

HISTORY AND MORE

TODAY

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 5, the fifth day of 2021. There are 360 days left in the year. **TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT IN HISTORY:**

On Jan. 5, 1925, Democrat Nellie Tayloe Ross of Wyoming took office as America's first female governor, succeeding her late husband, William, following a special election.

ON THIS DATE:

In 1914, auto industrialist Henry Ford announced he was going to pay workers \$5 for an 8-hour day, as opposed to \$2.34 for a 9-hour day.

In 1949, in his State of the Union address, President Harry S. Truman labeled his administration the Fair Deal.

In 1957, President Dwight D. Eisenhower proposed assistance to countries to help them resist Communist aggression in what became known as the Eisenhower Doctrine.

LOTTERY

Megabucks: \$6.5 million

1-4-7-27-46-47

Mega Millions: \$401 million

8-24-53-68-69 — 7 x5

Powerball: \$384 million

3-4-11-41-67 — PB 5 x2

Win for Life: Jan. 2

9-44-56-68

Pick 4: Jan. 3

• 1 p.m.: 9-1-4-4; • 4 p.m.: 8-8-8-8

• 7 p.m.: 8-0-7-9; • 10 p.m.: 2-2-3-5

Pick 4: Jan. 2

• 1 p.m.: 6-4-6-4; • 4 p.m.: 3-3-9-1

• 7 p.m.: 2-2-1-2; • 10 p.m.: 3-0-5-7

Pick 4: Jan. 1

• 1 p.m.: 4-1-7-8; • 4 p.m.: 6-5-8-9

• 7 p.m.: 4-0-5-4; • 10 p.m.: 1-8-8-9

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History-making LG New Year happenings

By **DICK MASON**

The Observer

LA GRANDE — Watching football games on New Year's Day is an American ritual, one dating back more than a century.

This tradition in La Grande may have gotten its start Jan. 1, 1908, when fans gathered to watch a gridiron game between La Grande High School and a city team referred to as the Pickups. The game, according to Observer

archives, was one of the first — and possibly the first — documented gridiron contests played on New Year's Day in this community's history.

The contest ended in a 0-0 tie with La Grande High on its opponents' 1-yard line as time expired, according to The Observer's story on Jan. 2 1908, and was the first football game played in La Grande since at least 1906.

The game was played 46

years after La Grande had what is likely its earliest documented New Year's celebration.

It took place Jan. 1, 1862, according to the diary of Ben Brown, one of La Grande's founders. Brown wrote in his diary of a ball that started early in the evening of Dec. 31, 1861.

"At early candlelight, the ball commenced," Brown said.

The celebration ended just before midnight. He

attributed the early break up to a fiddler who grew tired of playing.

"The ball broke up on account of the fiddler giving out or it would have been going yet," Brown wrote in his diary.

Festivities continued on Jan. 1, 1862, with a "subscription" meal, which everyone helped pay for. Seven people attended the dinner, Brown wrote.

Brown was born in 1831 in Yorkshire, England, and

came to the United States in 1852, according to an article in the May 16, 1996, Observer.

He and his wife built one of La Grande's first homes. This community was originally known as Brown's Town or Brownsville because of the impact he had in settling it. Brown later lived in Island City, where he was a city government leader.

Brown is buried at Island City Cemetery.

Nothing burning at the bakery



Dick Mason/The Observer

La Grande firefighters enter the bakery at the Liberty Theater Complex in downtown La Grande at 7:50 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 3, 2021, after a fire alarm went off. Firefighters found no smoke or fire. Wind during the night and morning may have knocked down power lines, which could have triggered the alarm.

Multiple crashes close Tollgate highway

By **JEDIDIAH MAYNES**

Walla Walla Union-Bulletin

TOLLGATE — The Oregon Department of Transportation on Saturday, Jan. 2, shut down Highway 204 through Tollgate due to multiple vehicles crashing and sliding off the road.

According to the department's TripCheck website, the first crash happened around 2:30 p.m. causing minimal delays. By 3:30 p.m., multiple crashes were reported and cars began sliding off and getting backed up in a traffic jam. The highway was closed from the edge of Weston to the edge of Elgin around 3 p.m. in response to the crashes.

By 4 p.m., the highway at Tollgate had turned into a virtual parking lot as

traffic began to get more and more congested. Traffic did appear to begin moving slowly shortly thereafter.

Wintry weather was causing low visibility and heavy snowfall made for slick road conditions.

The Tollgate area, popular for its winter recreation, was expected to receive 8-12 inches of snow this weekend, according to the National Weather Service in Pendleton.

ODOT spokesperson Tom Strandberg said he didn't have all of the details about the incident, but he said when the weather turns nasty in that area it's common for the closures to last for several hours.

By evening, the roadway was open again, according to TripCheck.

Foundation has new leader

By **LISA BRITTON**

For the Baker City Herald

BAKER COUNTY — This year brought changes to the Leo Adler Foundation, but it is, and always will be, locally controlled.

"We are so hands-on. We hold everything pretty tight," said Carrie Folkman, incoming chair of the committee.

Folkman has served on the foundation since December 2014. She is taking over as chair from Norm Kolb, who has stepped down after 25 years as foundation chair.

According to a press release, Kolb led community investment of more than \$36.2 million in scholarships and grants, including the funding of more than 9,200 scholarships and 1,400 nonprofit community projects. He will remain active on the committee and help mentor Folkman.

Leo Adler was a self-made millionaire who,

upon his death in 1993, left \$20 million in a trust to support a community fund and scholarship program for graduates of Baker County high schools and

Powder Valley High School. Students are eligible to receive an Adler scholarship for five years by submitting renewal applications.

In 2020 alone, the Leo Adler Foundation awarded more than \$1.21 million in scholarships and community grants — \$846,300 to 242 students for the 2020-21 school year and \$364,734 in grants to 41 nonprofit organizations.

"Almost a million-and-a-half every year for a community of our size. It's an amazing legacy," Folkman said.

"Leo was always an involved and visionary person; he was a people person who learned by watching, and he valued commitment, hard work, and an authentic, realistic perspective," Kolb said. "Simply put, he was a

partner, not an owner."

The Adler committee includes Folkman, Kolb, Dianne Ellingson, Tabor Clarke, John Wilson, Mark Johnson, and Karin Barber.

Barber is the designated trustee for First Republic Trust Company, a division of First Republic Bank, to serve as Trustee, replacing U.S. Bank. This change happened in September 2020. Folkman said First Republic has been extra helpful in this year of unprecedented changes.

This year did bring unique challenges with the pandemic.

"There have been challenges economically, and a lot of kids who had to pivot amid the pandemic," Folkman said.

Refunds and reissues for scholarships were necessary, she said, as well as extensions for community projects that could not be completed in 2020.

A new website is set to go live Feb. 1, along with the scholarship applications. Scholarships are due by April 1, 2021.

OHA safety campaign offers culturally relevant tools

The Observer

PORTLAND — Oregon Health Authority has expanded its multilingual Safe + Strong education campaign with a new theme and materials to help communities find simple, culturally specific information on safely connecting with family and friends this winter.

Led by the theme "Love Finds a Way," new campaign materials and resources available in 12 languages provide fresh public health recommendations on preventing the spread of COVID-19.

"Oregonians continue to show their resilience through this pandemic by finding new ways to stay connected while physically apart," said Oregon Public Health Director Rachael Banks in a press release. "Love, and a good plan, will keep us strong."

The Safe + Strong campaign focuses on Oregonians who are Black,



Oregon Health Authority/Contributed Image

The Oregon Health Authority's expansion of its multilingual Safe + Strong education and outreach campaign features a new theme and materials.

Indigenous and People of Color. The campaign website, www.safestrongoregon.org, features culturally relevant tools and information and resources for food and rental assistance, unemployment benefits and health coverage.

The aim of the Safe + Strong campaign is to help communities continue to make safe choices, while recognizing people need simple plans to protect themselves and their families. The site's new "Make a plan" page contains reminders and information on what activities are low,

medium or high risk for spreading COVID-19.

According to the release, OHA data show 38% of COVID-19 cases have been linked to people who identify as Latino/a/x. And more than 50% of cases have been linked to people identifying as Black, Asian, American Indian/Native Alaskan, Pacific Islander, or Latino/a/x. The state's history of racism and oppression, as well as inequitable access to medical services, have exacerbated the impacts of COVID-19 in many communities.

Police search for husband of woman who died in Dec. 15 shooting

By **BRYCE DOLE**

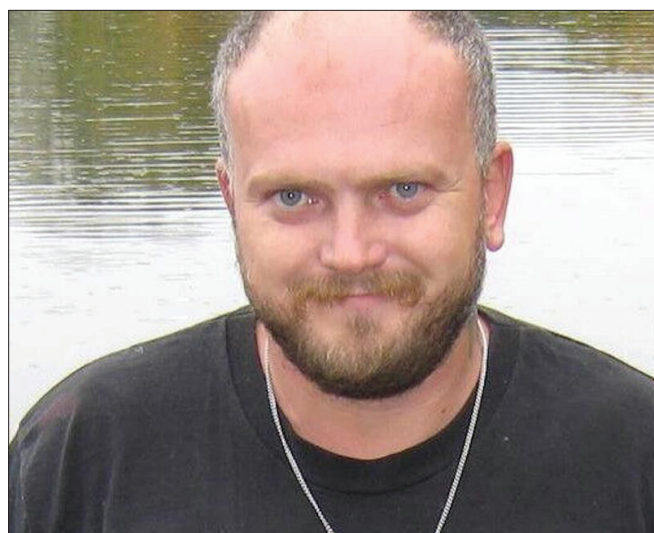
East Oregonian

MORROW COUNTY — Law enforcement continue the search for the husband of a woman who was shot Tuesday, Dec. 15, in Heppner and later died at Oregon Health & Science University, Portland, according to officials.

The victim's husband, David Bowles, 43, is a person of interest in the investigation, and police reported he should be considered armed and dangerous.

"Since the time of the shooting, he hasn't been located or found yet," Morrow County District Attorney Justin Nelson said. "So he's somebody I know law enforcement is trying to talk to to find out the whole process and what happened. We've interviewed many other witnesses, but we still need to talk to David Bowles."

An aircraft ambulance flew the victim, Marlen Bowles, to OHSU in critical condition where she later died with her family



Contributed Photo

Police are searching for David Bowles as a person of interest after his wife, Marlen Bowles, was fatally shot Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2020, in Heppner. Police say David Bowles should be considered armed and dangerous.

at her bedside, according to Nelson.

The Oregon State Police took the lead in the investigation at the request of the Morrow County Sheriff's Office partly because David Bowles is the brother of Morrow County Undersheriff John Bowles, according to Lt. Melissa Ross, a public information officer from

the sheriff's office. Ross said the investigation was handed to OSP out of concern for appearance and perception.

"As my general understanding, it's really not considered a conflict of interest unless it was like one of our employees," she said, adding the undersheriff was not involved in the investigation.

CONTACT POLICE

• Police are urging residents to not confront David Bowles, but to call 911 or OSP Dispatch at 800-442-2068 and reference OSP case No. SP200348879.

Nelson added that staffing and resources also played a role in the decision to hand the case to OSP. He said the sheriff's office is assisting OSP in the investigation, providing available detectives and resources to keep track of minor details while search warrants are carried out.

Nelson also said he believes more people know about Bowles' whereabouts than have approached investigators, and they are neglecting to disclose information because they assume law enforcement already know about it.

"I've even heard off-hand from guys who come to me and say, 'Oh, so and so talked to so and so and they know that this is what happened,'"

Nelson said. "And I say, 'Well gosh, I know law enforcement has not heard that.' And sometimes these rumors are true, but people always assume that law enforcement is aware."

He is urging anybody with information about Bowles' location to contact Oregon State Police, as any piece of information can help.

"Any small thing can change a case," he said. "It can find a culprit or expand who we need to interview. And it might seem small to people, but every little bit (helps)."

Court records show a David Lee Bowles, born in 1977 and a longtime Heppner resident, has a list of criminal charges and convictions spanning more than two decades in multiple counties, including Morrow, Washington, Wasco, Yamhill, Hood River and Umatilla.

In 1995, he was sentenced to three year, three months in prison for attempted murder. And in 2007, he was convicted of

second-degree burglary and fourth-degree assault.

Nelson said he could not confirm nor deny Bowles' criminal history, although the man he said law enforcement is seeking has the same full name, year of birth and longtime residency as the Bowles whose history is detailed through the records.

Nelson said Marlen Bowles has a 14-year-old son and two children over the age of 18, but he was unsure if any of them were David Bowles' children. He added she was well known in the community and worked at the Gateway Cafe in Heppner.

Bowles was last seen driving a brown Chevrolet Impala with Oregon license plate URG552. Bowles is a 5-foot-6, 180-pound white male with graying hair and blue eyes.

Police are urging residents to not confront him, but to call 911 or OSP Dispatch at 800-442-2068 and reference OSP case No. SP200348879.