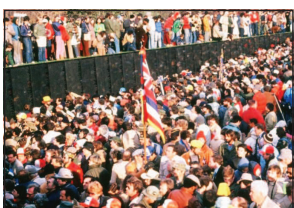


## DAILY PLANNER

### TODAY

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 13, the 317th day of 2019. There are 48 days left in the year.



### TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On Nov. 13, 1982, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was dedicated on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

### ON THIS DATE

In 1789, Benjamin Franklin wrote in a letter to a friend, Jean-Baptiste Leroy: "In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes."

In 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a measure lowering the minimum draft age from 21 to 18.

In 1956, the Supreme Court struck down laws calling for racial segregation on public buses.

In 1969, speaking in Des Moines, Iowa, Vice President Spiro T. Agnew accused network television news departments of bias and distortion, and urged viewers to lodge complaints.

In 1974, Karen Silkwood, a 28-year-old technician and union activist at the Kerr-McGee Cimarron plutonium plant near Crescent, Oklahoma, died in a car crash while on her way to meet a reporter.

In 2000, lawyers for George W. Bush failed to win a court order barring manual recounts of ballots in Florida. Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris announced she would end the recounting at 5 p.m. Eastern time the next day — prompting an immediate appeal by lawyers for Al Gore.

### LOTTERY

**Megabucks:** \$6 million  
3-17-19-25-27-47

**Mega Millions:** \$178 million  
19-30-44-56-65-24-x2

**Powerball:** \$60 million  
14-17-35-38-60-25-x2

**Win for Life:** Nov. 11  
6-9-15-58

**Pick 4:** Nov. 12

• 1 p.m.: 1-5-2-1

• 4 p.m.: 5-8-2-2

• 7 p.m.: 3-9-8-3

• 10 p.m.: 8-4-1-7

**Pick 4:** Nov. 11

• 1 p.m.: 9-3-7-5

• 4 p.m.: 8-7-4-6

• 7 p.m.: 7-2-2-3

• 10 p.m.: 8-4-2-4

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I have always imagined that Paradise will be a kind of library."

— Jorge Luis Borges,  
Argentine author



Courtesy photo

A dark-colored Toyota Tacoma truck travels the wrong way in the eastbound lane of I-84 near milepost 224 in this image captured on Brad Samuelson's dashcam on Nov. 7 on Cabbage Hill near Pendleton.

# Wrong-way driver on I-84

■ Utah man faces charges after driving westbound in eastbound lanes on Interstate 84

By Phil Wright

EO Media Group

PENDLETON — Cody Vela of La Grande was returning home on Nov. 7 with his girlfriend and their five children when he saw the dark pickup bearing down at them on Cabbage Hill.

"I was like, what the heck is that? Was that guy in the lane?" he recalled Monday. "It takes you a second."

The 6-mile-long grade on Interstate 84 east of Pendleton spans three lanes along the climb into the Blue Mountains. Vela and his family were heading east in their SUV in the far left passing lane. The Toyota Tacoma was in the same lane, but heading west, directly toward them. Vela estimated he was going about 70 mph and the pickup was zooming along at 80-85 mph.

"Luckily, we didn't have anybody to the right of us in the second and third lanes," he said. "I told everybody to hang on."

Vela crossed out of the way and watched the Toyota Tacoma zoom by and noted the driver, a man, was the lone occupant. Vela said he was able to pull over about a quarter-mile later and called 911. He said he overheard another dispatcher talking to another motorist about the same wrong-way driver.

Brad Samuelson of Pocatello, Idaho, may have been the first to call 911 about the wrong-way driver.

Samuelson, a pilot car driver, said he left a manufactured home in The Dalles that day was heading up the big hill in the far right lane when he came

around a blind corner near milepost 224 and saw the Toyota pickup moving the opposite direction in the far left lane.

"At first it didn't even register because he passed me on my left," Samuelson said. "Then I went, wait a second."

He got on his CB radio and asked other drivers if he saw what he thought he saw. Truckers confirmed it, he said, and one claimed the pickup driver had a bottle of whiskey to his lips.

Samuelson said he pulled over as soon as he could and called 911, then realized how close a call this was.

"Just moments before that, I was in lane 1," he said.

Samuelson's dashcam captured video of the pickup at 3:36 p.m. going west in the eastbound fast lane. He provided the video to the East Oregonian, which shared it on Facebook and with other company newspapers.

State police trooper Jeremy Gunter responded to the emergency calls about the wrong-way pickup and found it near milepost 219, where other motorists had forced it to stop after a minor collision.

The driver, Kenneth Oscar Field, 50, of St. George, Utah, appeared impaired, according to state police, and Gunter arrested him for driving under the influence of intoxicants and booked him into the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton, on the DUI charge and charge of reckless driving and four counts of reckless endangering. Each reckless endangering charge relates

to someone who had to share the road with Field.

More charges could be coming. Gunter contacted the East Oregonian, which provided him with Samuelson's contact information. Samuelson said he talked to state police and handed over a copy of the video.

Kristi Flanagan is glad she started her drive from Pendleton to her home in Baker City as late as she did.

Flanagan, whose daughter is a student at Blue Mountain Community College, said she was ascending the curves of Cabbage Hill when she saw the pickup parked on the left shoulder of the eastbound lanes.

The pickup was nose-to-nose with an Oregon State Police car and pointing downhill. Flanagan said she was curious because the pickup seemed to have been heading downhill when it stopped.

It wasn't until the morning of Nov. 8, when she saw the Facebook post on the Baker City Herald's page, that Flanagan realized what had happened not long before she passed that pickup. Flanagan said that's quite likely the lane she would have been driving in — going the opposite direction.

"There's usually trucks in the right two lanes," she said. "Thank goodness we weren't going up 20 minutes earlier."

Vela said he was glad state police took the driver off the road. Samuelson expressed a similar sentiment.

"I've never encountered anything like that," he said, "and I'm just glad no one was hurt."

Baker City Herald editor Jayson Jacoby

# Turnout sparse for ATV meeting

By Bill Bradshaw

EO Media Group

ENTERPRISE — Only four members of the public showed up at Enterprise City Hall on Nov. 6 for a town hall forum for the city council to take comments from the public on a proposed change to the city ordinance governing the use of all-terrain vehicles within city limits.

"I was hoping we'd have a bigger turnout to get more comments," Councilman Chris Pritchard said.

City Administrator Lacey McQuead emphasized that the town hall was an official meeting, but it was not an official council meeting and no decision on the ordinance was to be expected. It was simply an opportunity for members of the public to speak out on changes to the ordinance.

She said that while the council can be expected to discuss the town hall, it's unlikely they'll make a decision at the next meeting Nov. 18.

Of the suggestions made at the meeting, she expects most to be considered for inclusion in the new ordinance.

Mayor Stacey Karvoski read aloud the two letters the city has received on the issue.

One of the letters was from a coalition of groups generally opposed to the relaxation of regulations on ATVs and was received three times. McQuead said she knew of only one of the people sending the letter to be from Oregon, and that person from Portland. The others listed as backing the letter were from numerous places around the country.

The five-page letter — including the list of those supporting it and a list of sources for its statistics — cited numerous statistics on deaths and injuries involving crashes of ATVs and similar off-road vehicles.

City resident Dennis Burt said the long letter was "obviously written by some corporate lawyer and the logic for that is totally inane.

If we're going to cite deaths for a certain vehicle, then we should ban all vehicles, including bicycles and roller skates."

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