

## TODAY

In 1889, the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore opened its doors.

In 1915, a German U-boat torpedoed and sank the British liner RMS Lusitania off the southern coast of Ireland, killing 1,198 people, including 128 Americans, out of the nearly 2,000 on board.

In 1928, the minimum voting age for British women was lowered from 30 to 21 — the same age as men.

In 1939, Germany and Italy announced a military and political alliance known as the Rome-Berlin Axis.

In 1941, Glenn Miller and His Orchestra recorded "Chattanooga Choo Choo" for RCA Victor.

In 1945, Germany signed an unconditional surrender at Allied headquarters in Rheims, France, ending its role in World War II.

In 1954, the 55-day Battle of Dien Bien Phu in Vietnam ended with Vietnamese insurgents overrunning French forces.

In 1963, the United States launched the Telstar 2 communications satellite.

In 1975, President Gerald R. Ford formally declared an end to the "Vietnam era." In Ho Chi Minh City — formerly Saigon — the Viet Cong celebrated its takeover.

In 1977, Seattle Slew won the Kentucky Derby, the first of his Triple Crown victories.

In 2010, a BP-chartered vessel lowered a 100-ton concrete-and-steel vault onto the ruptured Deepwater Horizon well in an unprecedented, and ultimately unsuccessful, attempt to stop most of the gushing crude fouling the sea.

In 2019, two students opened fire inside a charter school in a Denver suburb not far from Columbine High School, killing a fellow student, 18-year-old Kendrick Castillo, who authorities said had charged at the shooters to protect classmates. (Both attackers would be sentenced to life in prison; one who was 16 at the time of the shooting could be eligible for parole after about 20 years.)

In 2020, Georgia authorities arrested a white father and son and charged them with murder in the February shooting death of Ahmaud Arbery, a Black man they had pursued in a truck after spotting him running in their neighborhood near the port city of Brunswick. (The two men and a third white man would be convicted of murder in state court, and hate crimes in federal court.)

**Ten years ago:** Vladimir Putin took the oath of office as Russia's president for the next six years in a brief but regal Kremlin ceremony. Education Secretary Arne Duncan broke ranks with the White House, stating his unequivocal support for same-sex marriage a day after Vice President Joe Biden said on NBC that he was "absolutely comfortable" with gay couples marrying.

**Five years ago:** French voters elected independent centrist Emmanuel Macron, 39, as the country's youngest president, delivering a resounding victory to the pro-European former investment banker and dashing the populist dream of far-right rival Marine Le Pen.

**One year ago:** A federal grand jury indicted the four former Minneapolis police officers involved in George Floyd's arrest and death, accusing them of willfully violating the constitutional rights of the Black man as he was restrained face-down on the pavement, gasping for air.

**Today's Birthdays:** R&B singer Thelma Houston is 79. Actor Robin Strasser is 77. Singer-songwriter Bill Danoff is 76. Rock musician Bill Kreutzmann (Grateful Dead) is 76. Movie writer-director Amy Heckerling is 70. Actor Michael E. Knight is 63. Rock musician Phil Campbell (Motorhead) is 61. Actor Traci Lords is 54. Actor Morocco Omari is 52. Singer Eagle-Eye Cherry is 51. Actor-comedian Aidy Bryant is 35. Actor Taylor Abrahams is 31. Actor Alexander Ludwig is 30. Actor Dylan Gelula is 28.

## CORRECTIONS

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## LOTTERY

## Wednesday, May 4, 2022

## Megabucks

13-1920-24-39-48

Jackpot: \$5.1 million

## Lucky Lines

3-6-11-14-20-22-28-31

Estimated jackpot: \$22,000

## Powerball

37-39-55-63-69

Powerball: 23

Power Play: 2

Jackpot: \$51 million

## Win for Life

1-41-51-74

## Pick 4

1 p.m.: 5-6-0-1

4 p.m.: 3-7-2-2

7 p.m.: 8-1-4-9

10 p.m.: 7-5-4-6

## Thursday, May 5, 2022

## Lucky Lines

2-5-9-14-17-23-26-29

Jackpot: \$23,000

## Pick 4

1 p.m.: 9-0-0-7

4 p.m.: 1-5-3-5

7 p.m.: 9-9-5-0

10 p.m.: 6-1-2-2

## Opening their doors to the past

Museums in Elgin, Union set to open Mother's Day weekend

By DICK MASON

The Observer

UNION COUNTY — The old will become new this Mother's Day weekend at the Elgin and Union County museums.

The two museums will feature new display items when they open this weekend for their spring and summer seasons. Both museums will have their grand openings for the year on Sunday, May 8.

A new exhibit at the Elgin Museum is a collection of about 25 glass medicinal store bottles from Northeastern Oregon made between 1890 and 1920. All are embossed with the names of drugstores in Union, Wallowa, Baker and Wallowa counties.

Visitors will find bottles from long forgotten drugstores like the J.L. Carter Drug Store in Island City, the Sumpter Drug Company owned by L. C. Edwards, Silver Thorn's Drug Store in La Grande, and City Drug Store in Elgin.

All were collected by Charlie Horn, the curator of the Elgin Museum. Horn has been collecting Northeastern Oregon drugstore bottles for decades.

"It has been a passion of mine for most of my life," he said.

It was a passion ignited when he found a bottle from the old Owl Drug Company in Elgin in a barn 60 years ago. Horn said he reached through a barn wall to find the bottle and has been hooked ever since. He never knows where his search for old drugstore bottles will lead him.

"It has taken on a life of its own," he said.

The Elgin Museum's curator said bottles with the embossed names of local drugstores disappeared around 1920 when the process of bottle making became automated. Bottles with localized drugstore names fell out of favor with bottle manu-



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David Reed, left, and Charlie Horn examine an old drugstore bottle, part of a new display at the Elgin Museum on Monday, May 2, 2022. Horn, who created the display, is the museum's curator and Reed is a member of the museum's board.



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A selection of vintage clocks tick away Tuesday, May 4, 2021, at the Union County Museum in Union. The exhibit includes a timepiece dating back to 1760.

facturers because the time spent making them slowed down the mass production process.

This history museum at the other end of the Grande Ronde Valley also has new items.

Visitors to the Union County Museum in Union will find wedding gowns from the 1950s and 1960s on display, according to Sharon Hohstadt, the Union County Museum's curator. The gowns are additions to the wedding exhibit already in place.

Displays added within the past year include Merle Miller's "Time and Chime" exhibit of old timepieces put on public display for the first time a year ago. The display has about 30 clocks, the oldest of which is a wooden wheel clock made in 1760 and a shelf clock produced in 1820.

Miller's collection includes an Atmos clock made in the mid-1950s

that does not need to be wound manually. It gets the energy it needs to run from temperature and atmospheric pressure changes in the environment.

This year marks a milestone for the Union County Museum, the 25th year since its "Cowboys, Then and Now" exhibit opened. The display has long been one of the museum's most popular exhibits.

"It definitely draws in a lot of people," said Janet Dodson, a member of the museum's board of directors.

The Union County Museum obtained the display in 1997 from the Oregon Beef Council, which had it set up at its office in Portland. The Oregon Beef Council made the display available because it was moving its offices to Salem, Dodson said.

The "Cowboys, Then and Now" exhibit features

## UNION COUNTY MUSEUM

**What:** Opening day at the Union County Museum  
**Where:** 333 S. Main St., Union

**When:** 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 8

**Admission:** Free

**Note:** After May 8 the museum will be open each week through September, Wednesday to Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission will be \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, and \$3 for students age 6 and older.

## ELGIN MUSEUM

**What:** Opening day at the Elgin Museum

**Where:** 180 N. Eighth Ave.

**When:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 8

**Admission:** Free

**Note:** After May 8 the museum will be open each week through September, Thursday to Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission will be \$2 for adults and \$1 for age 12 and younger.

a timeline tracing the history of cattle and cowboys in the United States. People examining the exhibit will discover how domestic cattle made their way to this country and became an icon of the American West. Information on gear, breeds of cattle and modern ranching practices are included in the display.

Dodson said that a program commemorating the exhibit's 25th year at the Union County Museum may be conducted later this year.

## Woodruff Lane Catherine Creek Bridge to be replaced

By DICK MASON

The Observer

LA GRANDE — A bridge built nine decades ago northeast of Hot Lake is set to be replaced.

The Union County Board of Commissioners voted on Wednesday, May 4, to enter into an agreement with the Oregon Department of Transportation to replace the Woodruff Lane Catherine Creek Bridge, about 3 miles northeast of Hot Lake.

The bridge project will cost \$2.5 million, with the Oregon Department of Transportation picking up \$2.25 million of the tab and Union County handling the other \$250,000. ODOT's funding for the replacement will be provided by the



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Federal Highway Bridge Replacement Program, according to Union County Public Works Director Doug Wright.

The Woodruff Lane Catherine Creek Bridge is 77 feet long and 22 feet wide and was built in 1930.

Age has taken a toll on the structure, which was selected by the ODOT Bridge Selection Committee for replacement.

"It is structurally deficient," Wright said.

The bridge, made of steel and wood, will be replaced

by a concrete slab span structure that will have new approaches and a guardrail. It will be designed to have a life of up to 100 years, Wright said.

The current Woodruff Lane Catherine Creek Bridge has a load limit of 24 tons, which means heavy agricultural equipment cannot be driven over it. It also means that in the event of something like a fire in the area on the west side of the bridge, emergency vehicles would have to take a 3-mile detour to bypass the bridge to reach the fire.

Construction of the bridge will not begin for at least two years, Wright said, because of the length of time the design work will require.

## Cove moves closer to creating a municipal court

By DICK MASON

The Observer

COVE — A municipal court may be in the city of Cove's future.

The Cove City Council took a step toward establishing a municipal court on Tuesday, May 4, approving the first reading of a resolution that would set up fines for violations of the city's nuisance ordinance.

"This resolution would give us the foundation we need for a municipal court," Cove Mayor Sherry Haeger said.

A second reading of

Resolution 2022-2 will be conducted at a June city council meeting. Passage of the second reading would lead to a vote to approve the resolution in July.

Haeger said after systemizing fines, the next step would then involve the approval of a resolution to create a municipal court. Two readings and a vote of approval by the council would also be required to create the court.

Cove's proposed municipal court would be in place to address violations of the nuisance ordinance,

the only ordinance the city has. Cove's nuisance ordinance was approved and went into effect in 2021.

Presently, if someone is determined to have violated the city's nuisance ordinance the council can fine the individual but it cannot force the individual to pay the fine.

The council's only recourse, if someone refuses to pay, is to have the Union County Sheriff's Office collect the fine.

A municipal court could force someone to pay a fine or determine if there was a violation and whether a fine

was warranted.

Upon establishing a municipal court, the city would then have to select a judge. One option is having the judge of Union's municipal court also serve as Cove's municipal court judge.

"It is an option we would consider," Haeger said.

## City hall expansion

The city council also discussed plans for the expansion of its city hall building. Expansion plans call for a portion of city hall to be moved into the connected shop building.

## CD2 candidate takes issue with guide

Katherine Gallant not included in Voters' Pamphlet

By ANDREW CUTLER

The Observer

LA GRANDE — A Republican candidate for Oregon's 2nd Congressional District was left out of the Voters' Pamphlet, and she says it's because the Secretary of State's office didn't clarify candidates' options for being included in the guide.

Katherine Gallant, who lists her residence as Ukiah, said she wasn't aware until after the release of the guide that candidates had to either pay to be included in the Voters' Pamphlet or collect and submit 300 signatures.

"I found out after the fact," she said.

Ben Morris, communications director for Secretary of State Shemia Fagan, said the details are laid out for candidates in manuals and guides on the Secretary of State's website.

"In terms of disclosure this is all very clearly stated in the campaign manual that we provide to candidates listed on our website," he said. "It has all the information the candidate would need to go right through the various steps."

Morris said a State Voters' Pamphlet Manual, also available on the Secretary of State's website, includes information for candidates on how to submit a statement and photo for the Voters' Pamphlet.

"We send a letter to every candidate that mentions the Voters' Pamphlet and how to go about filing, including the deadlines and the requirements to gather signatures or pay a fee," he said.

At the end of the day, Morris said, it is the candidate's responsibility for knowing the necessary steps in running for public office.

"If you're running for public office, it's your responsibility to understand all the rules, campaign finance laws, campaign rules," he said. "Candidates are expected to read those manuals and understand those rules."

Gallant, who according to the Secretary of State website filed to run for office on Feb. 23 and lists her occupation as political commentator and writer, also took issue with the price for being listed in the Voters' Pamphlet — \$2,500 for a congressional candidate.

"That's complete extortion because it discriminates against those that might want to run, but could never afford that kind of money," she said. "I personally could. But there are a lot of people, candidates out there, probably good, hardworking honest people, that would never be able to afford the \$2,500."

Not all candidates pay \$2,500 to be included in the pamphlet. Prices are tiered based on the office being sought. For example, a candidate for president or vice president will pay \$3,500, while a candidate for county commissioner will pay \$600. The fees and signatures required for the Voters' Pamphlet are laid out in state statute ORS 251.095.

"They are going to claim anything and everything to skirt their way out of this instead of just owning it," Gallant said. "That makes me believe they do have something to hide. I would understand if it were just a simple mistake but I have deeply sacrificed to make this happen."



Gallant