

Protesters knock down statues of presidents in Portland

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PORTLAND— Protesters on Sunday night, Oct. 11, in Portland overturned statues of former Presidents Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln in a declaration of “rage” toward Columbus Day.

Protest organizers dubbed the event “Indigenous Peoples Day of Rage,” in response to Monday’s federal holiday named after 15th-century Italian explorer Christopher Columbus, a polarizing figure who Native American advocates have said spurred centuries of genocide against indigenous populations in the Americas.

The group threw chains around Roosevelt’s statue, officially titled “Theodore Roosevelt, Rough Rider.” They threw red paint on the monument and began using a blowtorch on the statue’s base, news outlets reported.

The crowd pulled down the statue just before 9 p.m. The group later turned their attention toward Lincoln’s statue, pulling it down about eight minutes later.

Historians have said Roosevelt expressed hostility toward Native Americans, once saying: “I don’t go so far as to think that the only good Indians are dead Indians, but I believe nine out of every 10 are ...”

Protesters spray-painted “Dakota 38” on the base of Lincoln’s statue, referencing the 38 Dakota men Lincoln approved to have hanged after the men were involved in a violent conflict with white settlers in Minnesota.

After toppling the statues, the crowd began smashing windows at the Oregon Historical Society and later moved onto the Portland State University Campus.

Police later declared the event a riot and ordered the group to disperse. Police said anyone involved in “criminal behavior, including vandalism” was subject to arrest. It’s unclear if any arrests were made.

The monuments are the latest statues to come down in a wave of removed monuments and protests sparked by the May 25 death of George Floyd in Minneapolis police custody.

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A group of protesters toppled statues of former presidents Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln late Sunday, Oct. 11, 2020, in Portland’s South Park Block.

Natural resource leadership class launches in November

The Observer

SALEM — REAL Oregon (Resource Education & Ag Leadership) will launch its fourth leadership cohort in November.

Following the successful graduation of its first three classes, the organization in a press release announced the selection of 23 natural resource professionals from throughout the state for Class 4.

Greg Addington, the organization’s program director, indicated a diverse mix of individuals applied.

Jake Gibbs, of Lone Rock Resources in Roseburg and board chairman for REAL Oregon, said the prior three successful years demonstrate the value of REAL Oregon to natural resource professionals, especially now.

“Our Class 4 participants represent the breadth and scope of our natural resources across our state,” Gibbs said. “The level of interest and support from participants to program backers, for continuing and expanding this program during these unprecedented times, affirms the desire to provide an opportunity to connect and learn with our peers.”

Class 4 includes nine people directly involved in production agriculture, five from agribusinesses or other natural resource organizations, three involved in timber production and forestry, three from the commodity transportation sector, two university faculty members and one non-profit foundation employee.

Class 4 will start in November and end with a graduation ceremony in March. Recruitment of Class 5 begins this winter.

Members of Class 4 from the Eastern/High Desert region include Erick Vera, of Walker Farms/Gold Dust Potatoes, in Merrill; Mark Milne, of WyEast Timber, in Wamic; Chad Mueller, of Oregon State University/Eastern Oregon University, in Cove; Ted Netter, of Lower Bridge Hay and Cattle, in Terrebonne; Jacob Putney, of OSU Extension, in Baker City; Randi Svaty, of Northwest Farm Credit Services, in Ontario; and Quinton Swank Jr., of Goose Lake Railway, in Lakeview.

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Police: Oregon boy dies following shooting incident

ALOHA — A 3-year-old western Oregon boy has died following a shooting, police reported Saturday, Oct. 10.

The Washington County Sheriff’s Office in a statement said the family of James Kenneth Lindquister called for help Friday evening after reporting the child found a handgun in a bedroom end table and shot himself in the head.

Emergency responders arrived and took over life-saving efforts, but the child was pronounced dead at an area hospital just before midnight on Friday.

Police are investigating.

Bar with topless dancing loses liquor license over COVID-19

DRAIN — The Oregon Liquor Control Commission has suspended the liquor license of a bar with topless dancing in a small town north of Roseburg for violating COVID-19 social distancing and face covering requirements.

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission began

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its investigation of Top of the Bowl in July, KEZI-TV reported.

During an initial inspection, an inspector observed a bartender not wearing a face mask. In August, the bar stayed open past 10 p.m. and some staff members were not wearing face masks, according to the commission.

An inspector in September reported similar findings, the commission said.

Rick Marin, who manages the bar, told KEZI that mistakes had been made, but he promised to do better. In the meantime, he said, the club will remain open without alcoholic beverages.

Marin said an appeal had been filed and he’s working to get the license reinstated.

Invasive insect found at Oregon nursery could pose threat

CORVALLIS — A dead spotted lanternfly, a destructive and invasive insect species, has been found at an Oregon nursery, state agricultural officials said.

The dead lanternfly was found in a shipment sent from Pennsylvania to Corvallis, the Oregon Department of Agriculture reported Thursday, Oct. 8.

The nursery reported the finding to state officials.

“We are grateful to the nursery for alerting us about their discovery,” the agency’s Helmuth Rogg said in a press release.

“The spotted lanternfly could become a serious pest here in the Pacific Northwest and we want to prevent it from coming to Oregon in the first place.”

The species poses a serious threat to tree fruit

and grape production, and has become a “serious pest” for grapevines in South Korea. Grapes and fruit trees are both important crops in Oregon; grapes used for wine have been valued more than \$238 million in 2019, ODA said.

Spotted lanternflies eat more than 70 plant species including apples, hops, chestnuts and cherries. The spotted lanternfly was first found in Pennsylvania in 2014 and it is believed to have arrived on shipments from China. Since then it has been detected in 11 eastern states.

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