

DAILY PLANNER

TODAY

Today is Thursday, May 7, the 128th day of 2020. There are 238 days left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On May 7, 1789, America's first inaugural ball was held in New York in honor of President George Washington, who had taken the oath of office a week earlier.

ON THIS DATE

In 1889, the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore opened its doors.

In 1915, a German U-boat torpedoed and sank the British liner RMS Lusitania off the southern coast of Ireland, killing 1,198 people, including 128 Americans, out of the nearly 2,000 on board.

In 1928, the minimum voting age for British women was lowered from 30 to 21 — the same age as men.

In 1939, Germany and Italy announced a military and political alliance known as the Rome-Berlin Axis.

In 1945, Germany signed an unconditional surrender at Allied headquarters in Rheims, France, ending its role in World War II.

In 1946, Sony Corp. had its beginnings as the Tokyo Telecommunications Engineering Corp. was founded in the Japanese capital by Akio Morita and Masaru Ibuka.

In 1954, the 55-day Battle of Dien Bien Phu in Vietnam ended with Vietnamese insurgents overrunning French forces.

In 1963, the United States launched the Telstar 2 communications satellite.

In 1975, President Gerald R. Ford formally declared an end to the "Vietnam era." In Ho Chi Minh City — formerly Saigon — the Viet Cong celebrated its takeover.

In 1992, the latest addition to America's space shuttle fleet, Endeavour, went on its first flight.

In 1998, the parent company of Mercedes-Benz agreed to buy Chrysler Corp. for more than \$37 billion. Londoners voted overwhelmingly to elect their own mayor for the first time in history. (In May 2000, Ken Livingstone was elected.)

In 2004, Army Pfc. Lynndie England, shown in photographs smiling and pointing at naked Iraqi prisoners, was charged by the military with assaulting the detainees and conspiring to mistreat them.

LOTTERY

Megabucks: \$1.0 million

1-9-13-30-33-41

Mega Millions: \$231 million

7-13-17-21-45-14 x2

Powerball: \$59 million

13-16-33-58-68—PB-24 x5

Win for Life: May 4

12-23-56-72

Pick 4: May 5

• 1 p.m.: 2-6-8-8

• 4 p.m.: 3-2-1-4

• 7 p.m.: 9-5-1-8

• 10 p.m.: 9-5-5-7

Pick 4: May 4

• 1 p.m.: 3-3-3-0

• 4 p.m.: 2-1-6-4

• 7 p.m.: 9-3-2-1

• 10 p.m.: 9-6-7-1

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TODAY'S QUOTE

"There are those who believe something, and therefore will tolerate nothing; and on the other hand, those who tolerate everything, because they believe nothing."

— Robert Browning, English poet (born this date in 1812; died in 1889)

Oregon Democrats top 1 million registered voters

By Dick Hughes

For the Oregon Capital Bureau

SALEM — Before Bernie Sanders halted his presidential campaign, he might have caused a surge in Oregon voters who switched to being Democrats for the state's May primary election.

New statistics released by the Secretary of State's Office show the Democratic Party is Oregon's first political party to top 1 million voters.

"These numbers are for the record books, and demonstrate the strength of our party's vision for all Oregonians and the work of Democratic activists from all corners of the state," Carla "K.C." Hanson, chair of the Oregon Democratic Party, said Tuesday in a statement.

But Kevin Hoar, the communications director for the Oregon Republican Party, said it's not surprising that the crowded Democratic presidential field had initially increased interest on the Democratic

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side of the May 19 primary election.

"At this point, for the Democrats, this is their moment to celebrate because we think it's all downhill from here," Hoar said, adding that Republicans are focusing their voter registration efforts toward the Nov. 3 general election.

Both the Oregon Democratic and Republican parties restrict voting in their primaries to members of their party. Veteran political scientist Jim Moore said it appears that many previously unaffiliated voters changed their registration to Democrat, likely to vote for Sanders, which helped put the Democratic party over the 1 million

mark.

"It shows that there is an electorate out there that's paying attention to politics and will take actions in order to vote as they want to in the primary," said Moore, a professor at Pacific University.

The lineups for the May 19 primary ballot were set weeks ago. The Democratic presidential candidates are Sanders, Elizabeth Warren, who had ended her campaign before Sanders, and Joe Biden, the presumptive nominee. President Donald Trump is the sole Republican candidate.

As of April, Oregon had 2,862,831 registered voters. By party, they included:

- Democrats, 1,006,266

- Republicans, 711,344
- Independent, 123,189
- Libertarian, 19,215
- Working Families, 9,128
- Pacific Green, 7,679
- Constitution, 3,682
- other parties, 17,660

But the second-largest group of voters, behind Democrats, comprises the 962,453 voters who chose no party.

Moore said the new data do not represent significant change in the Oregon electorate. The number of unaffiliated voters has been rising for decades at the expense of the major parties.

That shift took off in the 1990s but began in the 1970s in the aftermath of the Watergate scandal and President Richard Nixon's resignation, according to Moore. Instead of seeing political parties as a way to accomplish common goals, voters came to view both major parties as corrupt.

Oregon's system of automatic "motor voter" registration through the DMV

has swelled voter rolls in recent years, especially for unaffiliated voters. Overall registration in Oregon is up 2.85 % from a year ago. That could mean a large turnout at the November general election, which is open to all voters regardless of party.

"It looks like we're going to have the possibility once again, as we did in 2018, of a record number of people voting but the percentage of registered voters will be lower simply because there are so many more voters," Moore said.

The state party also announced it was forgoing its customary in-person nominating convention and instead would use mail and online voting to choose its delegates to the Democratic National Convention, which now is scheduled for mid-August in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The results of the May primary election will determine how 61 of Oregon's delegates are apportioned among the three candidates.

Thousands of Oregon families will get extra food stamps

By Rachel Alexander

Salem Reporter via AP StoryShare

SALEM — The 351,000 Oregon students who normally receive free or reduced-price meals at school will receive extra food stamps to cover the value of those meals while schools are closed.

Oregon last week got a green light from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to expand its food stamp program, giving families an extra \$384 per month, per child.

Families with school-age children who already receive food stamps will automatically get additional money added to their Oregon Trail cards retroactive to March, when schools closed their doors. The funds will be added in late May, the Department of Human Services and Oregon Department of Education said in a news release.

The expansion will cost Oregon about \$154 million, with half the cost covered by the federal government.

The need for help with food has grown dramatically in recent months as many Oregon families have lost jobs because of pandemic-related closures, said Rick Gaupo, president and CEO of Marion Polk Food Share.

The local food banks they supply to have seen about a 50% increase in demand over the past month, Gaupo said.

Food stamp applications in Oregon also have spiked, said Jennifer Gretz, spokeswoman for the Department of Human Services. Before the pandemic began, about 13,000 applications per month was typical. Now, she said the department sees 8,500 to 13,000 per week.

Though many school districts, including Salem-Keizer, are offering free meals for students to take home, families have to show up at a school between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to get food.

Gaupo praised the district's effort to get food to families, but said coming to a school midday can still be a challenge for those who are working or can't leave the home. Extra food stamp benefits can help close that gap.

"It will capture people who fall through the cracks a lot better," Gaupo said.

The extra money is \$5.70 for each day students would have been in school, which works out to \$384 per child for meals from March 16,

the first day of the statewide school closure, to mid-June.

Students who receive free or reduced-price breakfast and lunch at school but don't have food stamps will have a card mailed to them.

About 28,000 Salem-Keizer students normally receive free or reduced-price meals at school.

District workers have been handing out breakfast and lunch to-go daily at 36 schools around the district since the closure began, averaging about 20,000 meals per day in recent weeks.

"The demand we're seeing at the locations speaks for what's happening in the community," said district spokeswoman Lillian Govus.

The district began handing out grocery boxes weekly at Four Corners Elementary School in early April after nearby local

food banks closed their doors, and is expanding that effort to Washington Elementary School beginning May 8.

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I have had many interactions with the Sheriff's Office, professionally as Union Fire Chief, EMT, and as a private citizen. I have always been impressed with the men and women serving under Boyd. He has been a great help in getting Deputies to Union, Cove, North Powder and other outlying areas. Hopefully we can get a Deputy in Union soon from a grant Boyd has applied for.

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Boyd has experience, integrity, education and compassion. He has built an outstanding team that services Union County. I cast my vote for Sheriff Boyd Rasmussen!"

Verl Miller

"The Sheriff's Office operates similar to a business; managing & scheduling deputies, preparing budgets and working with the public. I feel Sheriff Boyd Rasmussen has proven he has the qualities and leadership to continue to carry out these duties as Union County Sheriff."

Sonny Johnson

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What's Cooking ?

by Sandy Sorrels of

TEN DEPOT STREET

Greetings to our socially distant friends! It has been a long time since I wrote a column for the Observer, but with restaurants being only allowed to do take-out, we felt like we needed to explain to the public what we are doing at Ten Depot Street.

Although we have been closed for 6 weeks, this Mother's Day week-end we will be open Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings for take-out from 5 to 8, and on Sunday morning from 9 to 1:00, serving a limited menu.

For **Dinner** we are offering Prime Rib, Prime Rib Sandwiches, Crab Stuffed Halibut, Sautéed Jumbo Shrimp, Chicken Alfredo, Mushroom Tenderloin, Taco or Caesar Salads and two small plate selections.

For **Brunch** we are preparing a breakfast selection and a lunch selection. The breakfast selection is a choice of Salmon Quiche or Baked Stuffed Eggs with potatoes, Hill's sausage, fresh fruit cup, pickled asparagus, rhubarb buckle or biscuit. Beer, wine, Bloody Marys and Mimosas will also be available.

For **Lunch on Sunday**, a choice of Roast Beef or Salmon with lots of extras. Sunday Brunch or Lunch is \$15. A complete menu can be found on our website (tendepotstreet.com.) Orders can be placed by phone (541 963-8766), through email (tendepotstreet@gmail.com), or on Facebook. If you leave a message we will call you back. Orders can be picked up at our bakery building behind the restaurant. Simply drive down our alley from Depot Street at your scheduled time for pick-up and pull up to the window on the left. We will have your order ready.

We would prefer cash or a check for the exact amount. Credit cards can be taken over the phone, but we pay a high price to the credit card companies for that service.

For all of our good customers, we are missing you and are looking forward to when we can return to normal. If this week-end goes well, we will consider doing take-out every week-end.

Stay safe and healthy.

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Fresh Oregon Snapper with Parsley-Onion Sauce, rice, creamy coleslaw, bread (served Monday through Friday)