

DAILY PLANNER

TODAY

Today is Monday, July 30, the 211th day of 2018. There are 154 days left in the year.



TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On July 30, 1945, the Portland class heavy cruiser USS Indianapolis, having just delivered components of the atomic bomb to Tinian in the Mariana Islands, was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine; only 317 out of nearly 1,200 men survived.

ON THIS DATE

In 1619, the first representative assembly in America convened in Jamestown in the Virginia Colony.

In 1864, during the Civil War, Union forces tried to take Petersburg, Virginia, by exploding a gunpowder-laden mine shaft beneath Confederate defense lines; the attack failed.

In 1916, German saboteurs blew up a munitions plant on Black Tom, an island near Jersey City, New Jersey, killing about a dozen people.

In 1932, the Summer Olympic Games opened in Los Angeles.

In 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a bill creating a women's auxiliary agency in the Navy known as "Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service" — WAVES for short.

In 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a measure making "In God We Trust" the national motto, replacing "E Pluribus Unum" (Out of many, one).

In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed a measure creating Medicare, which began operating the following year.

In 1975, former Teamsters union president Jimmy Hoffa disappeared in suburban Detroit; although presumed dead, his remains have never been found.

In 1980, Israel's Knesset passed a law reaffirming all of Jerusalem as the capital of the Jewish state.

LOTTERY

Megabucks: \$4.6 million 4-9-19-29-38-46

Mega Millions: \$45 million 1-32-40-49-63-20-x3

Powerball: \$187 million 22-27-46-56-65-PB 13-x2

Win for Life: July 28 14-17-49-55

Pick 4:

- July 29: 4 p.m.: 4-0-8-5; 7 p.m.: 3-3-8-6; 10 p.m.: 0-6-8-0
July 28: 1 p.m.: 5-0-5-0; 4 p.m.: 1-2-8-0; 7 p.m.: 4-5-7-7; 10 p.m.: 2-5-8-0
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Individualism is rather like innocence; there must be something unconscious about it."

— Louis Kronenberger, American drama critic (1904-1980)

NORTHEAST OREGON HISTORY



Q: Who is the best known female vocalist to have performed at the Union County Fair in the past four decades? A: Stella Parton.

By Dick Mason The Observer

Stella Parton, not far removed from the peak of her recording career, gave two one-hour performances at the Union County Fair on Aug. 2, 1985.

Parton is the younger sister of Dolly Parton, one of the most popular country music recording artists of all time.

The repertoire performed by Stella Parton at the 1985 Union County Fair featured songs from her 1975 album "I Want to Hold You in My Dreams Tonight," the most successful of her career. The album's title song reached No. 7 on Billboard's country music chart.

Things did not go perfectly for Parton during one of her shows. Less than a minute into it the power to her amplifier went out, leaving her singing into a dead microphone. The same thing happened again near the end of the same song, according to a story in the Aug. 12, 1985, Observer by Mel Coulter.

Parton shrugged, according to Coulter, and chalked the interruption to irony since the song was taken from her album "So Far, So

Good."

The performer told The Observer, following one of her shows, she was no different than members of her audience.

"I'm a country person and these are country people. I'm just Stella and I sing for a living. But I'm no different than the people who came to hear me sing," Parton said.

Parton, now 69, grew up in Sevier County, Tennessee, as one of a family of 12 brothers and sisters. She is three years younger than her sister Dolly, who has sold at least 100 million records.

"I'm real proud to be a member of the family. But I have to, out of my own pride, not use (Dolly)," Parton told The Observer in 1985. "It's a matter of respect of myself as well as for her."

Parton appeared to be at ease on the stage.

"She has an uncanny rapport with her audience, something she has developed through experience as a singer and actor," Coulter wrote.

Parton is also an actress who has appeared in the TV show "The Dukes of Hazzard" (1979) and feature

roles in the movies "Cloud Dancer" (1980), "Loner" (1988) and "Country Gold" (1982). She also was in the CBS TV movie "Color of Love: Jacey's Story" (2000) and, most recently, Dolly Parton's "Coat of Many Colors" (2015) an NBC TV movie.

Stella Parton has had multiple albums and singles records make Billboard's top 200 chart for country music, according to www.stellaparton.com. She has been nominated for many awards from the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers and the Academy of Country Music.

The Observer did not report if Parton visited any of the food booths or viewed the entries for cooking competitions at the 1985 Union County Fair, but it would have been fitting if she had. Parton is a collector of recipes and the author of three cookbooks, including the 2013 recipe-packed "State Fairs and Church Bazaars."



Max Denning/The Observer

La Grande native Lori McKay is the new executive director of La Grande Main Street Downtown.

McKay takes over

By Max Denning The Observer

La Grande Main Street Downtown has hired a La Grande native to be its new executive director.

Lori McKay, who was born and raised in La Grande and graduated from La Grande High School, began her tenure as executive director in mid-July. McKay relocated from Wickenburg, Arizona, where she and her husband, Steve, lived for 13 years.

While in Arizona, McKay worked as the development coordinator for the Wickenburg Community Hospital, the administrative assistant for the town of Wickenburg and the executive director for the humane society of Wickenburg.

McKay said her previous work has prepared her to be the executive director of La Grande Main Street Downtown.

"All of those jobs and experiences have led up to this position," McKay said.

In her first week as executive director, La Grande Main Street Downtown put on Crazy Days, a weekend where businesses and vendors set up booths, children's activities are offered and car enthusiasts show off their vehicles.

McKay named Crazy Days as one of her favorite events along with the Eastern Oregon Beer Festival and most of the other events the La Grande Main

Street Downtown hosts.

This year, McKay said, La Grande Main Street Downtown is working on creating a 1K walk downtown for residents to participate in.

"It's geared toward bringing people downtown to visit the new shops and getting the college kids downtown to know what's here in terms of dining and shopping experiences," McKay said.

The 1K walk will take place sometime in the weeks following the arrival of students to Eastern Oregon University for fall classes.

McKay was also excited about the city's Facade Grant program, which allows businesses in downtown La Grande to request funds to improve the physical appearance and structural integrity of historic buildings.

Other than the 1K walk, McKay said she didn't think the events that La Grande Main Street Downtown hosts would look all that different than in past years. She praised the previous executive directors for perfecting the annual activities.

She said these events bolster La Grande Main Street Downtown's goals: "to support the merchants downtown, and help them with promotion, continuing their branding and ultimately their commerce."

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