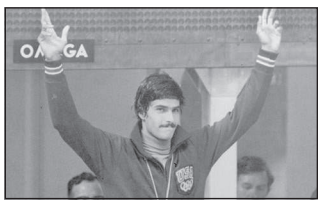


DAILY PLANNER

TODAY

Today is Friday, Aug. 31, the 243rd day of 2018. There are 122 days left in the year.



TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On August 31, 1972, at the Munich Summer Olympics, American swimmer Mark Spitz won his fourth and fifth gold medals in the 100-meter butterfly and 800-meter freestyle relay; Soviet gymnast Olga Korbut won gold medals in floor exercise and the balance beam.

ON THIS DATE

In 1886, an earthquake with an estimated magnitude of 7.3 devastated Charleston, South Carolina, killing at least 60 people, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

In 1954, Hurricane Carol hit the northeastern Atlantic states; Connecticut, Rhode Island and part of Massachusetts bore the brunt of the storm, which resulted in some 70 deaths.

In 1965, the U.S. House of Representatives joined the Senate in voting to establish the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

In 1969, boxer Rocky Marciano died in a light airplane crash in Iowa, a day before his 46th birthday.

In 1980, Poland's Solidarity labor movement was born with an agreement signed in Gdansk (guh-DANSK) that ended a 17-day-old strike.

In 1986, 82 people were killed when an Aeromexico jetliner and a small private plane collided over Cerritos, California. The Soviet passenger ship Admiral Nakhimov collided with a merchant vessel in the Black Sea, causing both to sink; up to 448 people reportedly died.

In 1991, Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan declared their independence, raising to ten the number of republics seeking to secede from the Soviet Union.

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Megabucks: \$6.4 million
3-8-18-22-32-40

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3-20-33-34-41-20 x3

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25-41-53-57-67-PB 12-x2

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5-9-14-38

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- Aug. 30
- 1 p.m.: 6-4-5-6
- 4 p.m.: 3-6-1-3
- 7 p.m.: 6-1-3-3
- 10 p.m.: 3-9-6-7
- Aug. 29
- 1 p.m.: 7-9-6-8
- 4 p.m.: 0-1-3-8
- 7 p.m.: 1-4-3-9
- 10 p.m.: 2-0-9-4
- Aug. 28
- 1 p.m.: 4-7-4-0
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Good people are good because they've come to wisdom through failure. We get very little wisdom from success, you know."
— William Saroyan, American author and playwright (born this date in 1908, died 1981).

Unity rancher uses drone for farm production

Folk believes ag producers would benefit from using drones

By Becca Robbins
WesCom News Service

When Ron Folk worked his Unity ranch he often thought to himself, "Boy, if I had a really good drone I'd get a lot of work done."

Two years ago he bought his first drone, a Bayangtoys X16.

Ever since, Folk, 80, has been fascinated by the flying machines and the potential benefits they offer to farmers and ranchers.

"It's overwhelming what's going on with the agriculture industry with commercial drones," he said. "If I had one of these years ago at the ranch, I'd use it every day."

Although Folk and his wife, Jeanne, no longer own the Windy Hill Ranch, one of the biggest things he said he would've used a drone for was checking irrigation gauges for his sheep.

Another reason Folk sees ranchers benefiting

from drones is in using them to herd livestock, including cattle.

"You can check on your cows, see if you have any calves, check fences, check water troughs. There's endless uses," he said.

Folk said he talks to his neighbors and other ranchers about using drones and he's received a lot of positive feedback.

"It can be a tool for ranchers," he said. "You can program it so it'll do the same thing everyday."

Even though the drones don't work well in rain, Folk said they can withstand snow or wind.

Although he acknowledges that for some ranchers the technology might be daunting or expensive, Folk believes the benefits are worth the time spent learning to use drones — and it's not as hard as many might think.

"If they have a (smart) cellphone and home computer they can grasp this in a month," Folk said.

While he said he's not interested in selling the drones or making any money from classes, Folk is

considering having a clinic of sorts to teach people how to fly and operate the drones.

"If people are interested, I'll get them started," he said. "I'm at the point in my life where I have time now and I want to share it."

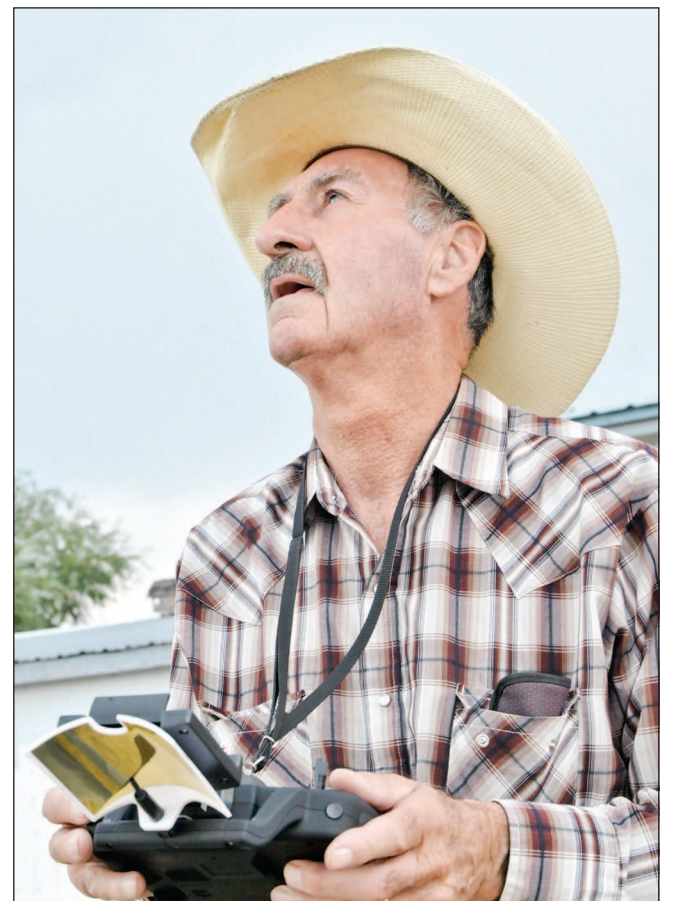
After working on the 2007 book "Lest We Forget" documenting the history of the Burnt River Valley — history is a topic he and his wife are passionate about — Folk said his latest project is using his drones to map the entire valley from Unity to Bridgeport.

He intends to begin this after he receives the new drone he's looking to purchase when it's released — the DJI Mavic Pro 2.

Another thing that sparked Folk's passion for drones was his lifelong love for photography.

Folk said he even sold the couple's house in Arizona himself by listing it on Zillow with photos he took with his drone.

(The Folks moved to Arizona from Unity but disliked their new state and



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Ron Folk of Unity hopes to get ranchers and farmers interested in using drones to accomplish various daily tasks on their land.

returned to Unity.)

Within an hour of posting his house, he said, he received a call from a man from Las Vegas with an of-

fer who cited the drone photos as a reason he wanted the property.

"They're not just toys," Folk said.

Pendleton Fire uses app for child emergencies

New app will streamline medication dosage

By Antonio Sierra
East Oregonian

Pendleton Fire Department Capt. Steve Brost unfurled the tape measure that's supposed to help save a child's life.

If paramedics are responding to a medical emergency with a pediatric patient, personnel are supposed to use the long piece of paper to measure the child's height. Based on their measurement, paramedics then determine the correct dosages or equipment to use for pediatric emergencies based on charts and measurements featured on the tape measure.

The problem, Brost said, is the tape measure doesn't always match with the fire department's protocol and sometimes features medications they don't stock in ambulances.

The fire department recently acquired HandTevy, an app that can automatically provide paramedics with the proper dosages and measurements for things like medications that can address anaphylactic shock or cardiac arrest or equipment like breathing tubes.

Brost estimated less than 5 percent of the fire department's calls involve children in the midst of a medical emergency.

"But when we do get them, they're bad cases," he said.

The goal of equipping paramedics with the new app is to make the decision process for emergency pediatric treatment as fast and as accurate as possible.

Brost said the app can even be used with adults, although height and weight aren't used as determining factors as often with men and women.

The fire department also purchased pediatric kits that are aligned with the app and will receive training on the HandTevy system in September.

Brost said he wants to get the word out on the fire department's new app because paramedics could be referencing their cellphones a lot more often when responding to a child's emergency.

He said when the public sees paramedics looking at their phones in those situ-

ations, they're not playing a game or killing time: they're

referencing data that could help save a child's life.

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