

DAILY PLANNER

TODAY

Today is Friday, Sept. 21, the 264th day of 2018. There are 101 days left in the year.



TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On Sept. 21, 1981, the Senate unanimously confirmed the nomination of Sandra Day O'Connor to become the first female justice on the Supreme Court.

ON THIS DATE

In 1893, one of America's first horseless carriages was taken for a short test drive in Springfield, Mass., by Frank Duryea, who had designed the vehicle with his brother, Charles.

In 1937, "The Hobbit," by J.R.R. Tolkien, was first published by George Allen & Unwin, Ltd. of London.

LOTTERY

Megabucks: \$7.3 million
21-25-30-33-39-45

Mega Millions: \$275 million
31-32-43-63-68-17-x2

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31-32-43-68-PB 17-x2

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9-12-16-30

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- Sept. 20
 - 1 p.m.: 7-7-8-9
 - 4 p.m.: 5-3-5-0
 - 7 p.m.: 2-6-7-5
 - 10 p.m.: 8-7-6-1
- Sept. 19
 - 1 p.m.: 4-0-0-2
 - 4 p.m.: 1-0-8-1
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"All truth passes through three stages. First, it is ridiculed. Second, it is violently opposed. Third, it is accepted as being self-evident."

— Arthur Schopenhauer, German philosopher (born 1788, died this date in 1860).

POWs, MIAs honored at La Grande American Legion

By Observer staff

A small table in the corner of the American Legion Post 43 Hall in La Grande is shrouded in semi-darkness. It's unobtrusive, by itself with a simple table setting — but its significance is palpable.

Sept. 21 is National POW/MIA Recognition Day, a day set aside to remember those who did not come home. The symbolism of the table and every part of its setting is to make sure they are never forgotten.

The following is a remembrance table poem that describes each of the settings and its meaning:

This Table set for one is small — Symbolizing the frailty of one prisoner alone against his oppressors. Remember!

The Tablecloth is white — Symbolizing the purity of their intentions to respond to their country's call to arms. Remember!

The single Red Rose

displayed in a vase reminds us of the families and loved ones of our comrades-in-arms who keep the faith awaiting their return. Remember!

The Red Ribbon tied so prominently on the vase is reminiscent of the red ribbon worn upon the lapel and breasts of thousands who bear witness to their unyielding determination to demand a proper accounting of our missing. Remember!

The Candle, the candle is lit — Symbolizing the upward reach of their unconquerable spirit. Remember!

A Slice of Lemon is on the bread plate to remind us of their bitter fate. Remember!

There is Salt upon the bread plate — Symbolic of the families' tears as they wait. Remember!

The Glass is inverted — They cannot toast with us this night. Remember!

The Chair — The chair is empty. They are not here.



Cherise Kaechle/The Observer

La Grande's American Legion is located on 401 Fir St., and will have the table set up indefinitely. Today marks National POW/MIA Recognition Day to remember those soldiers who did not make it home.

Remember!

Remember! — All of you who served with them and called them comrades, who depended upon their might and aid, and relied upon

them, for surely, they have not forsaken you. Remember!

Remember! — Until the day they come home, Remember!

The La Grande American Legion, 401 Fir St., will have the table on display indefinitely. The hall is open from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. every day except Sunday.

Hermiston man's daughter, grandson trampled by giraffe

Two seriously injured in South Africa but recovering

By Jade McDowell
East Oregonian

A Hermiston man has spent most of his time at a hospital in South Africa this month after his daughter and grandson were trampled by a giraffe on Sept. 3.

Dr. Katy Williams and her son Finn, 3, were seriously injured but their health has been improving, Jack Standish said.

Standish, who moved to Hermiston with his late wife in 2005, said Katy and Finn were going out to meet Katy's husband Sam Williams on Sept. 3 as Sam returned from a run. Often

Katy and Finn would meet up with him inside the large, fenced estate where their home was located before walking back together. They are both scientists (Katy specializes in hyenas and Sam in big cats) and have been in South Africa for research.

Katy and Finn walked into a clearing to see a tower of giraffes, and before they had time to react, one charged and began kicking them.

Sam, returning from his run, saw the attack and was able to scare the giraffes away by yelling and waving his arms. Standish said the giraffe that attacked was a mother with a young baby and was likely protecting her baby from a perceived threat.

"We hold no malice toward

the giraffe," Standish said, calling the incident an "accident of nature."

Katy and Finn were flown to a hospital in Johannesburg, where doctors were not sure either one would survive the night. The two could not have gotten better care, Standish said. After he got the call about the attack, he and his son David, who is serving in the U.S. Navy, rushed to Johannesburg.

"We got there and Katy was under a deep coma and looking pretty rough with scrapes and bruises all over her body," he said.

She woke up later, however, and her broken bones and punctured organs are healing. Meanwhile Finn is finally able to open his eyes and, while not speaking yet, is reacting to his surroundings "as he should be." He

will be moved soon to a rehabilitation center for children to help him get back up to where a 3-year-old should be developmentally.

"There's a lot of hope," Standish said. "His family and doctors know he's going to get well."

Standish said as the incident has been reported around the world there has been some judgment, but both Katy and Sam have doctorate degrees in animal science and they have been working with animals in Africa for years. The fenced estate where they lived doesn't have lions, cheetahs, rhinoceroses or other animals considered particularly dangerous and giraffes — which Katy could not see until it was too late — are not known for attacking

humans.

Standish said the family, including Katy, asked that the giraffe not be euthanized, and it was moved to a location away from people. Unfortunately, the baby giraffe did not survive the move.

"We were so extremely sorry to hear that," Standish said. "It brought tears to my eyes, because we all love animals."

Two GoFundMe accounts (one for British pounds, since the Williamses got their advanced degrees in England, and one in American dollars) have been set up to help the Williams family cover their extensive medical bills. The American one can be found at www.gofundme.com/finn-amp-katy-williams.

ELGIN

Continued from Page 1A to keep improving our services, access to the public (and) city hall, and continue projects we've been working on. I really believe we've made great progress and want to see (that) through."

In his role so far, Duffy believes he's made a positive impression on Elgin residents and hopes his commitment speaks for itself.

"I think I have a proven record. I've been honest and forthright with the public," he said. "The city council and I have made great strides in moving Elgin forward. We have a good working relationship, even when we disagree. The innovative thinking and closeness we have as a city group, working together

and working out issues and problems that come up — I don't think there's a challenge before us we can't get over."

The singular thread that runs through Duffy's assertions in his re-election bid is forward motion, and he is hopeful Elgin's residents will allow him to continue to

work for them.

"I appreciate those who have supported me and continue to support me. I don't think you deserve a vote unless you ask the people for their vote, so I'm asking the people to vote for me to continue the progress that we've seen."

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