

TODAY

In 1377, King Edward III died after ruling England for 50 years; he was succeeded by his grandson, Richard II.

In 1788, the United States Constitution went into effect as New Hampshire became the ninth state to ratify it.

In 1834, Cyrus Hall McCormick received a patent for his reaping machine.

In 1942, an Imperial Japanese submarine fired shells at Fort Stevens on the Oregon coast, causing little damage.

In 1954, the American Cancer Society presented a study to the American Medical Association meeting in San Francisco which found that men who regularly smoked cigarettes died at a considerably higher rate than non-smokers.

In 1964, civil rights workers Michael H. Schwerner, Andrew Goodman and James E. Chaney were slain in Philadelphia, Mississippi; their bodies were found buried in an earthen dam six weeks later. (Forty-one years later on this date in 2005, Edgar Ray Killen, an 80-year-old former Ku Klux Klansman, was found guilty of manslaughter; he was sentenced to 60 years in prison, where he died in January 2018.)

In 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Miller v. California*, ruled that states may ban materials found to be obscene according to local standards.

In 1977, Menachem Begin of the Likud bloc became Israel's sixth prime minister.

In 1982, a jury in Washington, D.C., found John Hinckley Jr. not guilty by reason of insanity in the shootings of President Ronald Reagan and three other men.

In 1989, a sharply divided Supreme Court ruled that burning the American flag as a form of political protest was protected by the First Amendment.

In 1997, the WNBA made its debut as the New York Liberty defeated the host Los Angeles Sparks 67-57.

In 2010, Faisal Shahzad, a Pakistan-born U.S. citizen, pleaded guilty to charges of plotting a failed car bombing in New York's Times Square. (Shahzad was later sentenced to life in prison.)

In 2011, the Food and Drug Administration announced that cigarette packs in the U.S. would have to carry macabre images that included rotting teeth and gums, diseased lungs and a sewn-up corpse of a smoker as part of a graphic campaign aimed at discouraging Americans from lighting up.

Today's birthdays: Actor Bernie Kopell is 89. Songwriter Don Black is 84. Actor Mariette Hartley is 82. Comedian Joe Flaherty is 81. Rock singer-musician Ray Davies (The Kinks) is 78. Actor Meredith Baxter is 75. Actor Michael Gross (Baxter's co-star on the sitcom "Family Ties") is 75. Rock musician Joe Molland (Badfinger) is 75. Rock musician Don Airey (Deep Purple) is 74. Rock musician Joey Kramer (Aerosmith) is 72. Rock musician Nils Lofgren is 71. Cartoonist Berke Breathed is 65. Country singer Kathy Mattea is 63. Oregon Gov. Kate Brown is 62. Actor Marc Copage is 60. Actor Sammi Davis is 58. Writer-director Lana Wachowski is 57. Actor Carrie Preston is 55. Rapper/producer Pete Rock is 52. Actor Juliette Lewis is 49. Actor Maggie Siff is 48. Rock musician Mike Einziger (Incubus) is 46. Actor Chris Pratt is 43. Rock singer Brandon Flowers is 41. Britain's Prince William is 40. Actor Michael Malarkey is 39. Pop/rock singer Lana Del Rey is 37.

CORRECTIONS
The Observer works hard to be accurate and sincerely regrets any errors. If you notice a mistake in the paper, please call 541-963-3161.

LOTTERY

Friday, June 17, 2022
Megamillions
20-36-53-56-69
Megaball: 16
Megaplier: 1
Jackpot: \$290 million
Lucky Lines
2-8-9-16-20-21-27-30
Jackpot: \$13,000
Pick 4
1 p.m.: 1-6-0-4
4 p.m.: 6-0-0-7
7 p.m.: 9-7-6-9
10 p.m.: 6-9-1-7
Saturday, June 18, 2022
Powerball
10-19-40-45-58
Megaball: 25
Megaplier: 2
Jackpot: \$296 million
Megabucks
9-12-25-40-42-43
Jackpot: \$2.3 million
Lucky Lines
2-7-11-14-20-23-25-30
Jackpot: \$12,000
Pick 4
1 p.m.: 7-8-7-2
4 p.m.: 9-8-2-7
7 p.m.: 1-6-9-1
10 p.m.: 4-1-6-7
Win for Life
14-29-38-62
Sunday, June 19, 2022
Lucky Lines
2-8-9-16-20-21-27-30
Estimated jackpot: \$13,000
Pick 4
1 p.m.: 6-2-9-8
4 p.m.: 9-7-3-1
7 p.m.: 5-6-4-9
10 p.m.: 9-3-3-4



A 1951 Moline Zau tractor belonging to Fred Schoellig is on display at the antique tractor show at Elgin's Riverfest on Saturday, June 18, 2022.

For the love of tractors

Elgin couple showcase five historic tractors at Elgin Riverfest

By ISABELLA CROWLEY
The Observer

ELGIN — A local couple showcased five of their antique tractors at Elgin Riverfest on Saturday, June 18.

Fred and Cathy Schoellig made Elgin their home in 1989. When the couple left New York, they sold their two antique tractors — a Minneapolis-Moline and John Deere. Over the last 30 years, they have rebuilt and expanded their collection.



Cathy Schoellig's 1951 Massey Harris Pony tractor and hitch are part of the antique tractor show at Riverfest on Saturday, June 18, 2022, in Elgin.

“We’ve got six or seven more at home,” Cathy Schoellig said. “We rotate which ones we bring out.”

The husband and wife duo are painting contractors and run their own business — Schoellig & Schoellig on Indian Creek Road. They fix up old tractors during the winter.

“A lot of them don’t run when we get them,” Cathy Schoellig said.

The Schoelligs work

on restoring the tractors together. Fred Schoellig, who has training as a mechanic, focuses on the engines and machinery while Cathy Schoellig does a lot of the detailing work.

Many of the tractors the couple bring to shows are works-in-progress. A major hurdle to finishing a restoration can be getting all the necessary parts, the couple said. While there are magazines dedicated to antique tractors where individuals can place

advertisements looking for specific pieces, many parts are simply found through word of mouth at events like Riverfest.

“Part of the thrill is finding the piece you need,” Cathy Schoellig said.

Another exciting aspect of collecting antique tractors is stumbling upon old tractors for sale. After selling their original Moline tractor, the couple had been looking for another.

“We were driving and we saw this old Moline

on the side of the road with a for sale sign. We pulled over so fast,” reminisced Cathy Schoellig, miming making a hard left turn with a big smile on her face.

Collecting and restoring antique tractors is more than just a hobby for the Schoelligs. The couple live on a ranch and use their antique tractors on a daily basis. They could use their new equipment, Cathy Schoellig said, but it is a lot more fun to hop on one of the old tractors.

Green sees impact of Rotary club

By JEFF BUDLONG
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ENTERPRISE — The 107th year of Rotary International is proving to be a special one for the Rotary Club of Wallowa County.

Stacy Green, the president of Rotary Club of Wallowa County, attended the annual Rotary International Convention from June 3-9 at the Houston Convention Center in Texas. It marked the first convention — which rotates sites around the world — since 2019 because of the global pandemic.

“The convention brings the 1.5 million Rotarians from around the world together,” Green said. “It really shows when we come together we multiply our impact, and that impact becomes significant.”

Green met, learned from and shared the message of Eastern Oregon at the event, which was attended by 11,000 people, down from a typical 25,000. She met with individuals from places including Nigeria, Uganda, Kenya, India, Mongolia, Nepal, Japan, Mexico and Canada.

“Where else would I be able to make those kinds of international connections?” she said. “By the time I left I had invitations to stay with people in Iceland, Mexico and other places.”

Some of the challenges talked about were similar to what



From left, Ron Polk on Wednesday, June 15, 2022, watches as Tom Gleason finishes unveiling the Wallowa County Rotary Club's Peace Pole on the grounds of the Wallowa County Courthouse, Enterprise, and as Joe McCormack reads the Nez Perce language portion of the pole. The pole is part of Rotary International's focus on world peace.

MORE INFORMATION

Stacy Green, president of the Rotary Club of Wallowa County, is presenting about her experiences at the convention during the Rotary's installation banquet on Wednesday, June 29. For more information, email Green at srgreen@eoni.com.

Green sees in Wallowa County while others were basic human needs like supplying feminine hygiene products.

“It is a huge barrier for girls and women that forces them not to go to school or work because they have no ability to manage it,” she said.

Green participated in morning general sessions with speakers that included Indian Prime Minister Narendra

Modi; Nobel Peace Laureate Kailash Satyarthi; director of polio eradication for the World Health Organization Dr. Hamid Jafari; astronaut Charles Duke, who went to the moon on Apollo 16; and Bruktawit Tigabua, a social entrepreneur who created a groundbreaking educational children's television program in Ethiopia that has been scaled to reach millions of children in Africa and beyond.

Afternoon breakout sessions focused on topics of interest from how to build a stronger club to how to mobilize resources at the local club level to help address the opioid addiction crisis.

Green said attending the convention illustrated the impact that working together can have.

“The Wallowa County

club raised about \$3,500 for Ukraine, which was then sent to the district level to become \$118,000, and that was sent to the Rotary clubs in Poland and that became \$15 million,” she said.

Getting and keeping the younger generation engaged both in Rotary and their communities was another consistent topic of discussion. Rotary has made an effort to create options for high school and young professionals to interact and engage with clubs before becoming Rotary members. It has led to an increase of 14,000 members globally.

Because of her experience, Green said she is going to propose that the Wallowa County club help all future presidents attend the international convention.

IN BRIEF

Walla Walla VA to hold virtual community clergy training program June 23

WALLA WALLA, Wash. — The Jonathan M. Wainwright Memorial VA Medical Center's Chaplain Service is hosting a virtual community clergy training program on Thursday, June 23, from 8-10 a.m. for clergy throughout the Jonathan M. Wainwright VA's catchment area, which includes Union County.

The purpose of the training is to provide support to rural clergy and educate them on the readjustment and other needs of returning veterans and their families.

Presentations include topics such as suicide prevention, presented by Jonathan M. Wainwright VA's chaplain, Neissha King, and moral injury, presented by guest presenter Dr. Jeanette Harris.

Those interested are asked to RSVP via email to Neissha.King@va.gov to claim a spot for the event and to receive the virtual connection information. For questions or additional information, contact King at 509-525-5200, ext. 26181.

OTEC conducting annual inspection, testing of power poles

BAKER CITY — Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative in a Thursday, June 16, press release announced it is beginning its annual pole-testing program throughout the cooperative's service territory in Baker, Grant, Harney and Union counties.

National Wood Treating, a contracted service with the cooperative, will be inspecting and testing utility poles for strength and potential rot, determining and treating ailing poles. Testing — which is mandated by the Public Utility Commission — was set to begin in Baker and Union counties, then will move to Grant and Harney counties over the next few months.

“Testing requires digging around our power poles and this means that in some instances National Wood Treating employees will be working in OTEC member-owners' yards and maybe even driving 4-wheelers across open fields testing each power pole,” said Joe Hathaway, OTEC's communications manager.

“OTEC and our contractor will both be doing their very best to make contact with each property owner. But if a rancher is out in the fields or a family isn't home for one reason or another, we are just wanting to give a heads up that they will be working in the area.”

OTEC's power pole-testing program calls for each pole to be inspected and treated on a 10-year cycle.

Approximately 10% of the system is inspected each year to identify any poles that need to be replaced and to extend the lives of those poles that remain in service. OTEC maintains more than 44,000 poles, so around 4,400 poles will be tested this summer.

These inspection helps to safely maintain reliability and helps keep costs down for OTEC's members.

No city property available for pump track

ENTERPRISE — Once more, hopes for a bicycle pump track on city property in Enterprise have fallen through, as property in the Prairie Creek Floodway has been determined unsuitable, the city council was told during its meeting Monday, June 13.

City Administrator Lacey McQuead and the council apologized to Angela Mart, president of the Wallowa Mountains Bicycle Club, who has been promoting the idea of a pump track. The administrator said the city has no other property that could be used for such a track.

Mart said June 16 that the club is not giving up on the project.

“We think that it's a plan and a project that'll benefit kids and families in the upper valley,” she said. “The mayor, the city administrator and the public works director have all been amazing in trying to help us finding an option.”

McQuead told the council she had met with the state Department of Land Conservation and Development and after a review of the Enterprise Municipal Code it was determined the entire parcel is in the floodway. A pump track will not be allowed because of the current fill on the west side of the property and a waterway that runs through its middle draining into Prairie Creek.

McQuead said any other plans for the property previously discussed also will not be allowed and the land is virtually useless to the city.