

DAILY
PLANNER

TODAY

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 10, the 315th day of 2020. There are 51 days left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT IN HISTORY

On Nov. 10, 1775, the U.S. Marines were organized under authority of the Continental Congress.

ON THIS DATE

In 1766, Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, had its beginnings as William Franklin, the Royal Governor of New Jersey, signed a charter establishing Queen's College in New Brunswick.

In 1919, the American Legion opened its first national convention in Minneapolis.

In 1938, Kate Smith first sang Irving Berlin's "God Bless America" on her CBS radio program.

In 1944, during World War II, the ammunition ship USS Mount Hood (AE-11) exploded while moored at the Manus Naval Base in the Admiralty Islands in the South Pacific, leaving 45 confirmed dead and 327 missing and presumed dead.

In 1951, customer-dialed long-distance telephone service began as Mayor M. Leslie Denning of Englewood, New Jersey, called Alameda, California, Mayor Frank Osborne without operator assistance.

In 1982, the newly finished Vietnam Veterans Memorial was opened to its first visitors in Washington, D.C., three days before its dedication.

In 2018, President Donald Trump, in France to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I, canceled a visit to a cemetery east of Paris where Americans killed in that war are buried; rainy weather had grounded the presidential helicopter.

LOTTERY

Megabucks: \$4.1 million

12-20-35-38-39-41

Mega Millions: \$142 million

18-24-27-34-60-2 x2

Powerball: \$149 million

14-16-37-48-58-PB-18 x2

Win for Life: Nov. 7

52-55-60-70

Pick 4: Nov. 8

• 1 p.m.: 2-5-4-8; • 4 p.m.: 0-2-3-7;

• 7 p.m.: 3-8-4-2; • 10 p.m.: 7-2-4-6

Pick 4: Nov. 7

• 1 p.m.: 9-0-8-2; • 4 p.m.: 1-7-3-9;

• 7 p.m.: 6-8-7-9; • 10 p.m.: 6-2-0-1

Pick 4: Nov. 6

• 1 p.m.: 5-8-0-7; • 4 p.m.: 8-9-8-2;

• 7 p.m.: 6-6-5-2; • 10 p.m.: 0-8-8-5

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Nez Perce Tribe invests in conservation easement

By Ellen Morris Bishop
For the Wallowa County Chieftain

WALLOWA LAKE — A long-held dream of reintroducing sockeye salmon to Wallowa Lake is one step closer for the Nez Perce Tribe.

The tribe secured a conservation easement in October on the 9.22 acres at the head of the lake and along the Wallowa River owned by Wallowa Lake Lodge LLC.

"The main reason we have wanted this easement is for protection of the inlet for sockeye salmon and protecting the waters and the habitat around that area expressly for sockeye reintroduction and for the fisheries," said Shannon Wheeler, Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee chair. "The other reason — it's a place that's very meaningful to the tribe."

The conservation easement covers all 9.22 acres of the lodge grounds. It maps out three conservation zones, each about one-third of the property. One, around the lodge and cabins, allows for expansion of the lodge and cabins in areas that will not impact habitat or old-growth trees.

The second zone includes the lodge's renowned lawn, shaded by old-growth trees, and a small wetland to the east.



Ellen Morris Bishop/For the Wallowa County Chieftain

The new conservation easement will preserve the Wallowa River's eastern channel and wetlands areas from future development.

Here, the easement allows weddings, parties and general access that will not negatively impact the habitat values of the site.

The third zone is the wild and wet west side of the property. It includes the river, springs and wetlands that provide spawning habitat. This zone is designated as an aquatic habitat and will remain undeveloped.

The specifics will be spelled out in a management plan that is under development, Wheeler said.

"For me, the easement's everything because it cements together both the reality of buying the lodge

and everybody's hope that the tribe would be able to protect the head of the lake," the lodge's managing partner, James Monteith, said.

The Nez Perce Tribe purchased the conservation easement for about \$686,000, which was less than the original appraisal of \$941,300. The funds will allow Wallowa Lake Lodge to retire most of the bridge loans from Craft3 Bank and the Bank of Eastern Oregon that helped acquire the property in 2016.

Wallowa Lake Lodge was constructed in 1923. When it went on the auc-

tion block in 2015, a partnership of more than 100 shareholders, many of them Wallowa County residents, purchased the lodge for \$3.1 million with the intention of maintaining the historic building and preserving its natural setting.

The property had been zoned to permit 32 homes or 122 condominiums. Several hotel and development companies placed sealed bids on the historic building and grounds, according to Monteith.

"The tribe worked closely with the Lodge ownership beginning in 2016 to design a conserva-

tion easement that would protect land and water resources surrounding the historic Lodge property," said Ann McCormack, a Nez Perce tribal member and Wallowa Lake easement project leader. "With the help of grant writer Karen Antell and our legal staff member, Dave Cummings, fundraising began in 2018 and was accomplished in 2020."

The easement is part of a growing presence of the Nimiipuu (Nez Perce) people in their Wallowa County homeland. That includes the preservation of the Iwetemlaykin State Heritage site, Nez Perce participation in management of the county's 1,800-acre East Moraine property and work restoring coho salmon, lamprey eels and eventually sockeye to the rivers here.

"Our efforts will continue to interact with the land," Wheeler said. "That's where our people are from. When the Nez Perce people were leaving (in 1877), one of the elders asked people to turn around and look at the land because it might be the last time that they would see it. So any chance that we get to come back, I see a lot of smiling faces when our people are there, and I think the land smiles when the Nez Perce are there."

La Grande police make arrest in Sunday shooting

By Sabrina Thompson
The Observer

LA GRANDE — La Grande police arrested one man in connection to the shooting Sunday, Nov. 8, that left another man injured.

Police Chief Gary Bell reported his department arrested Mung Trong Bui, 37, of La Grande, on suspicion of second-degree assault, unlawful use of a weapon and recklessly endangering another person. Bui is held at the Union County Jail, La Grande.

Second-degree assault is a Class B felony in Oregon. Conviction for the crime carries a mandatory minimum sentence of five

years, 10 months.

La Grande police received a 911 call at 9:48 a.m. Sunday about a disturbance between two men on Depot Street near Washington Avenue, according to Bell. The caller reported there had been one or more gunshots.

Members of La Grande police, Oregon State Police and the Union County Sheriff's Office responded. Bell reported the investigation determined Bui and Long Duc Truong, 40, of Portland, met Sunday morning in front of TT Nails, a salon at 108 Depot St. The two men know each other and "have a history of disagreement," according to Bell, and during the meeting

Bui fired a small caliber handgun, striking Truong in the leg.

An ambulance took Truong to Grande Ronde Hospital, La Grande, which transferred him to an out-of-area hospital, Bell reported, but he did not have information about Truong's condition.

Police blocked off Depot Street near Washington Avenue for a number of hours during the investigation.

Bell also said the investigation is ongoing and any witnesses or others with information about the shooting should contact the La Grande Police Department Investigations Section at 541-963-1017.



Sabrina Thompson/The Observer

The La Grande Police Department, Union County Sheriff's Office and Oregon State Police investigate a shooting Sunday morning, Nov. 8, 2020, in La Grande on Depot Street near Washington Avenue. La Grande police Sunday afternoon reported arresting one man in connection with the shooting.

Law enforcement boosts training

Digital simulator offers practice for dangerous encounters

By Samantha O'Conner
Baker City Herald

BAKER CITY — Police need to be prepared for anything.

To that end, members of the Baker County Sheriff's Office and other local agencies, in collaboration with the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training, used a digital simulator Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 4, to hone their skills in scenarios focusing on the use of force and techniques to calm potentially harmful situations.

The Range 3000 system was set up in the former Oregon Department of Transportation maintenance station on South Bridge Street in Baker City.

Baker County Under-sheriff Jef Van Arsdall said the main take-away from the scenarios was how fast things can happen during an encounter.

Among those participating were deputy Eric Colton and the sheriff's office's newest patrol deputy, Matt Rosin, along with Lt. Ryan Downing and deputy Rich Kirby of parole and probation.

Colton and Rosin stood before a large video screen that displayed scenarios. They spoke to the people on the screen as though they were having a real encounter during their work.

Kirby and Van Arsdall controlled how the situation played out, including



Samantha O'Conner/Baker City Herald

Members from the Baker County Sheriff's Office used a digital simulator Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2020, to practice in situations involving the potential use of force.

having the simulated subjects react — either aggressively or cooperatively — based on how the deputies responded.

They also judged how the officers handled the circumstances.

In one scenario, Colton and Rosin responded to a trespassing complaint. Colton recognized the male suspect was intoxicated. And although the man grabbed a brick, Colton did not unholster his pistol.

Colton explained because Rosin was there to help, he didn't feel it was necessary to draw his gun to handle the suspect.

During another scenario, Colton and Rosin responded to two shooters — one shooter behind hostages and a second shooter hiding among them.

"This is a bad situa-

tion," said Kirby, who also is an instructor in tactics.

Kirby also noted people have different reactions in traumatic situations. Although the person who might have been a second shooter didn't fall to the ground when shots were fired, that could mean the person wasn't a shooter but an innocent hostage who was too frightened to move.

Colton and Rosin's final scenario involved a home visit.

The first man was compliant but his friend was aggressive, emboldening the first and causing the situation to go south.

Colton said if the friend had gone out as he was instructed, he would have followed to speak to him calmly.

Pendleton recements Confederate history

By Antonio Sierra
East Oregonian

PENDLETON — The city of Pendleton is keeping one old feature of Southeast Byers Avenue during its reconstruction.

For the past several months, city contractors have been working on the \$1 million effort to rebuild and widen the crumbling street. The city also is making an effort to preserve a set of historical relics on the street: sidewalk stamps that go back to the time when several Byers cross streets were named after figures from the Confederacy.

Public Works Director Bob Patterson said contractors are removing the stamps then reinstalling them to placing them with new stamps while redoing sidewalks.

The stamps, etchings made into sidewalk corners that denote the street's original name, are in the city's older residential areas, such as Byers and the North Hill. Following World War II, the city changed many of its street names, but the stamps remained.

In the late 19th century, several streets intersected this section of Byers. Those streets were named after prominent Confederate figures, including Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson and Jefferson Davis.

Despite never being a slave state and staying loyal to the Union throughout the Civil War, Black exclusion laws survived Oregon's transition from a territory to a state in 1859 and stayed



Ben Lonergan/East Oregonian

A concrete block referencing Jeff Davis Street sits on the sidewalk on Southeast 11th Street in Pendleton on Friday, Nov. 6, 2020. The block, and others referencing the original Pendleton street names, were removed during reconstruction of Southeast Byers Avenue.

on the books for decades afterward.

Following the conclusion of the Civil War, Confederate Army veterans from Missouri and Illinois settled in Umatilla County, according to East Oregonian archives. Nearly all were Democrats, and the city of Pendleton was named after Ohio politician George Pendleton, the Democratic nominee for vice president in 1864 and an opponent of the 13th Amendment, which abolished slavery.

In recent years, activists from the Black Lives Matter movement and beyond have questioned why monuments, structures and institutions continue to commemorate figures from the Confederacy. They argue these commemorations aren't just neutral markers of history, but instead enduring symbols of white supremacy and the Lost Cause ideology.

The street stamps along

Byers are being preserved at the direction of Pendleton Historic Preservation Commission, a four-member body tasked with identifying, preserving and promoting historic properties. Commission Vice Chair Kate Dimon said the group talked about the best way to preserve the sidewalk stamps but also touched on the politics of trying to preserve them in 2020.

Dimon said the commission's mission is to preserve history, regardless of what it depicts. As an adjunct professor at Clatsop Community College in Astoria, Dimon said she warns her students about politics interfering with the work of historic preservation.

"We have nothing left but to preserve," she said. "People die, but old trees don't, or old stones don't, or pavement (doesn't). That's really important. I think, and I'm standing by that commitment."