

TODAY

In 1918, labor activist and socialist Eugene V. Debs was arrested in Cleveland, charged under the Espionage Act of 1917 for a speech he'd made two weeks earlier denouncing U.S. involvement in World War I. (Debs was sentenced to prison and disenfranchised for life.)

In 1921, President Warren G. Harding nominated former President William Howard Taft to be chief justice of the United States, succeeding the late Edward Douglass White.

In 1934, Adolf Hitler launched his "blood purge" of political and military rivals in Germany in what came to be known as "The Night of the Long Knives."

In 1958, the U.S. Senate passed the Alaska statehood bill by a vote of 64-20.

In 1971, the Supreme Court ruled, 6-3, that the government could not prevent The New York Times or The Washington Post from publishing the Pentagon Papers. A Soviet space mission ended in tragedy when three cosmonauts aboard Soyuz 11 were found dead of asphyxiation inside their capsule after it had returned to Earth.

In 1982, the proposed Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution expired, having failed to receive the required number of ratifications for its adoption, despite having its seven-year deadline extended by three years.

In 1985, 39 American hostages from a hijacked TWA jetliner were freed in Beirut after being held 17 days.

In 1986, the Supreme Court, in *Bowers v. Hardwick*, ruled 5-4 that states could outlaw homosexual acts between consenting adults (however, the nation's highest court effectively reversed this decision in 2003 in *Lawrence v. Texas*).

In 1994, the U.S. Figure Skating Association stripped Tonya Harding of the national championship and banned her for life for her role in the attack on rival Nancy Kerrigan.

In 2009, American soldier Pfc. Bowe R. Bergdahl went missing from his base in eastern Afghanistan, and was later confirmed to have been captured by insurgents after walking away from his post. (Bergdahl was released on May 31, 2014 in exchange for five Taliban detainees; he pleaded guilty to desertion and misbehavior before the enemy, but was spared a prison sentence by a military judge.)

In 2013, 19 elite firefighters known as members of the Granite Mountain Hotshots were killed battling a wildfire northwest of Phoenix after a change in wind direction pushed the flames back toward their position.

In 2016, saying it was the right thing to do, Defense Secretary Ash Carter announced that transgender people would be allowed to serve openly in the U.S. military, ending one of the last bans on service in the armed forces.

In 2020, Mississippi Gov. Tate Reeves signed a landmark bill retiring the last state flag bearing the Confederate battle emblem. Boston's arts commission voted unanimously to remove a statue depicting a freed slave kneeling at Abraham Lincoln's feet.

Today's birthdays: Actor Lea Massari is 89. Actor Nancy Dussault is 86. Songwriter Tony Hatch is 83. Singer Glenn Shorrock is 78. Actor Leonard Whiting is 72. Jazz musician Stanley Clarke is 71. Actor David Garrison is 70. Rock musician Hal Lindes (Dire Straits) is 69. Actor-comedian David Alan Grier is 66. Actor Vincent D'Onofrio is 63. Actor Deirdre Lovejoy is 60. Actor Rupert Graves is 59. Former boxer Mike Tyson is 56. Actor Peter Outerbridge is 56. Rock musician Tom Drummond (Better Than Ezra) is 53. Actor Brian Bloom is 52. Actor Monica Potter is 51. Actor Molly Parker is 50. Actor Tom Burke is 41. Actor Lizzy Caplan is 40. Actor Susannah Flood is 40. Rock musician James Adam Shelley (American Authors) is 39. Country singer Cole Swindell is 39. R&B singer Fantasia is 38. Olympic gold medal swimmer Michael Phelps is 37. Actor Sean Marquette (TV: "The Goldbergs") is 34.

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

Monday, June 27, 2022

Megabucks

2-7-16-25-31-48

Estimated jackpot: \$2.7 million

Lucky Lines

2-8-10-15-17-21-25-32

Estimated jackpot: \$21,000

Win for Life

16-33-52-74

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 3-4-2-6

4 p.m.: 7-4-8-5

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

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

Tuesday, June 28, 2022

Mega Millions

7-12-21-43-55

Mega Ball: 11

Megaplier: 2

Estimated jackpot: \$360 million

Lucky Lines

2-8-11-15-20-23-28-30

Estimated jackpot: \$22,000

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 0-4-4-9

4 p.m.: 0-9-3-9

7 p.m.: 6-1-1-3

10 p.m.: 6-3-7-1

La Grande Dutch Bros has new owner

David Beamer also acquires Pendleton franchise

By JOHN TILLMAN

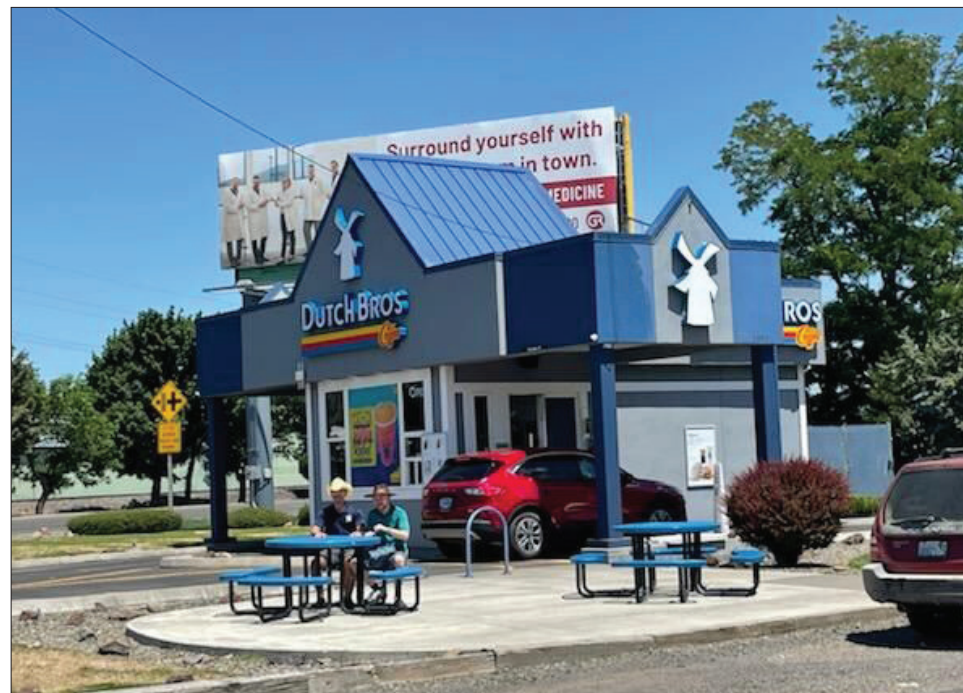
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PENDLETON — David Beamer, of Walla Walla, has bought Dutch Bros coffee shop franchises in La Grande and his hometown of Pendleton. He acquired two franchises in Walla Walla, in 2008 and 2018, and another in Milton-Freewater in 2013.

"I was born in Walla Walla and lived in Athena through kindergarten," Beamer said, "but moved to Pendleton for first grade, and graduated from high school there in 2000. It's exciting to own a franchise in my hometown."

Beamer graduated from Oregon State University in 2004.

"I worked at Hill Meat, slaughtering hogs every morning," he said. "In October 2002, I started working night shifts at Dutch Bros, and made manager in 2007. I never thought that pouring and handing out coffee was going to be my future. But it's the easiest and most



Brady Cutler/For The Observer

The Dutch Bros in La Grande is under new ownership after being purchased recently by David Beamer, of Walla Walla. Beamer also purchased the Pendleton franchise to add to his locations in Walla Walla and Milton-Freewater.

fun job I'd ever had, so I made a career of it."

At a Dutch Bros meeting in Nashville, Beamer learned about the opportunity to buy franchises in La Grande, Pendleton and Hermiston from their owner Marc Lee. A friend from the Tri-Cities purchased the Hermiston shop.

"I might be the only franchisee with a store in his hometown," he said. "There may be only about 40 franchises left. The

company owns most of the stores. Dutch Bros' target is 4,000 locations."

Beamer has been amazed at the loyalty of his customers.

"We had regulars at the Milton-Freewater store who drove daily from Pilot Rock," he said. "The Pendleton outlet has saved them a lot of time and money. It's exciting for me to be on the road to Pendleton and La Grande every Wednesday and Thursday."



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David Beamer, of Walla Walla, shown with his daughter, Ayla, on June 27, 2022, purchased Dutch Bros coffee shop franchises in La Grande and Pendleton.



Ron Pickens/Contributed Photo

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Ground broken for bike playground

Plans made for Aug. 20 grand opening

By BILL BRADSHAW

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WALLOWA — Ground was officially broken Monday, June 27, for a bicycle playground to be built behind Wallowa schools and plans are well underway for an Aug. 20 grand opening, project leader Ron Pickens said.

Pickens, a prevention coordinator and alternative school teacher with Building Healthy Families in Enterprise, spearheaded last year's project to refurbish the Enterprise Skate Park. Since then,

he became interested in seeing a similar project built in Wallowa.

He said that the project — which is expected to cost \$329,500 — has received pledges of \$12,000 from the Reser Family Foundation and \$10,000 from the Roundhouse Foundation to match \$22,000 raised locally. The Wallowa County Board of Commissioners pitched in \$7,000 and they have since received additional support totaling \$2,000. Early on in the project, the Wallowa City Council pledged \$2,000 and the Wallowa School District agreed to have the project built on its property.

Pickens said plans for the grand opening of the playground are coming

together. Tony Hoffman is scheduled as a guest speaker. Hoffman is a former BMX Elite Pro and placed second at the 2016 World Championships in Medellin, Colombia, in the Masters Pro Class. Hoffman also coached Women's Elite Pro Brooke Crain to a fourth-place finish at the 2016 Rio Olympic Games in Brazil.

"His story is full of redemption as he has seen some of the highest highs and the lowest lows," Pickens said.

Hoffman is the founder and director of the Free-wheel Project, a non-profit organization that mentors thousands of youths through action sports. Today, he is one of the most requested sub-

stance-abuse speakers in the country, traveling over 200 days a year to share his inspiring story with various audiences.

Pickens also said he is ordering and seeking raffle donations for the day of the event for those attending and is in the process of lining up food and beverage vendors.

He said there will be community partners — such as Mountain Works Bike Shop from La Grande, Dusty's Board Shop out of Walla Walla and the Oregon Department of Transportation — setting up booths the day of the opening. Building Healthy Families will have its fleet of mountain bikes and helmets for kids to ride the new facility.

NEWS BRIEFS

Oregon Department of Forestry begins fire season in Northeast Oregon District

LA GRANDE — Warming temperatures and changing fuel conditions are prompting the Oregon Department of Forestry to begin fire season on private forestland in Northeastern Oregon.

Fire season will begin at 12:01 a.m. Friday, July 1, for forestland and rangeland protected by ODF Northeast Oregon District, according to an announcement from the department.

"We've seen a little reprieve this spring and early summer. Fire season has been announced in June for the past few years, so it's been good to have some delay this year," Matt Howard, an ODF district forester, said.

The fire season declaration implements fire prevention restrictions on landowners and the public. Additionally, fire prevention regulations on industrial logging and forest management activities are put into place. Lands affected include private, state, county, municipal and tribal lands in Union, Baker, Wal-

lowa and Umatilla counties along with small portions of Malheur, Morrow and Grant counties within the Northeast Oregon Forest Protection District. This area encompasses approximately 2 million acres of protected lands.

"Those forest storms have provided some much-needed moisture. However, this moisture has caused a lot of growth in our fine fuels, such as grasses, small brush and shrubs," Howard said. "These are often our carrier fuels and are more susceptible to quickly drying and becoming ready-to-burn faster."

Cove City Council to review, approve bids for city hall expansion

COVE — The Cove City Council will review bids for the community's city hall expansion and remodel during its meeting Tuesday, July 5.

It is expected that the city, after reviewing all of the received bids, will approve a bid during the July 5 meeting, according to Sherry Riley, Cove city recorder. Bids were due to the city by 2 p.m. June 30.

During the city's May 4 meeting, the city council discussed that expansion plans would include moving a portion of city hall into the connected shop building.

Cove Mayor Sherry Haeger said prior to the city's May 4 meeting, the expansion project will be paid for with funds from the federal government for helping cities to deal with issues related to COVID-19. She said that expanding city hall will create a safer site by providing extra space, preventing people from being packed closely together at meetings.

Scott Newman, the executive director of the Union County Chamber of Commerce, is scheduled to present during the council meeting.

Public comments for the council can be submitted via email to cityadmin@cityofcove.org before 6:45 p.m. July 5. Participation via Zoom videoconference also is available. For access, go to www.gotomeet.me/CityofCove or call 877-309-2073. The access code for the meeting is 566-891-733.

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Eastern Oregon colleges join forces

EOU, TVCC, BMCC agree to strategic plan to close equity gaps

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LA GRANDE — A collaboration between three Eastern Oregon schools aims to close equity gaps for the region's students at two- and four-year colleges and universities by 2030.

Gov. Kate Brown announced Monday, June 27, an investment of \$1.6 million for Eastern Oregon University, Treasure Valley Community College and Blue Mountain Community College to launch an initiative called "Moon Shot for Equity." The three schools will work together as part of a five-year, student-centered comprehensive strategic plan to identify and remove systemic barriers that are preventing access to and attainment of a postsecondary education.

"Every student in Oregon, no matter who they are or where they come from, deserves equitable access to higher education. We must invest and innovate to break down the barriers that have kept too many Oregonians from succeeding in higher education," Brown said in a press release announcing the initiative. "This initial investment is just the start of a program to deliver lasting and meaningful change this year and in years to come. Every person in Eastern Oregon — and throughout the state — should be able to attend college and earn a degree."

The initiative is part of Brown's work with public universities and community colleges to embrace innovation and focus on working smarter across education sectors to support students through every stage of education. The \$1.6 million will be funded with federal Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund dollars, which are reserved for allocations by governors through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act.

"This initial investment is a critical first step to launching this five-year initiative," Eastern Oregon University President Tom Insko said. "Together, I believe we can reshape the future of postsecondary education in Eastern Oregon, which means eliminating the equity gap and making sure all students reach their attainment goals in less time and money and set the path to better career outcomes."

The Eastern Oregon University Board of Trustees convened via Zoom for a special meeting on June 27 to authorize Insko to enter into a contract with educational consulting firm EAB Global, Inc. Board authorization is required because the contract exceeds \$1 million.

EAB Global launched the Moon Shot project in the fall of 2020 with a focus on removing systemic barriers to graduation among first-generation students as well as students of color.

"Our work with this new cohort of institutions in Eastern Oregon adds a new focus around bridging the rural versus urban divide that too often leaves students from more remote areas with reduced access to higher education and all of the opportunities that go along with that," EAB Vice President of Partnerships Tom Sugar said.

Blue Mountain Community College President Mark Browning said open and equitable access is what the Pendleton-based institution strives for.

"We are excited about how Moon Shot for Equity can help us reach those goals and deliver even greater success for students," he said.