

DAILY PLANNER

TODAY

Today is Friday, Sept. 27, the 270th day of 2019. There are 95 days left in the year.



TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On Sept. 27, 1964, the government publicly released the report of the Warren Commission, which concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald had acted alone in assassinating President John F. Kennedy.

ON THIS DATE

In 1854, the first great disaster involving an Atlantic Ocean passenger vessel occurred when the steamship SS Arctic sank off Newfoundland; of the more than 400 people on board, only 86 survived.

In 1979, Congress gave its final approval to forming the U.S. Department of Education.

LOTTERY

Megabucks: \$2.6 million
4-8-12-19-38-40

Mega Millions: \$40 million
6-14-24-42-46-9-x4

Powerball: \$50 million
37-43-44-45-53-25-x3

Win for Life: Sept. 25
12-32-42-58

Pick 4:

Sept. 26
• 1 p.m.: 1-3-6-0
• 4 p.m.: 8-3-6-5
• 7 p.m.: 9-3-4-5
• 10 p.m.: 7-3-0-1
Pick 4: Sept. 25
• 1 p.m.: 0-4-3-2
• 4 p.m.: 7-0-2-1
• 7 p.m.: 1-2-5-9
• 10 p.m.: 1-3-8-6

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I have lived in this world just long enough to look carefully the second time into things that I am most certain of the first time."

— "Josh Billings" (Henry Wheeler Shaw), *American humorist (1818-1885)*

Company wants to replace Baker Truck Corral with Pilot Travel Center

By Jayson Jacoby
EO Media Group

BAKER CITY — America's largest truck stop company has applied for a permit to demolish the Baker Truck Corral and build a travel center on the nearly 9-acre property on the south side of Campbell Street beside Interstate 84.

Pilot Flying J of Knoxville, Tennessee, is the applicant.

The company owns more than 750 travel centers in 44 states and six Canadian provinces, according to its website. Its Northeastern Oregon locations are at Stanfield, La Grande and Ontario.

According to the application the company filed with the Baker City-County Planning Department, the new travel center would include an Arby's restaurant with a drive-through, a convenience store, drivers' lounge and public laundry, 10 fuel stations for passenger vehicles and seven diesel stations for trucks.

The restaurant, store and other services would be in a one-story structure covering 10,688 square feet, according to the application.

Because the proposed structure is smaller than 15,000 square feet, and because a travel center is an allowed use in the general-commercial zone, the Planning Department can approve the application and the matter, known as a Type II review, does not go before the city Planning Commission, said Eva Henes, a senior planner at the planning department.

A notice was sent about two weeks



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ago to property owners in the area, and the department didn't receive any public comments, Henes said.

Planning department officials are working on a staff report, and Planning Director Holly Kerns will decide whether to approve the application. That could happen by early October, and the decision would be subject to appeal for 14 days, Henes said.

Projects that involve a subjective decision, such as a conditional-use permit, go to the planning commission, Henes said.

But Type II projects are more straightforward, with the main issue being whether the project complies with zoning rules and other regulations.

Ryan Robinson of Pilot Flying J

said Tuesday that the company has not bought the Baker Truck Corral property. Robinson said the company is looking at options for the property but does not have a signed agreement.

The application lists Kurt Miller as the property owner.

He is the registered agent for DC & KM LLC, the Oregon company listed as the property owner on Baker County Assessor's Office records.

According to those records the current truck stop building is 10,314 square feet — slightly smaller than Pilot Flying J's proposed structure.

The Truck Corral was built in 1975, according to the Assessor's Office.

The market value of the property, including land and buildings, is listed on tax records as \$2,188,770.

Second death related to vaping

The Associated Press

SALEM — A second Oregonian has died from a lung illness after vaping cannabis products, and state health authorities on Thursday urged people to immediately stop using all vaping products.

"People should stop vaping immediately," said Dean Sidelinger, Oregon's state health officer. "If you vape, whether it's cannabis, nicotine or other products, please quit."

Oregon Gov. Kate Brown said the Oregon Health Authority informed her of the death and that she is requesting the Oregon Department of Justice to advise what legal options are available to the state, including the temporary ban of all vaping products.

The most recent death was an individual who had been hospitalized with respiratory symptoms after vaping cannabis products, the Oregon Health Authority said in a statement. The other Oregon fatality, whose death was announced on Sept. 3, had used e-cigarettes, or vape pens, with THC, the psychoactive

chemical in marijuana.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said 805 confirmed and probable cases of vaping-related breathing illness have been reported nationally, up 52% from the 530 reported a week ago. At this point, illnesses have occurred in almost every state. Confirmed deaths include two in California, two in Kansas, two in Oregon and one each in Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, and Missouri.

The Mississippi death was announced by officials in that state Thursday.

Those who have fallen ill in Oregon have been hospitalized after experiencing worsening symptoms, including shortness of breath, cough or chest pain. All cases have reported e-cigarette use or vaping, the OHA said.

Oregon marijuana retailers on Sept. 12 began removing vaping products from their shelves and offering returns on previously purchased vape

pens.

People who have recently vaped and are having difficulty breathing should seek medical attention immediately, Oregon's health authority said.

State Rep. Cheri Helt, a Republican from Bend, announced earlier Thursday that she would introduce legislation during the February 2020 legislative session to ban retail and online sales of all flavored e-cigarettes and vaping products.

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Brock Eckstein
Elgin City Administrator

"I support Sheriff Rasmussen because he has established a team oriented office that works hard to support and protect the youth and families of Union County."

Greg M. Baxter

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