

DAILY
PLANNER

TODAY

Today is Thursday, July 16, the 198th day of 2020. There are 168 days left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On July 16, 1945, the United States exploded its first experimental atomic bomb in the desert of Alamogordo, New Mexico; the same day, the heavy cruiser USS Indianapolis left Mare Island Naval Shipyard in California on a secret mission to deliver atomic bomb components to Tinian Island in the Marianas.

ON THIS DATE

In 1557, Anne of Cleves, who was briefly the fourth wife of England's King Henry VIII, died in London at age 41.

In 1790, a site along the Potomac River was designated the permanent seat of the United States government; the area became Washington, D.C.

In 1862, Flag Officer David G. Farragut became the first rear admiral in the United States Navy.

In 1969, Apollo 11 blasted off from Cape Kennedy on the first manned mission to the surface of the moon.

In 1973, during the Senate Watergate hearings, former White House aide Alexander P. Butterfield publicly revealed the existence of President Richard Nixon's secret taping system.

In 1999, John F. Kennedy Jr., his wife, Carolyn, and her sister, Lauren Bessette, died when their single-engine plane, piloted by Kennedy, plunged into the Atlantic Ocean near Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts.

LOTTERY

Megabucks: \$3.9 million
3-12-15-22-24-37

Mega Millions: \$91 million
6-26-55-56-64—22 x4

Powerball: \$79 million
14-19-61-62-64—PB-4 x2

Win for Life: July 13
2-5-36-36-7

Pick 4: July 14

• 1 p.m.: 9-6-3-4; • 4 p.m.: 1-1-9-5

• 7 p.m.: 3-6-0-9; • 10 p.m.: 4-5-6-1

Pick 4: July 13

• 1 p.m.: 8-3-7-6; • 4 p.m.: 2-2-2-5

• 7 p.m.: 1-7-4-2; • 10 p.m.: 6-3-5-0

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Medical examiner says missing teen drowned

By Chris Collins
EO Media Group

BAKER CITY — A 17-year-old boy who had been the subject of a week-long search in the area of Hewitt Park in eastern Baker County was found dead Friday night.

A kayaker at the park spotted the body of Thierno Bah floating in the water west of the boat docks about 50 yards from shore, Ashley McClay, Baker County Sheriff's spokeswoman, said Monday.

The Baker County Sheriff's Office was notified at 6:03 p.m. Friday

"It does appear that at some point he fell in the

water and drowned," McClay said.

Bah could not swim, she said.

"This is not the outcome myself, or anyone on our Search and Rescue team, had hoped for," Sheriff Travis Ash stated in a press release. "Our condolences go out to the family and friends of Thierno."

Dr. James Davis, Baker County medical examiner, said drowning was the cause of death.

"There were no signs of any other contributing factors there," Davis said.

Bah had gone missing on Friday, July 3, from the Hewitt Park campground where he was vacationing with his foster parents, Ahmed Ebeid and Omnia "Nora" Mahmoud, who live in the Portland area, and a group of friends.

The park is in eastern Baker County, 3 miles east of Richland just off Highway 86.

Bah, was originally from the West African country of Guinea. He had been placed in foster care with the Portland-area couple about two months ago, McClay said.

Bah had gone for a walk about 5:30 Friday evening. He commonly took long

walks, family members said. They called to report him missing about 9 o'clock that night after he failed to return to camp.

McClay said Bah is believed to have fallen in the water and died sometime that night.

Last week, his family offered a reward to anyone with information that might lead to helping searchers find the boy.

Members of the Baker County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue Team began searching for Bah on July 3. They later were joined by members of the Umatilla County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue

Team, Malheur County Sheriff's Office, Oregon Department of Forestry, Idaho Power and Oregon State Police.

The search included ground crews who interviewed people camped at Hewitt Park and the nearby Holcomb Park on Brownlee Reservoir as well as residents of the Richland and Halfway areas. Aerial drones with infrared capabilities, boats equipped with side scan sonar, a diver and a fixed-wing aircraft were used during the effort to find Bah. Fliers with photos of Bah and a description of him also were distributed in the area.

Loved ones want more COVID-19 protections for inmates

By Alex Castle
EO Media Group

PENDLETON — Lydia Jarrell stood looking across the fenced-off exterior of Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution on Friday, July 10. A few hundred yards away from the facility is the closest she has been to her husband in more than four months, since visitations ceased at the Pendleton prison in February due to a flu outbreak and then were later suspended statewide in March due to COVID-19.

Jarrell's husband is one of the 1,700 men incarcerated at EOICI, which announced its first confirmed cases on Wednesday, July 8, and went into a 14-day quarantine due to an outbreak of the virus on Monday, July 13. As of July 13, there are 19 cases in the facility, 16 inmates and three staff, according to prison officials.

The cases at EOICI are just the latest in Oregon's prisons, which to date has reported 398 total cases in state prisons, 315 among inmates and 83 among staff. One inmate has reportedly died from the virus.

The ability for COVID-19 to spread quickly though crowded, indoor settings is a terrifying situation for those with loved ones inside the system, like Jarrell, who stood outside in the afternoon heat to protest following a short nap to recover from clocking off from work at 5 a.m.

"These are our husbands, our sons, our fathers, our brothers, our uncles, our loved ones," she said. "This is already a scary time as it is, and we're stuck out here worrying about them in there — helpless — with nothing we can do."

Jarrell joined three other women with loved ones in



Photo by Ben Lonergan/EO Media Group

Outside Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution in Pendleton, Barbara Dickerson protests for stronger COVID-19 precautions in Oregon's prisons. Dickerson's husband is an inmate at EOICI and tested positive for COVID-19.

the Oregon prison system outside of the Pendleton institution on July 10, to protest what they say are dangerous conditions as a result of negligence from Gov. Kate Brown and the Oregon Department of Corrections.

Among their many concerns are that correctional

officers working inside the state's prisons aren't being required to wear masks at all times while on duty despite Brown's executive order mandating they be worn in indoor public spaces throughout the state.

"Our concern is that masks have been mandated by our governor. And if the

DOC doesn't enforce that, the superintendents (must) enforce it within their prisons — they're jeopardizing not only our loved ones inside, but of taking it home and jeopardizing their families," said Patty Youngblood, whose son is incarcerated at EOICI.

The Oregon Department of Corrections' policy requires prison staff and inmates to wear masks when they cannot maintain 6 feet of physical distance. Masks also have been mandated for all inmates in medical and food areas, along with some work locations.

The department has stated it's testing and screening all symptomatic inmates, isolating and quarantining those believed to have the virus or come in contact with it, and conducting contact tracing investigations on those who test positive.

Joseph City Council welcomes park volunteer, code officer

By Bill Bradshaw
EO Media Group

JOSEPH — The city of Joseph has a few new people on board, having welcomed a new code enforcement officer, two new maintenance workers and a 6-year-old volunteer to help keep the city park free of trash and accompanying germs.

Enzo Braden, the elder son of City Administrator Larry Braden, asked to address the city council at its Thursday, July 9, meeting. Enzo asked Mayor Teresa Sajonia if he could serve as a volunteer to pick

up trash at the park and otherwise help keep it clean.

"I just don't want anyone to get germs from the park," Enzo said.

In another matter, Braden introduced the city's new code enforcement officer, Christian Ambrosion, to the council.

Ambrosion's hiring comes on the heels of the city's June 4 decision to give Wallowa County 90 days' notice it was canceling its contract for law enforcement services. The city's chief complaint was the county was not enforcing city ordinances

and codes. While the city wants to retain the Wallowa County Sheriff's Office for patrol services, the council decided it needed a more efficient way to enforce code and ordinance violations.

Braden said Ambrosion, who has a law degree, will be the person to approach residents who appear to be in violation of city ordinances and attempt to resolve the violations.

"I just want to work with the people," Ambrosion told the council.

If need be, he will be the one who issues citations.

Such citations will be heard quarterly by a hearing officer, who has yet to be named.

Braden at last month's meeting said junk or wrecked vehicles or uncontrolled weeds and grass within city limits are the most common violations. Property owners have 10 days to remedy the problem. After that, the

owner is fined \$500 a day until remedied.

City officials emphasized last month they were satisfied with patrol services from the sheriff's office and hope to retain those services. The council said at Thursday's meeting that no progress toward renegotiating a contract for only police services had yet been made.

Correction

In the July 9 B section story, "Project coming to a close," the article erroneously stated David Johnson was working with the Columbia Development Authority on solutions for maintenance of the artificial owl burrows. The CDA is not involved in the project. The EO Media Group regrets the error.

Union County Museum to stay closed

The Observer

UNION — The Union County Museum will not open this year.

A press release Wednesday announced the board of directors decided to keep the doors on the museum in Union closed, putting an end to a season already delayed two months because of the coronavirus.

"Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the precautions underway to reduce its spread, rather than opening to the public on a regular schedule, we have decided to use the 2020 season to upgrade the facilities, freshen exhibits and work on museum outreach and educational programs," Nod Palmer, president, said in the press release.

The museum traditionally is open Mother's Day through September.

The board is seeking help from volunteers for a range of projects. People who want to help or learn about opportunities can do so by contacting Linda Bond at 541-910-8263 or jefflindabond@gmail.com. For renewals or first-time signups for memberships, contact Carol Mulvany at cjmulvany@charter.net.

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