

DAILY
PLANNER

TODAY

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 2, the 275th day of 2019. There are 90 days left in the year.



TODAY’S HIGHLIGHT
On Oct. 2, 1967,Thurgood Marshall was sworn as an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court as the court opened its new term.

ON THIS DATE
In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson suffered a serious stroke at the White House that left him paralyzed on his left side.
In 1944, German troops crushed the two-month-old Warsaw Uprising, during which a quarter of a million people had been killed.
In 1970, one of two chartered twin-engine planes flying the Wichita State University football team to Utah crashed into a mountain near Silver Plume, Colorado, killing 31 of the 40 people on board.
In 1971, the music program “SoulTrain” made its debut in national syndication.
In 1984, Richard W. Miller became the first FBI agent to be arrested and charged with espionage. (Miller was tried three times; he was sentenced to 20 years in prison, but was released after nine years.)
In 2002, the Washington, D.C.-area sniper attacks began, setting off a frantic man-hunt lasting three weeks. (John Allen Muhammad and Lee Boyd Malvo were finally arrested for killing 10 people and wounding three others; Muhammad was executed in 2009; Malvo was sentenced to life in prison.)

LOTTERY
Megabucks: \$3 million
1-17-18-27-35-48
Mega Millions: \$50 million
10-17-39-42-59-3-x2
Powerball: \$60 million
15-23-34-51-55-4-x2
Win for Life: Sept. 30
11-17-61-68

Pick 4: Oct. 1
• 1 p.m.: 6-3-1-5
• 4 p.m.: 1-3-9-8
• 7 p.m.: 6-2-7-2
• 10 p.m.: 7-3-5-1
Pick 4: Sept. 30
• 1 p.m.: 2-5-2-1
• 4 p.m.: 3-1-3-7
• 7 p.m.: 0-8-3-1
• 10 p.m.: 7-6-5-8

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Walla Walla farmer Jeff Schulke holds up a pumpkin in the patch prior to harvest on Sept. 27. Schulke and his family use the pumpkin patch as a fundraiser for Ronald McDonald House in memory of their late son Cooper, who died in October 2002.

Pumpkin patch fundraiser honors late son

■ Walla Walla farm family raises funds for Ronald McDonald House in memory of son

By Matthew Weaver
EO Media Group
WALLA WALLA, Wash.—A Washington farm family every year raises money for a charity that helps rural families in need of a place to stay when their child is in the hospital.
For the last 12 years, farmer Jeff Schulke and his family have grown a pumpkin patch to raise funds for Ronald McDonald House in memory of their son Cooper, who died in 2002. He was 7-1/2 years old.
“He was just a great little kid. He was very sociable, he went into every room and talked to everybody,” Jeff Schulke said. “He was a really happy little guy.”
In August 2000, at age 5, Cooper developed a brain tumor that affected his vision and balance. The family drove him to Seattle for surgery. They spent three weeks there, eventually finding housing through the local Ronald McDonald House.
After surgery, the family took Cooper home. He entered kindergarten, but in the spring of 2001, the tumor returned. He had two more surgeries, and the family stayed at the Ronald McDonald House for a total of four months.
In 2002, the tumor returned again, and Cooper lost his battle.
In his memory, each year Schulke and his wife, Kara, son, Campbell, now 19, and daughter, Emerson, 14, invite people to help harvest 3 to 4 acres of pumpkins and then sell the crop, donating the proceeds to Ronald McDonald House.
“Everyone loves picking pumpkins,” Schulke said. “It’s the discovery in the patch. You find a big one or a little one or a whole bunch of weird-looking ones.”
The patch boasts 27 varieties of pumpkins, including orange, blue, pink, white,

tall and skinny.
Schulke and his family then set up a “pumpkin patch” at their house in Walla Walla. Members of the public show up, make a donation and take home a pumpkin.
“We’ll have up to 8,000 pounds of pumpkins leave our driveway in a day or a weekend,” he said.
They also deliver pumpkins to various area locations, including a Walla Walla coffeeshop, a meat shop and garden center in Waitsburg and a feed store in the Tri-Cities.
All proceeds go to Ronald McDonald House.
After Cooper passed away, the family wanted to do something to benefit the organization.
“You just had to do something during that fall time of year when (Cooper) passed away,” Schulke said. “It gives you focus and a way to channel all of that energy.”
Schulke’s mother and nephews originally grew miniature pumpkins. The family discovered a patch of “unintended” pumpkins. Son Campbell got the idea to do a pumpkin patch as their fundraiser.
They aim to raise \$15,000 this year. The most they’ve raised is a little more than \$18,000.
Schulke asks people to make additional monetary donations directly to their local Ronald McDonald House.
“We’re not looking to make our donation go any bigger,” he said.
The organization serves mostly rural residents who live outside major metropolitan areas, where specialized treatment is available, he said.
“You go there, your life is in a wreck ... and you’re going to be there three months, what do you do?”

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Search continues for missing Haines man

By Jayson Jacoby
EO Media Group
Searchers are navigating a section of the steep and snowy Wallowa Mountains for the fourth straight day looking for signs of a Haines man who went missing while hunting deer over the weekend.
The search for Andrew Dean “Andy” Dennis, 60, is focused on the area around Crater Lake, near East Eagle Creek about 32 air miles northeast of Baker City.
Ground crews are working along with two helicopters in the quest to find Dennis, who relatives say is very familiar with that area.
Dennis’ niece, Candy Sturm, said he has hunted in the area frequently, and has also done guided tours.
The search started Sunday after relatives told police that Dennis had failed to return from a hunting trip to the East Eagle Creek area.
Searchers found his vehicle at the East Eagle trailhead.
On Monday a pair of helicopters, one from the National Guard and one from Baker Aircraft, ferried searchers to the Crater Lake area, which is reached by a steep 6-mile trail that starts near East Eagle Creek.
In a statement sent to the Baker City Herald, Dennis’ wife, Patty, expressed her appreciation for “Sheriff Ash and Chuck and Cid Christman for all they have done, they are truly amazing.”
Dennis is a white male, 5-foot-5 and 170 pounds, with light brown hair, blue eyes, and a beard and mustache. He was known to be wearing a camouflage baseball cap and possibly a tan coat.
Anyone with information about Dennis’ location should call the Baker County Sheriff’s Office at 541-523-6415.

Saturday, Oct. 5

Mark your Calendar

Grand opening for The Other guys, Saturday - noon to six.

12-3 KUBQ will be live onsite broadcasting, ribbon cutting at 3pm, Wasteland Kings 3-6, Hines Meat with sausage dogs and pulled pork, and lots of big giveaways.

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John Whiting, MS

Geosciences, Idaho State University

John’s research to improve understanding of remote mountain watershed hydrology took place in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness in 2014 and 2015. Based out of the University of Idaho’s Taylor Wilderness Research Station on Big Creek, John bushwhacked up small headwater streams and determined water use of Douglas-fir trees. The collaborative effort between Idaho State University geologists and the Taylor Ranch crew sheds light on the question of what happens to snowmelt and rainwater in the rugged Salmon River Mountains.

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