

# DAILY PLANNER

**TODAY**  
Today is Saturday, June 6, the 158th day of 2020. There are 208 days left in the year.  
**TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT**  
On June 6, 1968, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy died at Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles, 25-1/2 hours after he was shot by Sirhan Bishara Sirhan.

**ON THIS DATE**  
In 1799, American politician and orator Patrick Henry died at Red Hill Plantation in Virginia.  
In 1816, a snowstorm struck the northeastern U.S., heralding what would become known as the "Year Without a Summer."  
In 1918, U.S. Marines suffered heavy casualties as they launched their eventually successful counteroffensive against German troops in the World War I Battle of Belleau Wood in France.

In 1933, the first drive-in movie theater was opened by Richard Hollingshead in Camden County, New Jersey.  
In 1944, during World War II, Allied forces stormed the beaches of Normandy, France, on "D-Day" as they began the liberation of German-occupied Western Europe.  
In 1966, black activist James Meredith was shot and wounded as he walked along a Mississippi highway to encourage black voter registration.  
In 2005, the Supreme Court ruled, 6-3, that people who smoked marijuana because their doctors recommended it to ease pain could be prosecuted for violating federal drug laws.

**LOTTERY**  
**Megabucks:** \$2.3 million  
1-12-13-28-42-47  
**Mega Millions:** \$378 million  
9-20-23-26-29-8 x3  
**Powerball:** \$20 million  
1-3-26-41-64—PB-17 x2  
**Win for Life:** June 3  
41-44-63-70

**Pick 4:** June 4  
• 1 p.m.: 7-2-4-1; • 4 p.m.: 6-8-0-1  
• 7 p.m.: 2-9-2-2; • 10 p.m.: 8-2-3-5  
**Pick 4:** June 3  
• 1 p.m.: 7-9-8-1; • 4 p.m.: 5-8-9-7  
• 7 p.m.: 8-1-1-4; • 10 p.m.: 3-5-3-4

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**TODAY'S QUOTE**  
"A great man is one who leaves others at a loss after he is gone."  
— Paul Valery, French poet and essayist (1871-1945)

**CORRECTIONS**  
Grande Ronde Hospital's walk-in clinic will move to the new urgent care clinic under construction at 10303 S. Walton Road, Island City. A photo caption in the Thursday, June 4, business section misstated that information. The Observer regrets the error.

The page 1A story "Hundreds protest in La Grande" in the June 4 edition misspelled the name of one of the protesters. The correct spelling is Ebby Thayer.

# Peaceful vigil in Baker City honors George Floyd

By Sam Anthony  
EO Media Group

BAKER CITY — About 115 people attended a Monday night vigil in Baker City for George Floyd, the man a Minneapolis police officer killed during a May 25 arrest.

Many of those who attended the peaceful event brought flowers and candles to place on a memorial at Central Park, beside the Powder River between Washington and Valley avenues.

The event was intended to be a peaceful memorial,

not a protest, said Boston Colton of Baker City, who organized the vigil.

"My main motivation was to be able to show that there's a person behind these protests, and a lot of people aren't recognizing him for it," Colton said. "He was a father, a brother, a son who had to painfully die for nine minutes."

There was a nine-minute period of silence during the vigil, and many people seemed on the verge of tears. Afterward, people one by one placed candles and flowers on Floyd's

memorial.

Baker County Sheriff Travis Ash, who attended the vigil, lauded Colton for putting on a peaceful event.

"I think it's great what he's doing, bringing people together," Ash said of Colton.

The sheriff, who was wearing his uniform, said although he was on duty he also attended the vigil out of a personal interest. Ash said he believes what happened to Floyd was horrific, and police are supposed to protect and serve citizens.

Gabriel Clark came to

the vigil with a sign that read, "I am grateful to breathe and honored to be here for someone that can't."

"When there's a local event like this it's our job to come out and support it," Clark said. "Coming together is the first step toward change and unity."

While people did come together, those in attendance were careful to stay distanced from those around them and many wore masks as a precaution against spreading the coronavirus.

Matt Diaz, a Navy veteran, said, "It's important

that George Floyd gets justice."

"I took an oath to defend the Constitution, and it doesn't seem like the Constitution is being honored," Diaz added.

Chris McCullough of Baker City said bringing attention to what's going on in a positive way is something the world needs.

"I feel like a lot of the protests have gotten out of hand and people have lost sight of what this is really about," he said. "It's about a man who lost his life needlessly."

# New bridge will assist walkers and ATV riders at Ladd Marsh

By Dick Mason  
The Observer

LA GRANDE — Crossing Ladd Creek near Hot Lake is becoming as easy as picking up a pair of binoculars to identify the abundant waterfowl at Ladd Marsh.

Boy Scout Carter Perry recently built a bridge for all-terrain vehicles and foot traffic, making it much easier for people to travel around the area. The foot-bridge is one of 15 to 20 in the Ladd Marsh Wildlife Area and is one the best you find anywhere, according to Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife biologist Cathy Nowak.

"It is the Taj Mahal of footbridges," Nowak said.

The features that impress her include its high arch.



Staff photo by Dick Mason

Boy Scout Carter Perry kneels on the bridge he recently built across Ladd Creek outside La Grande for his Eagle Scout project.

"The arch will make it less likely to be washed out (when there is high water)," said Nowak, who works at the Ladd Marsh Wildlife Area.

The bridge is proving to be a big help for people who use ATVs while spraying for weeds and doing other work at Ladd Marsh and assists those who hunt there.

"It makes it much easier and safer (for people to travel in the Ladd Marsh area)," Nowak said.

This bridge will be especially helpful to people traveling around the area in the winter when snow and ice cover much of Ladd Creek, making it difficult to see it. Those walking in the area risk falling into the creek during the winter as a result, Nowak said. This wintertime risk is now greatly reduced by the bridge since it is easy to see, even when it is snowy.

"It is very visible," Nowak said of the span, which is about a mile northwest of Hot Lake Springs.

The bridge is made of pressure-treated wood and concrete footings. Perry made the bridge for his

Eagle Scout project.

Miller's Home Center, RC Mac, Inc., Oregon Trail Electric Co-op and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife assisted Perry with the project.

Perry, who will be a junior at La Grande High School this fall, is a member of Boy Scout Troop 516. He is the son of Shaye and Mary Perry.

Carter Perry has completed all of his requirements for his Eagle award. A Eagle court of honor ceremony has been postponed though because of COVID-19 social distancing rules, which prohibit large gatherings. Eagle courts of honor are celebrations recognizing Boy Scouts who have attained Scouting's highest rank.

# Greater Idaho group gets OK to collect signatures in Union County

The Observer

UNION COUNTY — Signature collection has begun in 13 of 15 counties for the proposal to move the Oregon/Idaho Border, including in Union County.

Move Oregon's Border For a Greater Idaho would turn northern California and Eastern Oregon into Idaho territory.

The effort to move the border, according to Move Oregon's Border For a Greater Idaho's proposal, would bring counties in Oregon and California that are Republican into the primarily Republican state of Idaho. The Greater Idaho group contends this would be good for Republicans and Democrats because it would strengthen the number of voters on both sides; Republicans with more numbers and Democrats with less opposition. The group says moving the border will help the area financially.

Clerks in the following counties have approved the petition: Baker, Curry, Douglas, Grant, Harney, Jackson, Jefferson, Jose-

phine, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union and Wal-lowa. Several locations in Union County have petitions available for signatures.

Clerks in the following counties have rejected the petition: Coos, Crook, Gilliam, Lake and Wheeler, with Greater Idaho supporters fighting the decision in court in Crook and Lake counties.

Union County would need 706 signatures to get the proposal on the ballot in November. Mike McCarter, leader of the movement, said there is another path to putting this before voters.

"We are asking the movement in every rural Oregon county to put an equal effort into the parallel strategy of asking their county commissioners to pass a resolution to 'refer' an advisory question to the November ballot in their county," he said. "If a county court or a county board refers it to the ballot, we don't have to collect any more signatures, and they get to let their voters decide."

# Grant County emergency ops overspends budget by almost \$75,000

By Steven Mitchell  
EO Media Group

JOHN DAY — The Emergency Operations Center that Grant County established amid the COVID-19 pandemic has overspent its \$125,000 budget by almost \$75,000.

The Grant County Court approved \$125,000 in funding for the center in March, and the center has obligated \$197,019 in payouts through May, according to information presented in Grant County Court May 27 by EOC Incident Commander Dave Dobler.

Grant County Treasurer Julie Ellison said at the meeting the EOC will need another budget transfer to make payroll and pay invoices to make it through the fiscal year through June.

In a document Dobler presented in court, he detailed \$60,000 of unex-

pected expenses: \$35,000 for federal reimbursement tracking software, \$12,000 for rent at the airport, \$9,500 for wifi and \$3,000 for non-EOC expenditures. But the document also claims the EOC is within its budget.

Dobler originally requested \$250,120 to fund the center for 90 days, but the Grant County Court authorized \$125,060 with the plan to reassess in 45 days. The document Dobler presented in court appeared to be working from the \$250,120 figure.

"I went through my county commissioner for requests, and did the best I could, and that's really, really where we're at," Dobler told the EO Media Group. "So if the court has an issue with that, I guess we'll deal with that at one particular time or another."

Ellison said the county transferred the \$125,000

from the general fund contingency to the relief help fund for the EOC in March with \$23,564 budgeted for materials and services and \$101,436 budgeted for personnel services.

The \$23,564 corresponds with a procurement request Dobler submitted in court March 25 for supplies, including \$18,000 for communications and information technology. Ellison said that account is underfunded by \$9,815.

The documents Dobler presented in court list an additional \$10,200 supply procurement request on March 13 for a total of \$33,800, but that \$10,000 figure was never actually budgeted.

The personnel services account has \$15,195 remaining, Ellison said, but there are thousands of dollars in accounts payable and invoices that must still be paid.

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Union County wants to help YOU control your noxious weeds!

Thanks to the Weed Levy, the Union County Weed Control Department is offering up to a \$500 reimbursement for treating noxious weeds on your property. This is a 50/50 Cost Share program for qualified applicants, and applies to many different integrated weed management strategies. Weeds required to be controlled in Union County are listed below. Please call us at 541-805-5399, email [bclapp@union-county.org](mailto:bclapp@union-county.org), or go to our website [www.unioncountyweedcontrol.org](http://www.unioncountyweedcontrol.org) for a cost share application and more info.

State of Oregon Laws & Regulations on Noxious Weeds

**Oregon Revised Statutes, Chapter 569 — Weed Control (excerpts)**  
**569.180 Noxious weeds as public nuisance; policy.** In recognition of the imminent and continuous threat to natural resources...noxious weeds are declared to be a public nuisance and shall be detected, controlled and, where feasible, eradicated on all lands in this state.

**What is a noxious weed?**  
A weed is designated noxious when it is considered by a governmental agency to be injurious to public health, agriculture, recreation, wildlife, or property (Oregon Administrative Law 603-052-1200). Most noxious weeds are non-native plants that are serious pests causing economic loss and harm the environment. Noxious weeds choke out crops, destroy range and pasture lands, clog waterways, affect human and animal health, and threaten native plant communities.

Designation of Noxious Weeds in Union County

CLASS "A" WEEDS

**Class "A"** designated weed is a **priority noxious weed** designated by the Union County Commissioners as a **target weed species** on which the Weed Control District will comply with a state wide management plan and/or implement a county wide plan for intensive control and monitoring. An "A" rated weed may also be a weed of known economic importance which occurs in small enough infestations to make containment/eradication possible; or one that is not known to occur here, but its presence in neighboring counties make future occurrence here seem imminent.

Musk Thistle	Meadow hawkweed	Garlic Mustard
Plumeless Thistle	Mouse-ear hawkweed	Yellow toadflax
Turkish Thistle	Orange hawkweed	Myrtle spurge (except residential)
Russian knapweed	Yellow hawkweed	Velvet leaf
Common bugloss	Hoary cress -- Whitetop (within the Grande Ronde or Wolf Creek drainages)	Black henbane
Meadow knapweed	Perennial pepperweed	Common tansy
Yellow starthistle (outside the Cove area)	Giant knotweed	Giant Foxtail
Rush skeletonweed	Japanese knotweed	Ravenna Grass
Scotch broom	Himalayan knotweed	Viper's Bugloss
Leafy spurge (greater than 1 mile from the Grande Ronde River)	Hybrid or Bohemian knotweed	Rose Campion (except residential)
King-devil hawkweed	Tansy ragwort	
	Common crupina	

CLASS "B" WEEDS

**Class "B"** designated weed is a **weed of economic importance**, which is both locally abundant and abundant in neighboring counties.

Dog Rose	Leafy spurge (within 1 mile of Grande Ronde River)	Armenian (Himalayan) blackberry
Jointed goatgrass	Hoary cress -- Whitetop	Yellow flag iris
Spotted knapweed	Dalmatian toadflax	Medusahead rye
Diffuse knapweed	Purple loosestrife	Vetena grass-- North Africa
Yellow starthistle	Scotch thistle	grass, Wiregrass
Oxeye daisy (except residential)	Sulfur cinquefoil	Saltcedar
Canada thistle	Puncturevine	Sweet Briar Rose
Wild carrot -- Queen Anne's Lace	Houndstongue	Bittersweet Nightshade

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