

DAILY PLANNER

TODAY
Today is Friday, May 24, the 144th day of 2019. There are 221 days left in the year.



TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT
On May 24, 1994, four Islamic fundamentalists convicted of bombing New York's World Trade Center in 1993 were each sentenced to 240 years in prison.

ON THIS DATE
In 1775, John Hancock was unanimously elected President of the Continental Congress in Philadelphia, succeeding Peyton Randolph.
In 1844, Samuel F.B. Morse transmitted the message "What hath God wrought" from Washington to Baltimore as he formally opened America's first telegraph line.
In 1937, in a set of rulings, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of the Social Security Act of 1935.

CORRECTION
On Wednesday, May 22, the Go! calendar listed an incorrect date for this year's Cove Library Garden Tour. The fundraising event will take place June 29.

LOTTERY
Megabucks: \$2.4 million
8-24-25-27-32-44

Mega Millions: \$393 million
10-50-55-56-58-15-x5

Powerball: \$308 million
7-10-20-44-57-PB 3-x2

Win for Life: May 22
64-68-71-75

Pick 4: May 23
• 1 p.m.: 9-4-8-6
• 4 p.m.: 3-6-5-3
• 7 p.m.: 3-6-1-7
• 10 p.m.: 3-5-8-4
Pick 4: May 22
• 1 p.m.: 9-9-8-2
• 4 p.m.: 8-9-8-7
• 7 p.m.: 7-2-6-9
• 10 p.m.: 9-4-0-5

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QUOTE OF THE DAY
"If we wait for the moment when everything, absolutely everything is ready, we shall never begin."
— Ivan Turgenev, Russian author (1818-1883)

Suspected arson fire destroys 3 buildings in Huntington



Marie Wilcox photos

A Huntington man was arrested on an arson charge for allegedly starting a fire that destroyed three Huntington establishments.

By Chris Collins
WesCom News Service

A Huntington man is in the Baker County Jail this morning on a charge of first-degree arson for allegedly starting a fire that destroyed three establishments on the main street of Huntington late Thursday night and early Friday morning.

Raymon Garcia, 22, is being held at the Baker County Jail. He was taken into custody at 11:48 p.m. at 50 E. Washington Street in Huntington. The three-business historic structure had housed Howell's Cafe, the Streamliner Lounge and Grady's Tavern.

Marie Wilcox, owner of the Huntington Bait & Tackle Shop, which sits behind the three buildings that burned, talked through tears recounting how friends and neighbors rallied to save the Wilcox property, which also includes boat and RV storage areas.

Michael Wiley, who along with June Kenick owns Howell's Cafe and the Streamliner Lounge, according to the Baker County Assessor's Office, was the first person on the roof of the bait and tackle shop as embers flared and threatened the property, Wilcox said through tears.

Wiley joined others to protect her property knowing that his building already had been destroyed by the fire, she said.

Grady's Tavern, owned by Tim and Lillian Mathews and Sherman and Maxine Murray, according to the assessor's office, also was destroyed.

Wilcox, who moved to Huntington with her family in 1985, said the destruction of the historic buildings was hard to look at.

"It's just devastating," she said. "It's heartbreaking."

She spoke proudly of how community members worked together to stop the fire.

"Everybody has their discontent moments," she said, but residents were able to put those aside in the firefighting effort.

"The community came together, we pulled together," she said.

As the town gears up for

its annual Catfish Tournament during the Memorial Day weekend, Wilcox said the town was already

beginning to fill up this morning.

"The show must go on," she said.

It's a big day for Wiley for another reason. He is getting married today, Wilcox added. ■



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