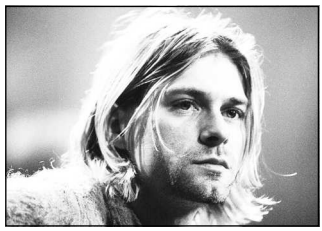


DAILY PLANNER

TODAY

Today is Monday, April 8, the 98th day of 2019. There are 267 days left in the year.



TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On April 8, 1994, Kurt Cobain, singer and guitarist for the grunge band Nirvana, was found dead in Seattle from an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound; he was 27.

ON THIS DATE

In 1864, the United States Senate passed, 38-6, the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution abolishing slavery. (The House of Representatives passed it in January 1865; the amendment was ratified and adopted in December 1865.)

In 1911, an explosion at the Banner Coal Mine in Littleton, Alabama, claimed the lives of 128 men, most of them convicts loaned out from prisons.

In 1913, the 17th Amendment to the Constitution, providing for popular election of U.S. senators (as opposed to appointment by state legislatures), was ratified. President Woodrow Wilson became the first chief executive since John Adams to address Congress in person as he asked lawmakers to enact tariff reform.

In 1952, President Harry S. Truman seized the American steel industry to avert a nationwide strike. (The Supreme Court later ruled that Truman had overstepped his authority, opening the way for a seven-week strike by steelworkers.)

In 1961, a suspected bomb exploded aboard the passenger liner MV Dara in the Persian Gulf, causing it to sink; 238 of the 819 people aboard were killed.

LOTTERY

Megabucks: \$10.3 million
4-6-17-18-28-42

Mega Millions: \$120 million
8-22-24-38-64-21-x2

Powerball: \$84 million
15-33-43-59-60-PB 8-x3

Win for Life: April 6
39-49-59-60

Pick 4:

April 7

• 1 p.m.: 2-2-1-5

• 4 p.m.: 8-0-8-3

• 7 p.m.: 8-8-5-6

• 10 p.m.: 8-8-6-7

Pick 4:

April 6

• 1 p.m.: 3-2-5-0

• 4 p.m.: 6-0-4-2

• 7 p.m.: 0-8-6-6

• 10 p.m.: 3-7-3-9

Pick 4:

April 5

• 1 p.m.: 1-1-6-0

• 4 p.m.: 1-8-2-0

• 7 p.m.: 2-7-0-4

• 10 p.m.: 4-4-3-9

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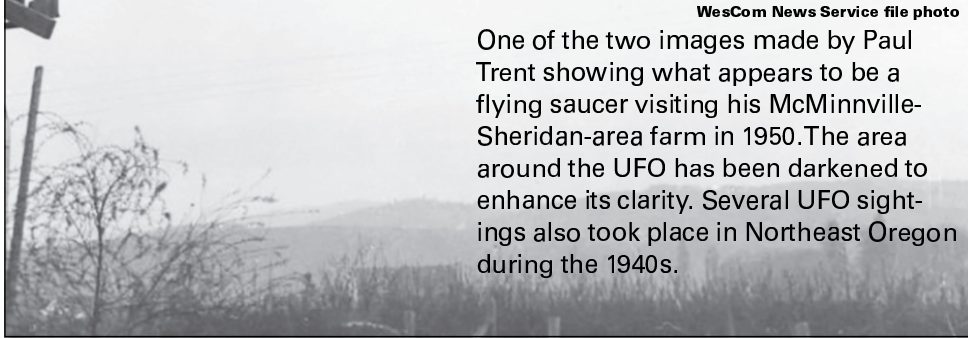
QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Computers are useless. They can only give you answers."

— Pablo Picasso, Spanish artist (born 1881, died this date in 1973)

NORTHEAST OREGON HISTORY

Q: Was there a rash of UFO sightings in Northeast Oregon in the late 1940s? A: Yes.



WesCom News Service file photo

One of the two images made by Paul Trent showing what appears to be a flying saucer visiting his McMinnville-Sheridan-area farm in 1950. The area around the UFO has been darkened to enhance its clarity. Several UFO sightings also took place in Northeast Oregon during the 1940s.

By Dick Mason
The Observer

Sightings of flying saucers were reported in Union, Baker and Umatilla counties on June 26 and 29 of 1947.

A story in the June 27, 1947, edition of The Observer reported that on June 26 at least three people in La Grande spotted unidentified flying objects in the sky.

"Flying Saucers Seen Streaking Over City," read the headline on the front page of The Observer, then named The La Grande Evening Observer.

A La Grande High School student, Leroy James, reported that he saw strange shiny objects in the sky that looked like saucers. Jones said there were nine saucers weaving in and out. The high school student said he saw them after two Catholic nuns pointed them out.

"They looked bright and round and seemed to have fins," he said.

On the same day, H. E. Hammond, of Eustis, Florida, saw what he described as a "flying pie plate" while at Radium Springs, near Haines, according to the June 26, 1947, edition of the Baker Democrat Herald, now named the Baker City Herald. Eustis was a retired railroad telegrapher.

A story in the June 30, 1947, Baker Democrat Herald reported that a woman in the Pendleton area saw seven "perfectly round,

umbrella like" objects flying in a northwesterly direction at 11 a.m. June 29.

The June 26 and 29, 1947, sightings came about a week after La Grande Police Officer George Webb reported seeing a vapor trail at great altitude to the northwest of the city, according to the June 27 Observer article.

Webb said the apparent trail was a line of vapor that was visible for nearly half an hour before it slipped to a horizontal position and disappeared over the horizon. The patrolman, who observed the phenomenon through binoculars, reported that it was very compact and unlike any vapor trail he had ever seen.

Webb's sighting was made just before a UFO report in the June 24, 1947, edition in the East Oregonian created a national fervor. The story, by EO writers Nolan Skiff, a former La Grande Evening Observer reporter, and Bill Bequette, was about Kenneth Arnold, a Boise, Idaho, pilot and businessman. Arnold had stopped in Pendleton while flying his private plane home from Washington. The pilot said on June 23 he saw "nine saucer-like aircraft flying in formation" at an altitude of between 9,500 and 10,000 feet between Mount Rainier and Mount Adams moving at "the amazing speed of about 1,200 miles an hour."

The quote is believed to have been the origin of the creation of the term "flying saucer," although the East Oregonian writers were not the wordsmiths of the term, according to a story in a 2017 edition of the East Oregonian by Phil Wright.

"The imagery was there," Wright wrote, but he said his newspaper never used the phrase "flying saucer" in its reporting, contrary to plenty of anecdotes.

According to Wright, within days of the East Oregonian breaking the story, which was picked up by the Associated Press, the term "flying saucer" was coined by a bright newspaper writer elsewhere.

"The term stuck in the lexicon and the American psyche," he wrote.

Arnold was thrust into the national spotlight after the story of his report was published. He said people had mixed reactions to what he said.

"Half the people I see look at me as a combination of Einstein, Flash Gordon and a screwball," Arnold said in a late June 1947 Associated Press story, printed in The Observer.

Coincidentally — or not — the reported UFO sightings in the Cascades and Northeast Oregon came less than two weeks before the famous alleged crash of a flying saucer in Roswell, New Mexico, which was first reported July 8, 1947. ■

CELLULAR

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and funding raised goes toward "uniforms, equipment, travel and other group expenses."

"We encourage them to sign up on our website and see how easy it is to make money for their group," said Tyler Botts, manager at the La Grande U.S. Cellular store.

The program has awarded more than \$1.3 million since it was founded four years ago. Any group can apply online. If accepted they will have 14 days to earn points toward a goal. Tasks that earn the group points are things such as liking U.S. Cellular's social media pages, watching U.S. Cellular advertisements and completing surveys. The groups will need to get as many people as possible to do the tasks to earn points before the end date. According to U.S. Cellular's website, it takes the support of about 175 to 250 people to reach a goal and get full sponsorship. Since groups

have only two weeks to reach the goal, U.S. Cellular suggested having a campaign ready to rally community support. It takes just a couple of minutes and is completely free to help groups earn points.

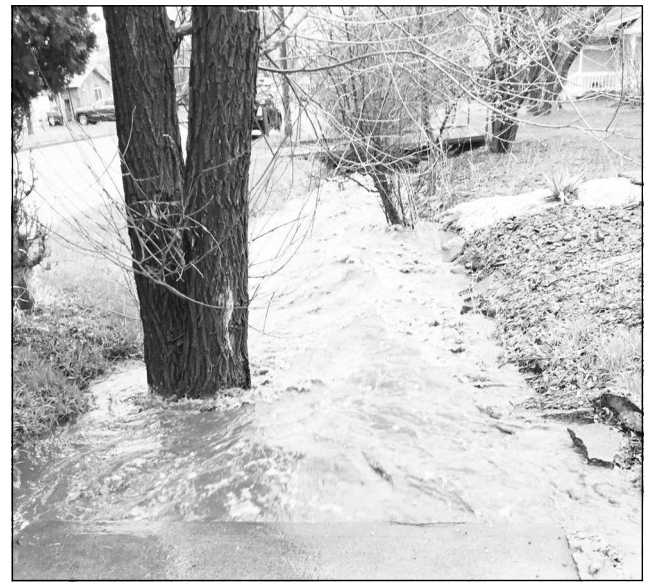
Anyone can sign up or support active campaigns at <https://communityconnections.uscellular.com>.

There are five campaigns through the program in Oregon on U.S. Cellular's website, three of which were completed without reaching a monetary goal. The highest Oregon earner is Culver High School's men's basketball, which earned \$544 for summer basketball camps on university campuses.

More than 2,800 groups have received funding through the program, and applications can be submitted year round.

"As a dedicated member of the La Grande community, we as an organization are committed to these programs that have a positive impact on the lives of children," Botts said. ■

Grande Ronde River flood warning in effect near Perry, Troy through Thursday



Sharon Magnuson photos

Standing water is shown at C Avenue, top photo, and at 3rd Street and H Avenue, bottom photo Sunday afternoon in La Grande. The National Weather Service has issued a flood warning for several Eastern Oregon rivers, including the Grande Ronde River near Perry and at Troy. The warning at Perry is in effect from 2:25 a.m. Tuesday to 4:04 a.m. Saturday, according to the NWS website. Flood stage is at 6.6 feet, and as of 5:15 a.m. Monday, the river stage was at 6.3 feet. It's expected to reach as high as 7.1 feet.

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What's Cooking ?

by Sandy Sorrels of

TEN DEPOT STREET

There are a few fun things going on this week at **Ten Depot Street**.

Tonight, Monday evening we are featuring for our *Barbecue Monday, Slow Roasted Pulled Pork Sandwiches with Coleslaw* for just \$11.95.

Fresh Halibut is now in season again and we have a new shipment coming in tomorrow, Tuesday. We will be featuring this amazing fresh fish all week for just 27.95. That may seem a bit expensive, but worth it, considering the quality and what they are charging in the city.

Tuesday Portland musician *Chris Baron* is playing. Described as "folk with swagger" Baron draws you in, playing edgy acoustic guitar along with his disarming poetry.

Tyler Brooks is playing with his good friend and collaborator *Alex Muller* on Thursday evening. Brooks, who has deep roots in rural Eastern Oregon, is a singer-songwriter who produces a blend of country, punk, and rock n roll with "a genuine sense of honesty." In his original work you can hear influences from the Rolling Stones to Waylon Jennings. Both nights the music starts at 8:00.

And Wednesday night is the last **Ten Depot Ski Club** meeting of the year in the bar, hosted by bartender, Kevin Boylan. Every other Wednesday throughout the winter the ski club has met in the bar for skiing and boarding movies and \$1 off pints of beer. Join us for this end of winter celebration. This week we will have some complimentary *homemade Chile and Cornbread* for members. The meeting starts at 8:00.

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