

## TODAY

In 1775, the Continental Army, forerunner of the United States Army, was created.

In 1777, the Second Continental Congress approved the design of the original American flag.

In 1846, a group of U.S. settlers in Sonoma proclaimed the Republic of California.

In 1911, the British ocean liner RMS Olympic set out on its maiden voyage for New York, arriving one week later. (The ship's captain was Edward John Smith, who went on to command the ill-fated RMS Titanic the following year.)

In 1919, John Alcock and Arthur Whitten Brown embarked on the first non-stop flight across the Atlantic Ocean. (Flying a Vickers Vimy biplane bomber, they took off from St. Johns, Newfoundland, Canada, and arrived 16-1/2 hours later in Clifden, Ireland.)

In 1940, German troops entered Paris during World War II; the same day, the Nazis began transporting prisoners to the Auschwitz concentration camp in German-occupied Poland.

In 1943, the U.S. Supreme Court, in West Virginia State Board of Education v. Barnette, ruled 6-3 that public school students could not be forced to salute the flag of the United States.

In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a measure adding the phrase "under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance.

In 1967, California Gov. Ronald Reagan signed a bill liberalizing his state's abortion law.

In 1972, the Environmental Protection Agency ordered a ban on domestic use of the pesticide DDT, to take effect at year's end.

In 1982, Argentine forces surrendered to British troops on the disputed Falkland Islands.

In 1993, President Bill Clinton nominated Judge Ruth Bader Ginsburg to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 2005, Michelle Wie, 15, became the first female player to qualify for an adult male U.S. Golf Association championship, tying for first place in a 36-hole U.S. Amateur Public Links sectional qualifying tournament.

**Ten years ago:** In dueling speeches in the battleground state of Ohio, Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney, speaking in Cincinnati, described the Obama administration as the very "enemy" of people who create jobs; President Barack Obama, going second in Cleveland, asked the nation to buy into his vision for four more years or face a return to the recession-era "mistakes of the past."

**Five years ago:** A rifle-wielding gunman opened fire on Republican lawmakers at a congressional baseball practice in Alexandria, Virginia, wounding House Whip Steve Scalise and several others; the assailant died in a battle with police.

**One year ago:** Joe Biden used his first appearance as president at the NATO summit in Brussels to call on Russian President Vladimir Putin to step back from provocative actions targeting the U.S. and allies.

**Today's birthdays:** Actor Marla Gibbs is 91. Former President Donald Trump is 76. Singer Janet Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 76. Rock musician Barry Melton is 75. Actor Will Patton is 68. Olympic gold medal speed skater Eric Heiden is 64. Jazz musician Marcus Miller is 63. Singer Boy George is 61. Actor Yasmine Bleeth is 54. International Tennis Hall of Famer Steffi Graf is 53. Actor Sullivan Stapleton is 45. Actor Torrance Coombs is 39.

## CORRECTIONS

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## LOTTERY

Friday, June 10, 2022

**Megamillions**

3-12-14-18-32

Megaball: 4

Megaplier: 5

Jackpot: \$247 million

**Lucky Lines**

1-7-9-13-17-23-26-31

Jackpot: \$59,000

**Pick 4**

1 p.m.: 1-7-2-0

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

7 p.m.: 0-7-0-6

10 p.m.: 4-9-7-3

Saturday, June 11, 2022

**Powerball**

18-20-26-53-69

Powerball: 5

Power Play: 2

Jackpot: \$243 million

**Megabucks**

5-12-13-18-37-42

Jackpot: \$2 million

**Lucky Lines**

2-7-9-13-18-22-25-30

Jackpot: \$60,000

**Pick 4**

1 p.m.: 5-5-7-5

4 p.m.: 2-8-8-7

7 p.m.: 7-5-3-5

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

**Win for Life**

4-13-14-37

Sunday, June 12, 2022

**Lucky Lines**

3-5-10-15-18-24-27-29

Estimated jackpot: \$61,000

**Pick 4**

1 p.m.: 9-6-5-0

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

7 p.m.: 2-4-6-7

10 p.m.: 6-4-1-9

## Refurbished Elgin pool 'just like new'

Project funded through a \$150,000 loan, will be repaid over next five years

By TRISH YERGES

For The Observer

ELGIN — The Jessie and Lee McDonald Memorial Pool at the Elgin Community Center is getting its first major overhaul since it was built in 1970, a makeover finished just in time to open for swim lessons, community open swimming and "Jessie Day" on Wednesday, June 22.

Scott Ludwig, a spokesperson for the Elgin Community Center's board of directors, said the refurbishing job has made the pool "just like new." The project was funded through a \$150,000 loan from Community Bank and will be repaid through the tax base over the next five years. A June budget meeting by the board will finalize the expenditures for the year and records will be made public.

Mid America Pool Renovation Inc. is completing the work on the pool.

"The pool is getting a full replacement, and the deck is being resurfaced with a nonskid texture. This material does not get as hot as concrete in the sun," Ludwig said.

The pool interior is being resurfaced with Inter-Glass, which has a 25-year warranty for materials and installation. Compared to paint, plaster,



Scott Ludwig/Contributed Photo

The Jessie and Lee McDonald Memorial Pool at the Elgin Community Center, shown here mid-renovation, is getting its first major overhaul since it was built in 1970, a makeover finished just in time to open for swim lessons, community open swimming and Jessie Day on Wednesday, June 22, 2022.

vinyl, PVC membranes or fiberglass products, Inter-Glass has long-term cost benefits. Inter-Glass is engineered to become part of the pool structure, adding flexural and tensile strength. Two key benefits of Inter-Glass are its ability to repair cracks and its resistance to pool chemicals. Inter-Glass is an inert surface, so it requires less pool chemicals to maintain the water quality, which saves time and money.

A hydrostatic valve was installed in the floor of the pool to alleviate ground pressure, reducing the force of ground water against the pool and furthering its potential lifespan, Ludwig said. A set of curved concrete

steps with a large, sturdy center handrail were installed, as well as a new slide, all state approved.

"We have patched it together here and there in the past, but this is a total refurbishment," Ludwig said.

"The loan that the Community Center board took out to fund this is budgeted into our capital improvements. It was an expensive project, but it's well worth getting the pool fixed because after so many years, things start to deteriorate."

Ludwig, who knew Jessie McDonald personally, said McDonald never learned how to swim, and she thought it was essential for all kids to learn. McDonald served on the Elgin City Council when she worked to get the

pool completed in 1970. She wanted it used and maintained.

Her husband, Lee, died in October 2008, and shortly thereafter she was diagnosed with lung cancer. The pool was officially named after Jessie and Lee McDonald in July 2009, just prior to her death on Aug. 18, 2009.

"Since then we have honored her on her birthday every June 22, which we call Jessie Day," Ludwig said. "There is free swim admission to the pool for kids and citizens of Elgin 1-5 p.m. that day. There will be a light snack available for kids, and some outdoor activities will be set up like volleyball, badminton, sack racing and cornhole."

## Wildlife area to enhance elk habitat

Public access to all portions of wildlife area will remain open

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NORTH POWDER — The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife will begin forest management activities on the North Powder tract of Elkhorn Wildlife Area this summer to enhance habitat for elk, deer and other wildlife species.

Public access to all portions of the wildlife area will remain open during the project, including the Anthony Creek Campground. Operations will occur Monday through Friday and continue throughout the field season. Completion is expected by Dec. 31, 2022.

Visitors should be aware of increased vehicle activity, tree falling and



Baker City Herald, File

Rocky Mountain elk eat alfalfa hay during a past winter at the Elkhorn Wildlife Area feeding site west of North Powder. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife will begin forest management activities at the Elkhorn Wildlife Area in the summer of 2022 to enhance habitat for elk, deer and other wildlife species.

log truck traffic and are advised to use extra caution when recreating around active project units.

Work being done at Elkhorn is part of the East Face Project, a joint collaborative with the U.S. Forest Service, Natural Resource Conservation Service and Oregon Department of

Forestry. The project was identified as an opportunity to address forest health, protect state, private and federal forestlands from potential catastrophic fire while enhancing habitat for elk and other wildlife.

Taking place about 9 miles west of North

Powder, project work is focused within the Rogers Creek watershed and north of the wildlife area headquarters. As part of the project, ODFW will treat approximately 414 acres of ponderosa pine and mixed-conifer forest habitat through mechanical thinning, fuels reduction and selective tree harvest.

Operations will provide increased forage production for deer and elk, create snags and cavity habitat while also protecting Oregon Conservation Strategy habitats such as aspen woodlands and ponderosa pine forest.

ODFW's wildlife area staff are responsible for the management, operation and maintenance of the property. The Elkhorn Wildlife Area is part of a working landscape where livestock grazing and timber harvest assist with habitat management goals.

## EOU, union reach tentative contract agreement

School to recognize union members' response to pandemic with bonuses

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LA GRANDE — Eastern Oregon University and the Associated Academic Professionals Union, which represents the school's library and teaching faculty, reached a tentative agreement to a new four-year contract.

During a Wednesday, June 8, bargaining session, the school and AAP reached common ground on salary, health care premiums, faculty development and travel. The university also worked to recognize union members' response to the institutional disruption caused by COVID-19 with a pandemic bonus.

"I want to acknowledge the spirit of collaboration and cooperation exercised



Dick Mason/The Observer, File

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by both sides throughout the negotiation process," President Tom Insko said. "This agreement recognizes the tremendous role our faculty members play in the success of our students and the vitality of our university."

Under the agreement, in the first year, all ranks will receive a 3% increase to base salary, step increases of 1%, base salary increases for

selected ranks to help meet recruiting and retention goals and a one-time recognition payment of \$1,050 for excellence in responding to the pandemic. In years two to four, ranks will receive variable salary increases based on consumer price increases and achievement of student enrollment goals, and a 1% annual step increase.

Along with salary

increases, union members will see health care insurance premium sharing at 95% for EOU and 5% for faculty over the life of the contract. The agreement also includes fortified funding for faculty scholarly development and associated travel.

"The AAP bargaining team is pleased to have completed contract negotiations with EOU," Vice President of Bargaining Kevin Walker said. "This will provide EOU faculty with a fair contract and the university with the ability to budget for faculty salaries for the next four years. We recognize the professionalism and courtesy shown to AAP during these negotiations and thank the administration bargaining team for their hard work and flexibility."

AAP members will review and vote on ratifying the contract in mid-June. Pending union ratification, the contract will run from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2026.

## IN BRIEF

## Zipty Fiber announces expansion in Union

UNION — Gig-speed fiber is ready to debut in Union.

Zipty Fiber announced on Friday, June 10, that its ultra-high-speed, 100% fiber-optic network is now ready for service in the Union County community, enabling its popular "gig-speed" service and industry leading 5-gig and 2-gig residential services to serve more than 1,000 addresses throughout the city, according to a press release from the internet provider.

"Today, we are proud to make Union our newest multi-gig city, bringing the fastest residential internet to the homes and businesses throughout this beautiful city," said Harold Zeitz, chief executive officer of Zipty Fiber. "With today's launch, we are bringing transformative connectivity to communities that need it most. We look forward to continuing our work of bridging the digital divide across the Northwest."

The work in Union is part of Zipty Fiber's commitment to invest more than \$500 million to build an advanced, 100% fiber-optic network to both suburban and rural communities across the Northwest that have been underserved when it comes to internet access.

In 2021, Zipty Fiber launched a drive to make its fiber-optic internet service available to everyone who wants it in La Grande, Enterprise, Cove, Elgin, Imbler and Joseph.

The company has been actively building fiber across the Northwest since June 2020 and has plans to build and deploy new fiber-optic cables, local hubs, new offices and new hardware to run the network as part of hundreds of additional projects across its 250,000-square-mile footprint.

Zipty Fiber is headquartered in Kirkland, Washington, and has major offices in Beaverton, Everett, Washington, and Hayden, Idaho.

## 'Grounded and Cured' Marine vet to tell his story

ENTERPRISE — A retired F-18 pilot from the U.S. Marine Corps who was grounded after a cancer diagnosis, cured and returned to duty will tell his story twice next week at gatherings in Enterprise.

Lt. Col. David "T-Bone" Trombly, USMC-ret., is coming to Enterprise at the invitation of Cross the Divide for a "Warrior Spiritual Health Seminar" Tuesday and Wednesday, June 21-22.

He is the author of "Grounded and Cured," his testimony of how he was diagnosed with cancer, which led to his being grounded from flight status. He then was cured and returned to flight status, which he attributes to God's healing. The book is about his battle with cancer and his walk in faith.

Trombly will speak from 6-7:30 p.m. June 21 at the Enterprise Veterans of Foreign Wars hall, 800 N. River St. He also will join the men's Bible study the next day at 6:30 a.m. at the Enterprise Christian Church, just outside of town on the Joseph Highway.

## Wallowa County Tram Party date moved to June 23

JOSEPH — The Wallowa County Chamber of Commerce moved its Tram Party back a week to Thursday, June 23, due to increased snowfall.

With snow sticking for longer than expected to the top of Mount Howard, the Tram Team has advised that the party be postponed until later in the month.

The special event for chamber members will now take place June 23 at 4 p.m. at the Wallowa Lake Tramway.