

DAILY PLANNER

TODAY

Today is Friday, Oct. 19, the 292nd day of 2018. There are 73 days left in the year.



TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

In 1953, the Ray Bradbury novel "Fahrenheit 451," set in a dystopian future where books are banned and burned by the government, was first published by Ballantine Books.

ON THIS DATE

In 1781, British troops under Gen. Lord Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown, Virginia, as the American Revolution neared its end.

In 1944, the U.S. Navy began accepting black women into WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service).

In 1950, during the Korean Conflict, United Nations forces entered the North Korean capital of Pyongyang.

In 1987, the stock market crashed as the Dow Jones Industrial Average plunged 508 points, or 22.6 percent in value (its biggest daily percentage loss), to close at 1,738.74 in what came to be known as "Black Monday."

In 2001, U.S. special forces began operations on the ground in Afghanistan, opening a significant new phase of the assault against the Taliban and al-Qaeda.

In 2005, a defiant Saddam Hussein pleaded innocent to charges of premeditated murder and torture as his trial opened under heavy security in the former headquarters of his Baath Party in Baghdad.

LOTTERY

Megabucks: \$8.5 million 3-7-20-29-42-46

Mega Millions: \$868 million 3-45-49-61-69 9-x5

Powerball: \$430 million 3-57-64-68-69 15-x3

Win for Life: Oct. 17 14-17-31-62

PICK 4:

- Oct. 18
1 p.m.: 3-1-4-6
4 p.m.: 3-6-0-1
7 p.m.: 9-3-6-5
10 p.m.: 4-0-3-5
Oct. 17
1 p.m.: 7-9-0-6
4 p.m.: 7-1-4-4
7 p.m.: 8-0-5-3
10 p.m.: 7-6-2-0

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If our country is worth dying for in time of war let us resolve that it is truly worth living for in time of peace."
- Hamilton Fish III, American congressman (1888-1991) (1894-1961)

B2H

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Creek and Morgan Lake routes both be approved, Idaho Power will then select one to go forward with.

Odds are the Morgan Lake route would be the favorite of many La Grande residents.

The B2H line, if on the Mill Creek route, would be far more visible, said M. Mark Stokes, an engineering project leader for Idaho Power. If this route is chosen, Stokes said, people in many parts of La Grande would be able to see the transmission line. He noted, though, it would not be visible at the La Grande/Union County Airport about five miles east of La Grande.

The transmission line on the Morgan Lake route, Stokes said, would be visible in the La Grande area only near Morgan Lake, where it would be seen on the south side of Morgan Lake Road. The route would be south of where the Mill Creek one would be. The chosen route would be part

of the proposed 300-mile B2H line, which would run from Boardman to the Hemingway substation near Melba, Idaho. The transmission line would be built by Idaho Power, PacifiCorp and the Bonneville Power Administration. Maffuccio said construction should start in mid-2022 and be completed three years later. The cost would be between \$1 billion and \$1.2 billion, according to Idaho Power. Towers along the transmission line would be between 130 and 150 feet tall, Stokes said. This would be significantly higher than standard transmission lines, which are 75 to 90 feet tall.

Idaho Power officials were also asked Wednesday about what steps were being taken to make the B2H line less visible in places like the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center just outside Baker City, which it is set to pass by.

Stokes said towers there would be much lower and made of a type of metal that will develop a rust-like of appearance.

"The coloration will have a natural look," Stokes said. "It will

help it disappear into the background."

David Stainish of Idaho Power, in a similar vein, said when concern was expressed about the impact the B2H line near Huntington would have on the views near Oregon Trail ruts, Idaho Power moved its proposed route in the area east so the transmission line would be far less visible.

The purpose of the B2H line would be to provide Idaho Power, PacifiCorp and the Bonneville Power Administration greater capacity, which will allow them to provide more power purchased from outside sources to its customers.

Audience members at the meeting asked why Idaho Power officials, in light of anticipated need for more electricity, could not instead generate more of its own electricity via solar plants and wind farms. Stokes said Idaho Power studies have indicated the expense and risk of alternatives like this would be greater than that of building the B2H line.

"(The B2H option) would be the lowest cost, least risk option," he

said. Idaho Power officials said the B2H line would not replace any current power lines. One audience member expressed surprise after hearing this and asked why the current power lines could not be connected to the B2H transmission line.

"It would be impractical," answered Stainish, of Idaho Power, because the height of the towers would have to be increased if additional power lines were placed.

Idaho Power officials were also asked how wide the right-of-way would be at the site of the B2H towers. The audience was told the transmission line would be 300 feet wide and that area would have to be cleared.

"We have to reduce the danger of trees falling (onto the power lines)," Stainish said.

The public was encouraged at Wednesday's meeting to provide official comments on plans for the B2H project and its proposed routes. For information on how to do so, call 1-877-339-0209 or go to www.boardmantohemingway.com.



Cherise Kaechele / The Observer

From left, Amy Miles, Janet Wehrle and Elizabeth Sieders prepare for the next round of flu vaccines at Wildflower Lodge on Wednesday during their training exercise. A group of staff from the Center Human Development, Grande Ronde Hospital, Wildflower Lodge, Post Acute Rehab and Grande Ronde Retirement Residence participated in a scenario where an outbreak occurred.

TRAINING

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told The Observer. "These are the most likely to get sick and they live in close quarters. In a public health emergency, I'd be the one to make the decision (if mass vaccinations were needed)."

The response to an outbreak is dependent on the disease. There are regulations on when to declare an outbreak depending on the amount of people who have contracted the disease.

From H1N1, a serious flu that made headlines in years past, to a biochemical terrorist attack, communities need to know how to deal with something on a massive scale. This training got Union County that much closer.

"It's easy to think nothing like this will ever happen here," she said. "People can (prepare) themselves." Brogitti said having the

essentials on hand — medications, water and food — for a long-term emergency will better prepare a family.

Steve Hamilton, administrator at Post Acute Rehab, said this was the first time his staff has been involved in such a training. At Post Acute, there are 40 residents and 40 staff members who would have been vaccinated in this scenario.

"The more training we have, the easier it becomes," he said. "We will find out what the strong and weak points are."

Hamilton said in a real-life scenario, one challenge would be having the right amount of vaccinations available.

Elizabeth Sieders, communicable disease nurse at CHD, acted as the operations chief for the training. In her role, the Grande Ronde Hospital nurses who administered the vac-

cines would look to Sieders for set up and oversight. Sieders was also responsible for getting the right amount of vaccines for everyone — or determining who would have vaccine priority if the county was running low.

"We would have to prioritize," she said. "Find out who the patients are that are at the highest risk."

Sieders said if the outbreak was widespread across the state or nation, Union County would move down the priority list. If the outbreak is more locally contained, the vaccine would be accessible.

She said the training was eye-opening for her.

"It shows us what I, or we, need to learn," she said. "You don't know what you don't know."

Wildflower Executive Director Anthony Swales is familiar with trainings like this because of his

background as a volunteer firefighter with La Grande Rural Fire Department.

He said he prepared his staffing by conducting meetings to discuss what the training will entail.

"Normally, we wouldn't have so many people involved (in administering the flu vaccine)," he said.

At Wednesday's training, there were 120 total residents and staff signed up to receive the flu vaccination.

Residents and staff were offered the choice to be vaccinated, as they would in a mass outbreak scenario. However, those who refused run the risk of being isolated.

Swales said at Wildflower they plan to encourage and educate staff and residents about the dangers of not getting a vaccination and may need to set up an isolation area for those who do not receive it.

At Grande Ronde Retirement, after all those who wanted to get vaccinated had gone through, the group of participants sat in a circle for a debriefing of the incident.

The group learned what to work on and what they did well on and overall called the training a success.

Later, Sieders said if an outbreak were to occur in the county, there would be a need for all hands on deck. She said in an emergency situation, there would be a need for volunteers to help pass out water or help in senior living facilities to get the residents through the line quickly.

"We would really need the community to help," she said.

Sign up for emergency alerts

Union County has signed up for a county-wide alert system. Similar to the alert system test recently conducted nationwide, this program can call, text or email emergency notifications to those within the area.

Residents can choose what kind of messages they receive — for natural disasters, hazardous material spills, evacuation notices and Amber Alerts. Alerts may also be targeted to specific geographic areas based on an impacted area. According to Union County's website, when the notification system is implemented it will automatically call out to all those who signed up for the service and are within that geographic area. The service will then deliver a recorded message once a voice is heard — whether that be a voicemail or someone physically answering the call. To sign up for the alerts, go to www.union-county.org. Under the Emergency Services tab is a blue rectangle at the top of the page that will guide you through the remaining steps to sign up.

— Observer staff

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