

## DAILY PLANNER

### TODAY

Today is Friday, Jan. 24, the 24th day of 2020. There are 342 days left in the year.



### TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On Jan. 24, 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill concluded a wartime conference in Casablanca, Morocco.

### ON THIS DATE

In 1848, James W. Marshall discovered a gold nugget at Sutter's Mill in northern California, a discovery that led to the gold rush of '49.

In 1945, Associated Press war correspondent Joseph Morton was among a group of captives executed by the Germans at the Mauthausen-Gusen concentration camp in Austria.

In 1985, the space shuttle Discovery was launched from Cape Canaveral on the first secret, all-military shuttle mission.

In 1989, confessed serial killer Theodore Bundy was executed in Florida.

In 1993, retired Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall died in Bethesda, Maryland, at age 84.

In 2003, former Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge was sworn in as the first secretary of the new Department of Homeland Security.

In 2018, former sports doctor Larry Nassar, who had admitted molesting some of the nation's top gymnasts for years under the guise of medical treatment, was sentenced to 40-175 years in prison.

### LOTTERY

**Megabucks:** \$2.2 million  
2-13-16-28-41-47

**Mega Millions:** \$130 million  
16-18-29-31-37-8 x3

**Powerball:** \$373 million  
11-33-44-59-67-8 x3

**Win for Life:** Jan. 22  
1-25-54-68

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

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I think of a hero as someone who understands the degree of responsibility that comes with his freedom."

— Bob Dylan

## Wallowa Mountain Cruise

# Annual event still short of volunteers

■ Wallowa Mountain Cruise in Joseph in need of help for June show

By Bill Bradshaw  
EO Media Group

JOSEPH — Another 20 volunteers are still the greatest need for the Wallowa Mountain Cruise, said organizational committee chairwoman Jude Graham. The committee is considering soliciting help from other community and service groups.

The group held its second meeting, Jan. 16 at the Kokanee Inn in Joseph. Less than a half dozen organizers attended, Graham said, some being kept home because of the wind and snow of recent days.

At the December meeting, organizers decided on a 1950s and 1960s theme based on the movie "Grease."

Those in attendance noted there has been progress toward holding the classic car show that hopes to draw participants from all over the Northwest. The registration

deadline is May 18 or when the maximum of 250 participants have signed up. The 250 maximum is because of limited parking in Joseph.

Last year, there were between 130 and 140 entrants, Graham said. The group has sent out about 90 email invitations so far and knows of others who will be invited.

Graham gave an update on progress the group was making. She said the cruise's website and Facebook page are both working.

She also said they're making progress financially, with \$2,500 now in the bank. In seeking sponsors, the committee is offering \$100, \$250 and \$500 sponsorships and new this year is offering a \$1,000 sponsorship.

She read an email from sponsorship Chairwoman Ashley Lee who said they've already gotten one \$1,000 sponsor. Lee is hand-delivering



Photo by Ellen Morris Bishop/EO Media Group

Dominic Nation's 1972 Chevrolet Nova drew attention at the 2019 Wallowa Mountain Cruise in Joseph. The annual car show needs 20 volunteers this year.

letters to prospects for \$1,000 sponsorships.

Asked what the fundraising goal is, Graham said, "The sky's the limit so next year we're not starting out from zero."

Greg Jarman, in charge of getting entertainers, said The Senders, from Lewiston, Idaho, have agreed to perform.

"They're really stoked to

come," he said.

Graham emphasized the need to keep as much of the group's spending local as possible. She said Valley Bronze has agreed to do medallions for participants and they hope to have automobile-related vendors set up booths on a side street.

But she doesn't want the vendors' booths to present

unfair competition to the downtown merchants who support the Joseph Chamber of Commerce under whose auspices the cruise is doing business.

"It'll have to be stuff that's not sold on Main Street," she said. "I don't think it's fair to the merchants who are paying for the chamber to operate."

## Oregon Legislature

# State GOP, Democrats at odds over short session

By Claire Withycombe,  
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SALEM — You could say Oregon is a bit "odd."

Until 2012, the state's legislators met only in odd-numbered years, a practice dating to 1885.

But the sessions got longer as lawmakers grappled with issues facing a growing state. By the 1980s, the average session lasted six months, according to the secretary of state's office.

In 2010, voters said "yes" to allowing annual sessions — and limiting the number of days in each session. So now, in every even-numbered year, lawmakers and lobbyists descend on the Capitol for a "short session" of up to 35 days.

Confused yet?

In the 10 years since voters approved the change, the short session

has provided something else for Democrats and Republicans to quibble over. GOP lawmakers complain the even-year sessions have become unruly with consequential new laws pushed through with inadequate time for the public to have its say.

The next of these maligned "short sessions" begins Feb. 3. Sen. Ginny Burdick, D-Portland, who leads Democrats in the Senate, told reporters last week that short sessions are intended "primarily for budget issues."

Legislators write the state's two-year budget during its longer sessions, then use the even years in between for touch-ups.

But in her next breath, Burdick said the session also is time to address issues of an "urgent nature," such as reducing the state's emissions. A similar proposal stalled last session after Senate Republicans fled

the state.

During the 2016 short session, for example, lawmakers raised the minimum wage, intended to stave off a potential ballot measure Burdick said wouldn't have been as carefully crafted.

"I think you're always going to have that tension, you know, what is an emergency?" she said. "What is urgent?"

With a plan to enforce emissions restrictions on greenhouse gases expected to dominate the session, Republican lawmakers have complained the public won't have time to give input as the legislation is shepherded through the House and Senate with a tight 35-day deadline.

Democrats counter that time is running out to tackle climate change and that ballot measures on the horizon, pushed by environmental groups, mean lawmakers should use

the session to craft a more careful plan.

Some lawmakers contend the short session isn't used as intended. Sen. Kim Thatcher, R-Keizer, has proposed doing away with it altogether.

"Ever since it was instituted, as I live through each of these short sessions, I think, 'Wow, this is not what was sold to the voters,'" Thatcher said. "I think it needs to be reevaluated as to whether it's working or not and make some changes."

Thatcher's proposal — Senate Joint Resolution 202 — would eliminate the short session but keep the 160-day limit on regular sessions in odd-numbered years. Lawmakers could extend that session by five days at a time by a two-thirds majority vote in each chamber.

"I would even say that (regular sessions) could be made a little shorter," Thatcher said.

## Oregon

# Kate Brown urges action on climate change

By Kyle Spurr  
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BEND — Crafting climate change policy in the wake of a landmark bill that failed last year is a top priority during the upcoming short legislative session for Oregon Gov. Kate Brown, she told a forum in Bend on Thursday. "We must do something meaningful and soon about climate change," Brown told the audience. "This is the issue of our time."

The forum, hosted by the City Club of Central Oregon and held in the Riverhouse on the Deschutes convention center, was full of City Club members, elected officials and business leaders.

Since the climate change legislation collapsed last year, Brown met with people on all sides of the debate to refine future policies, she said.

"I am committed to

crafting climate policy that protects our environment and also grows our economy," Brown said. "In Oregon, I know we can do both."

Specifically, the new proposed climate policy would not create unfair disparities in rural communities, Brown said.

The proposed plan to cap carbon emissions would start in Portland, and other

large populated cities, before affecting rural areas. It would be rolled out similarly to how minimum wage is increased across the state, Brown said.

"Under this plan, or a similar version, the majority of truly rural communities will be exempted from price increases at the pump," Brown said.

Brown took several questions from the audience about health care, wildfire response

and affordable housing.

Kellen Sears, 10, a fifth-grader at Juniper Elementary School in Bend, asked Brown how she plans to accomplish so many things in such a short legislative session. The 2020 session begins Feb. 3 and will last a maximum of 35 days.

"We are going to stay focused. We are going to get our work done," Brown told

Sears. "Everybody is going to show up and we are all going to smile and work through it."

Brown was later asked about how she might be able to avoid another situation like last legislative session, when 11 Oregon Republicans walked out of the Senate for nine days in June, with some of them leaving the state, to boycott the climate bill.

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