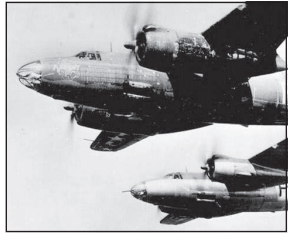


DAILY PLANNER

TODAY

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 12, the 255th day of 2018. There are 110 days left in the year.



TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On Sept. 12, 1942, during World War II, a German U-boat off West Africa torpedoed the RMS Laconia, which was carrying Italian prisoners of war, British soldiers and civilians; it's estimated more than 1,600 people died while some 1,100 survived after the ship sank. The German crew, joined by other U-boats, began rescue operations. (On September 16, the rescue effort came to an abrupt halt when the Germans were attacked by a U.S. Army bomber; as a result, U-boat commanders were ordered to no longer rescue civilian survivors of submarine attacks.)

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Pendleton Round-Up exceeds all-time ticket revenues

By **Kathy Aney**
East Oregonian

PENDLETON — Randy Thomas exuded good cheer on Monday of Pendleton Round-Up week.

And why wouldn't he? The Pendleton Round-Up director, in charge of publicity for the iconic rodeo, has the world by the tail these days.

Ticket sales, for instance, continue on an upward trajectory.

"Last year, we set a record," Thomas said, as he leaned back in a chair in the media trailer. "This year, we've already broken that record. We exceeded all-time ticket revenues before the show even started."

Jason Graybeal, Round-Up director in charge of office and treasurer, confirmed the record bump in sales.

"We had record revenue prior to last year's Round-Up of \$1.152 million," Graybeal said. "We surpassed the \$1.2 million mark last week. There's not a single seat left for Saturday and Friday's about done, too."

In addition, the 1910 Room is fully booked. That's the tented area at the east

end of the arena where guests watch rodeo action while enjoying drinks and gourmet food.

Thomas took a stab at explaining why the iconic outdoor rodeo keeps drawing more spectators.

"People just want to be here this year," he said. "I think we have a big footprint out there with a social media presence."

Happily, he said, the Round-Up has simply become a hot tourist destination.

"People in general want to experience something authentic that's intensely relational," Thomas said. "They get here and find a community that's family. When people come here from out of town, they get that experience."

Another indication of the Round-Up's increasing magnetism is the annual Queens' Luncheon. The event, held at the Pendleton Convention Center, hosts visiting royalty who participate in Saturday's Westward Ho! Parade. Last year, the luncheon welcomed about 150 rodeo queens and

princesses.

"This year, I have close to 200 people coming," said Karen Vanderplaat, who is in charge of the event.

Among the expected royalty, Vanderplaat said, are 16 state rodeo queens who will get acquainted over sandwiches, salads and cookies.

Round-Up Director Tiah DeGroff said sponsorships — like ticket sales — are also seeing an upswing.

"For the past three years, we've done about \$20,000 to \$30,000 more than the year prior," she said. "Each year, we do a little better."

As if that wasn't enough, the weather forecast makes Thomas' mood even more sunny. Temperatures will linger in the upper 60s and low 70s throughout the week. The only hint of rain comes Thursday, with only a

20 percent chance.

"With cool weather, our beverage sales should be really strong," he said.

Not all beverages, he clarified, since water sales rise with the temperature.

Thomas spends a fair

amount of time on the phone fielding calls from writers and photographers and others intent on experiencing the Pendleton Round-Up.

"A lot of people want to be a part of it," he said. "It's an iconic Oregon experience."

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Missing Oregon hiker likely killed by cougar

By **Gillian Flaccus**
The Associated Press

PORTLAND — Authorities say a dead hiker whose body was recovered this week was likely killed by a cougar, marking the first fatal attack by a wild cougar in Oregon and the second in the Pacific Northwest this year.

Search and rescue teams found the body of Diana Bober, 55, on Monday off a trail in the Mount Hood National Forest in Welches, about 40 miles southeast of Portland. Her body was several miles from where searchers found her car last week near a ranger station.

Bober, an avid hiker who often trekked in the Mount Hood and Columbia River Gorge area, was last heard from by family and friends on Aug. 29. She was reported missing on Friday and it's still unclear when she started her hike, said Sgt. Brian Jensen of the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office.

Her body had injuries consistent with a cougar attack and a medical examiner ruled out the possibility she was mauled after she died of another cause, Jensen said. DNA samples collected at the scene were being flown by the Oregon State Police to a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service laboratory for further analysis, he said.

Authorities warned a local school district of the attack

and advised other hikers to stay out of the area.

Oregon wildlife officials are attempting to find and kill the animal, he said.

"This is an unprecedented event in Oregon," said Brian Wolfer, watershed manager for the Department of Fish and Wildlife. "We don't know what risk it poses to the public."

Cougar sightings are relatively common in Oregon, particularly in more rural areas, but Bober's death appears to be the first fatal attack.

There are about 6,600 cougars — commonly called mountain lions or pumas — throughout Oregon. State wildlife officials get about 400 complaints about the animals each year, according to authorities.

Cougars can be killed by landowners or law enforcement officials when they pose a threat to human safety or cause damage to livestock or agricultural crops. They also can be hunted.

Over the past decade, about 20 cougars have been killed each year in the wildlife management area where body was found.

In May, a mountain biker in Washington state was killed by a cougar on a trail east of Seattle, the first fatal attack in that state in 94 years.



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Dr. Trouw grew up in a small mining town in South Africa; loving camping, fishing, hiking and hunting.

"I've always wanted to return to that lifestyle and that kind of community. I had visited Oregon a few times in the past and felt very much at home with the beautiful mountains and rivers."

Dr. Trouw received his Doctor of Medicine from Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, in 2012, after graduating with a degree in Biochemistry from Indiana University South Bend in 2007. He completed his Residency in Orthopedic Surgery at the State University of New York (SUNY) Health Science Center at Brooklyn. He completed his Fellowship in Hand Surgery at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine.

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