

DAILY PLANNER

TODAY

Today is Monday, May 6, the 126th day of 2019. There are 239 days left in the year.



TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On May 6, 1954, medical student Roger Bannister broke the four-minute mile during a track meet in Oxford, England, in 3:59.4.

LOTTERY

Megabucks: \$3.2 million
11-12-13-21-23-46

Mega Millions: \$273 million
8-16-22-66-68-11-x2

Powerball: \$215 million
6-16-23-30-61-PB 2-x2

Win for Life: May 4
5-6-12-68

Pick 4: May 5
• 1 p.m.: 7-9-5-4
• 4 p.m.: 3-5-1-8
• 7 p.m.: 1-8-2-0
• 10 p.m.: 3-6-3-7

Pick 4: May 4
• 1 p.m.: 3-0-9-0
• 4 p.m.: 4-8-7-2
• 7 p.m.: 9-0-3-7
• 10 p.m.: 5-1-6-6

Pick 4: May 3
• 1 p.m.: 8-7-4-6
• 4 p.m.: 7-3-5-4
• 7 p.m.: 6-1-3-2
• 10 p.m.: 7-8-5-0

ROAD REPORT

Numbers to call:
• Inside Oregon: 800-977-6368.
• Outside Oregon: 503-588-2941.

NEWSPAPER LATE?

Every effort is made to deliver your Observer in a timely manner. Occasionally conditions exist that make delivery more difficult.

If you are not on a motor route, delivery should be before 5:30 p.m. If you do not receive your paper please call 541-963-3161.

NORTHEAST OREGON HISTORY

Q: When and where was the first flight in Eastern Oregon? A: July 9, 1911, in La Grande

By Dick Mason
The Observer

Charles Walsh, an aviator from San Diego, California, introduced La Grande to the miracle of flight on July 9, 1911, by making a trip from La Grande to Island City and back. The flight was took place just two days after a failed attempt in La Grande almost claimed his life.

On July 7, Walsh got about 50 feet off the ground before his plane crashed. He was not injured, a story in the July 10, 1911, Observer reported.

Two days later, thousands gathered near a La Grande baseball field to watch Walsh attempt again to make history. He did not disappoint, flying his repaired biplane on a round trip to Island City with no apparent problems. The flight thrilled onlookers.

"Throughout there was a cheer from thousands which must have been

heard for miles," the July 10 Observer article said.

The early evening flight made history not only in La Grande but all of Eastern Oregon. The Observer reported this was the first time a plane had been flown anywhere in Eastern or Central Oregon.

"These who saw Fulton's steamboat for the first time, those who witnessed the first locomotive could not have been more elated than were the people who gathered yesterday to see the flight," an editorial in the July 10, 1911, Observer stated.

Walsh remained about 200 feet off the ground throughout his exhibition flight in order to be easily seen. The thousands who watched included 400 who paid admission to be at the site of Walsh's takeoff and landing.

The editorial in The Observer criticized those in the community who watched but did not pay,

noting that Walsh was not properly compensated for his flight.

The aviator had come to La Grande from Moscow, Idaho, where he had made a successful flight on July 4. Following his demonstration on July 9 in La Grande, Walsh took to the air again the next day. He flew about 13 miles over the Grande Ronde Valley in 14 minutes.

Walsh's La Grande exhibition flight was one of at least a dozen he gave in 1911.

"Although he had been only flying for a year, he was experienced enough to make a believer of even the most serious Doubting Thomas's," according to story about him at www.earlyaviators.com.

Walsh also made flights in 1911 in Portland, Seattle, Moscow, Idaho, Wenatchee, Washington, and many other sites in the West.

"The only money in aviation during those days was in exhibition flying and demonstrations of the airplane," stated the story at www.earlyaviators.com.

Walsh's flights were first put on by the Pacific Aviation Company of Portland. He was well received at his exhibitions. According to earlyaviator.com, "Thousands of people would come to see Walsh the Daring Birdman defy gravity."

Transporting his plane from town to town was an arduous task because pilots did not fly their planes from one engagement to the next in those days, but instead went by ground.

Tragically, Walsh died 15 months after his historic flight in Eastern Oregon. On Oct. 3, 1912, at an air show in Trenton, New Jersey, before about 50,000 people, Walsh was making a spiral descent in his biplane after climbing to an altitude of at least 4,000 feet when he lost control and crashed according to a Oct. 4, 1912, New York Times article.

Walsh, then 35, died instantly. Those who witnessed the tragedy included Woodrow Wilson, who was then a presidential candidate and would be elected in November of that year. ■

OREGON IN BRIEF

From wire reports

Oregon community college student shot, killed

EUGENE — An Oregon community college student is dead after police found him in a parking lot with a gunshot wound.

University of Oregon police and the Eugene Police Department responded to a report of shots fired behind a bar and grill early Saturday. In the parking lot, they found a man who had been shot. He died at the scene.

Authorities identified him Sunday as 21-year-old Alex Oyombe Gradin of Eugene. He was a student at Lane Community College.

His family says in a statement he "was an

unexpected blessing to our lives when he joined us as a baby in Kenya and grew to be a compassionate, thoughtful young man."

One injured in Salem fire

SALEM — At least one person was taken to the hospital with critical injuries after a fire tore through an apartment building in Salem, Oregon.

KOIN reports that the fire started around 3:45 a.m. Monday. Deputies were met with huge flames when they arrived on scene.

While the flames appear to be out, crews are still actively working. So far, eight apartments have been impacted.

Thatcher's ACE Hardware & La Grande ACE Hardware
CHECK OUT THIS DEAL WHILE SUPPLIES LAST
Sig Sauer P365 10RD 9mm



17 HMR Ammo
\$9.99/box

Reg. \$519.99
NOW ONLY \$475

SALE ENDS MAY 12th 2019

Thatcher's Ace Hardware
2200 Resort St, Baker City • 541-523-3371

La Grande Ace Hardware
2212 Island Ave, La Grande • 541-605-0152

Monday-Friday 7-6 • Saturday 8-6 • Sunday 9-5
photos for illustration only



As the retired vice chairman of Banner Bank's board of directors, I'm proud to say Banner is my bank. Banner has served the people of eastern Oregon since 1948 – individuals, family farmers, ranchers and cattlemen, 4Hers and FFAers, mom and pop businesses and locally based corporations. As stewards of our local community, their roots here are as deep as mine and they've supported us through thick and thin.

Banner Bank has been my bank since I first joined in 1962, and will be for as long as I have anything to say about it. Can you say the same about your bank? If not, perhaps it's time you talk with someone at Banner.

Jesse G. Foster
Retired Vice Chairman of the Board
Banner Corporation and Banner Bank
Oregon Bankers Association - Hall of Fame Inductee