as he would like. Brookshire, a member of the Union City Council, said the pharmacy portion of his business is breaking even but

he is losing money on his store's soda fountain and gift shop.

Brookshire said he plans to retire in about four years, and he believes it would be much easier for Union to find a pharmacist to replace him if the pharmacy is part of the Cove-Union-Powder Medical Association and the South County Health District system.

"All they will have to do is hire a pharmacist," Brookshire said.

If the pharmacy remains private, Brookshire doubts

he would be able to find a buyer for the business and the building when he retires, which would leave Union without a pharmacy.

"I am almost certain Union would not get a pharmacist (if the individual had to purchase the business)," he said.

Brookshire said he fears if Union were to lose its pharmacy, it would not get one back. He noted Elgin, Prairie City, Wallowa, Joseph and Athena have all lost their pharmacies in the past 25 years and none have returned. Brookshire

is determined not to let this happen in Union.

"I grew up in Union," he said. "The last thing I want to do is leave Union without a pharmacy." ■

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