

DAILY  
PLANNER

## TODAY

Today is Friday, Nov. 15, the 319th day of 2019. There are 46 days left in the year.

## TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On Nov. 15, 1942, the naval Battle of Guadalcanal ended during World War II with a decisive U.S. victory over Japanese forces.

## ON THIS DATE

In 1777, the Second Continental Congress approved the Articles of Confederation.

In 1806, explorer Zebulon Pike sighted the mountaintop now known as Pikes Peak in present-day Colorado.

In 1864, during the Civil War, Union forces led by Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman began their "March to the Sea" from Atlanta; the campaign ended with the capture of Savannah on Dec. 21.

In 1935, the Commonwealth of the Philippines was established as its new president, Manuel L. Quezon, took office.

In 1937, at the U.S. Capitol, members of the House and Senate met in air-conditioned chambers for the first time.

In 1958, actor Tyrone Power, 44, died in Madrid, Spain, while filming "Solomon and Sheba." (Power's part was recast with Yul Brynner.)

In 1959, four members of the Clutter family of Holcomb, Kansas, were found murdered in their home. (Ex-convicts Richard Hickock and Perry Smith were later convicted of the killings and hanged in a case made famous by the Truman Capote book "In Cold Blood.")

In 1961, former Argentine President Juan Peron, living in exile in Spain, married his third wife, Isabel.

In 1966, the flight of Gemini 12, the final mission of the Gemini program, ended successfully as astronauts James A. Lovell and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin Jr. splashed down safely in the Atlantic after spending four days in orbit.

In 1984, Stephanie Fae Beauclair, the infant publicly known as "Baby Fae" who had received a baboon's heart to replace her own congenitally deformed one, died at Loma Linda University Medical Center in California three weeks after the transplant.

In 1987, 28 of 82 people aboard a Continental Airlines DC-9, including the pilots, were killed when the jetliner crashed seconds after taking off from Denver's Stapleton International Airport.

In 2003, two Black Hawk helicopters collided and crashed in Iraq; 17 U.S. troops were killed.

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14-17-25-33-38-43

**Mega Millions:** \$178 million  
19-30-44-56-65-24-x2

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23-26-27-28-66-PB 11-x2

**Win for Life:** Nov. 13  
12-13-24-70

## Pick 4:

Nov. 14  
• 1 p.m.: 0-3-9-9  
• 4 p.m.: 0-3-1-6  
• 7 p.m.: 7-3-8-6  
• 10 p.m.: 1-3-4-0  
**Pick 4:** Nov. 13  
• 1 p.m.: 3-1-5-6  
• 4 p.m.: 7-5-7-6  
• 7 p.m.: 0-9-6-7  
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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"To oppose something is to maintain it."  
— Ursula K. Le Guin, *American writer (1929-2018)*

## La Grande, Elgin teachers garner recognition

By Dick Mason  
The Observer

Whether in a classroom with a leopard gecko or at a swimming pool leading a triathlon, elementary school teachers Sarah Jacobson and Kelly McLaughlin know how to make a splash with their students.

It is why both recently received buoyant news — word that they were selected as the Union County winners of the Community Bank Apple Appreciation Awards for teachers.

Jacobson, a fourth- and fifth-grade teacher at Grande Ronde Academy in La Grande, learned of the news at a school assembly.

"I was completely surprised," she said.

Jacobson said the only hint she had came from one of her pupils.

"The student said, 'I know something I can't tell you, but you will be pleased,'" she said.

McLaughlin, a physical education teacher at Stella Mayfield Elementary School in Elgin, also was caught off guard when she received word of the award via a phone call.

"I had no idea," she said.

Stella Mayfield Principal Tom Sorensen is delighted that McLaughlin is being recognized.

"She is truly worthy of this honor," he said. "She is very dedicated to kids and the community."

McLaughlin is in her seventh year at Stella Mayfield. She was a classroom teacher in her first five years before becoming a physical education teacher there in 2018-19.

"I'm loving it. I was a PE major in college, so this was a perfect fit," said McLaughlin, an Eastern Oregon University graduate.

She said the chance to help children is the best part of her job.

"It is the kids. I love working with them," McLaughlin said.

McLaughlin, who grew up south of Klamath Falls, said she had long dreamed of being a teacher.

"Both of my parents were teachers so it is in my blood," she said.

McLaughlin has started a number of new programs at Stella Mayfield, including an annual spring triathlon for fifth- and sixth-graders in which students swim, bike and run. She hopes to open the triathlon to the public this spring.

"I want it to be a community event," she said.

This is symbolic of McLaughlin's community



Dick Mason/The Observer

Sarah Jacobson, a fourth and fifth grade teacher at Grande Ronde Academy, discusses the fine points of a wildlife skull with her students.

mindedness. Sorensen said she is excellent at reaching out to local businesses and organizations like the Lions Club and get them involved in school programs.

"She does a good job of partnering with the community. This is important because we are a community school," Sorensen said.

The principal also said McLaughlin has an endearing sense of humility.

"It is difficult for her to accept compliments," he said.

Jacobson has been at Grande Ronde Academy about a year less than McLaughlin has been at Stella Mayfield. She is in her second year as a full-time fourth- and fifth-grade teacher at Grande Ronde Academy and before that was a part-time teacher and member of the GRA office staff.

"She is an outstanding teacher and very dedicated," said Grande Ronde Academy Principal Phillip O'Reilly.

Darcy Pedro, an administrative assistant at Grande Ronde Academy, echoes this praise.

"She does not stop. She is one of the first ones here at the start of the day and one of the last to leave," Pedro said.

The administrative assistant added that Jacobson is accessible to her students 24/7, noting that she encourages students to send her text messages after school if they have any questions.

"Even when she is at home she is there for her students," Pedro said.

Jacobson's classroom is filled with additions designed to make subjects

the students study in textbooks jump off the page, sometimes in a literal sense. These include her classroom's pets — four frogs, several guinea pigs and two leopard geckos, which are lizards found in Asia and throughout Afghanistan. The guinea pigs are what Jacobson's students are watching now with great anticipation.

"One of the guinea pigs is about to give birth. The students are pretty excited about that," Jacobson said.

Her classroom's many other features include animal skulls and furs and geologic materials. Jacobson often has her students handle objects like these when they can be tied in to the curriculum being studied.

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