

TODAY

Today is Saturday, June 5, the 156th day of 2021. There are 209 days left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT IN HISTORY:

On June 5, 1967, war erupted in the Middle East as Israel, anticipating a possible attack by its Arab neighbors, launched a series of pre-emptive air strikes that destroyed nearly the entire Egyptian air force; Syria, Jordan and Iraq immediately entered the conflict.

ON THIS DATE:

In 1794, Congress passed the Neutrality Act, which prohibited Americans from taking part in any military action against a country that was at peace with the United States.

In 1912, U.S. Marines landed in Cuba at the order of President William Howard Taft to ensure order and protect U.S. interests.

In 1917, about 10 million American men between the ages of 21 and 31 began registering for the draft in World War I.

In 1950, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Henderson v. United States*, struck down racially segregated railroad dining cars.

In 1964, The Rolling Stones performed the first concert of their first U.S. tour at Swing Auditorium in San Bernardino, California.

In 1968, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was shot and mortally wounded after claiming victory in California's Democratic presidential primary at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles; assassin Sirhan Bishara Sirhan was arrested at the scene.

In 1981, the Centers for Disease Control reported that five homosexuals in Los Angeles had come down with a rare kind of pneumonia; they were the first recognized cases of what later became known as AIDS.

In 1999, jazz and pop singer Mel Torme died in Los Angeles at age 73.

In 2002, 14-year-old Elizabeth Smart was abducted from her Salt Lake City home. (Smart was found alive by police in a Salt Lake suburb in March 2003. One kidnapper, Brian David Mitchell, is serving a prison sentence; the other, Wanda Barzee, was released in September 2018.)

In 2004, Ronald Wilson Reagan, the 40th president of the United States, died in Los Angeles at age 93 after a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease.

In 2006, more than 50 National Guardsmen from Utah became the first unit to work along the U.S.-Mexico border as part of President George W. Bush's crackdown on illegal immigration.

In 2013, U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Robert Bales, accused of killing 16 Afghan civilians, many of them sleeping women and children, pleaded guilty to murder at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, to avoid the death penalty; he was sentenced to life in prison.

Ten years ago: After days of denials, New York Democratic Rep. Anthony Weiner confessed that he had tweeted a photo of his bulging underpants to a woman and admitted to "inappropriate" exchanges with six women before and after getting married; Weiner apologized for lying but said he would not resign (which he ended up doing). The Bowl Championship Series stripped Southern California of its 2004 title after the Trojans were hit with heavy NCAA sanctions for rules violations committed during the 2004 and '05 seasons.

Five years ago: A jury in Los Angeles returned a death sentence for Lonnie Franklin Jr., the serial killer known as the "Grim Sleeper" who murdered nine women and a teenage girl over several decades. Theresa Saldana, the "Raging Bull" actor who survived a stalker's brutal attack to become a crime victims' advocate and reclaimed her acting career with "The Commish" and other TV shows, died in Los Angeles at 61.

One year ago: Tens of thousands rallied in cities from Australia to Europe to honor George Floyd and voice support for the Black Lives Matter movement. Massive, peaceful protests took place nationwide to demand police reform, as services for George Floyd were held in North Carolina, near his birthplace. Thousands of people again took to the streets and parks of New York City to protest police brutality; police pulled back on enforcing an 8 p.m. curfew that had led to confrontations. Police in Seattle used flash bang devices and pepper spray to disperse a crowd of protesters on the ninth consecutive day of George Floyd protests in the city.

LOTTERY

Wednesday, June 2, 2021

MegaBucks

03-11-15-25-32-46

Estimated jackpot: \$3.6 million

Lucky Lines

04-05-10-16-19-21-27-30

Estimated jackpot: \$49,000

Powerball

06-07-11-66-67

Powerball: 19

Power Play: 3

Estimated jackpot: \$286 million

Win for Life

13-43-60-76

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 0-5-1-8

4 p.m.: 1-4-1-1

7 p.m.: 8-9-1-1

10 p.m.: 6-0-5-3

Thursday, June 3, 2021

Lucky Lines

04-06-09-15-18-21-26-29

Estimated jackpot: \$51,000

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 1-6-4-3

4 p.m.: 3-3-2-7

7 p.m.: 0-9-1-0

10 p.m.: 2-3-8-1

Second Street construction continues



Alex Wittwer/The Observer

Water flows from a hydrant onto Adams Avenue in La Grande during construction along Second Street in order to relieve pressure from the lines on Wednesday, June 2, 2021. Construction along the street has steadily progressed, and officials hope to finish the project entirely by June 30.

Lakey-Campbell to lead Idaho school district

By DICK MASON

The Observer

IMBLER — Drawn by family ties, Imbler School District Superintendent Angie Lakey-Campbell is set to take a position as the leader of the Hansen School District near Twin Falls, Idaho.

The educator said she is looking forward to being closer to her family, noting that she has a brother who lives in nearby Gooding, Idaho. Lakey-Campbell, Imbler's superintendent the past six years, will become superintendent director of the Hansen School District starting July 1.

The Hansen School District, which has 340 students, is comparable in size to the Imbler School District, which has 286 students.

Lakey-Campbell will also serve as the director of federal programs with Hansen's school district. She will be in charge of programs funded with federal dollars in this capacity.

Lakey-Campbell joined the Imbler School District in 2013

after serving as the principal of Cambridge High School in Cambridge, Idaho. Lakey-Campbell had been at Cambridge High School since 1987, except for one year when she worked in the Garden Valley School District in Garden Valley, Idaho.

She said the past 15 months have been particularly challenging because of COVID-19, but she is delighted that Imbler School District was able to offer in-person instruction to all students throughout the 2020-21 school year. Lakey-Campbell credits

the help from state legislators in Northeastern Oregon with making this possible.

Lakey-Campbell also lauded the support the school district received from its teachers in efforts to get state metrics changed so that Imbler students could receive in-person instruction during the pandemic. She said this was particularly heartening when she saw many teachers around the United States voicing opposition to having students on campus due

to the virus.

Doug Hislop, Imbler School's wrestling coach, credits Lakey-Campbell with strongly backing her students.

"She is very, very supportive of students in and outside the classroom," said Hislop, who was Imbler's superintendent for 10 years before retiring in 2014.

Hislop was named the Imbler School District's interim superintendent for 2021-22 on Tuesday, June 1, by the Imbler School Board.

Imbler High School Principal Mike Mills praises Lakey-Campbell for leading the school district through the trials of the COVID-19 pandemic and skillfully managing the school district's budget.

Lakey-Campbell believes the Imbler School District has a bright future.

"There are too many great teachers and staff and too many great people in the community and on the school board for it not to be successful," she said.

Lakey-Campbell will remain as Imbler's superintendent through June 30.



Lakey-Campbell

IMESD receives grant for Outdoor School site

The Observer

PENDLETON — The Inter-Mountain Education Service District has received a grant of \$25,000 from Gray Family Foundation's Camp Maintenance Grant Program for improvements at the Outdoor School site, according to a press release.

The purpose of the grant is to address critical maintenance needs for the facility, including installing stand-alone heat sources, updating entries and trails for accessibility, upgrading electrical panels and replacing bunk beds and mattresses.

"Like any older camp, our

Outdoor School site can always use repairs and upgrades, and we are very pleased that this grant will make a difference at our facility. We are very appreciative of the generosity of Gray Family Foundation toward our projects," said Bob McMillan, Outdoor School coordinator for IMESD.

Nancy Bales, executive director of Gray Family Foundation, said the foundation recognizes the critical role the Outdoor School project will play in enhancing safe and accessible access for youth to outdoor residential facilities in Oregon and is pleased to partner with the edu-

cation service district in supporting this work in fulfillment of their mission.

"Gray Family Foundation recognizes this year has had significant impact on the Oregon community. We believe your organization plays a critical role in the community you serve," she said.

The Outdoor School site is on the north fork of the Umatilla River on the Umatilla National Forest near the Bar M Ranch. IMESD leases the 654-acre property from the U.S. Forest Service for Outdoor School programs for students of area school districts.

NEWS BRIEFS

Historic cemeteries commission adds three members

SALEM — A La Grande archaeologist who previously worked with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation was appointed to the Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries.

Lisa Sumption, director of Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, which houses the Oregon Historic Cemeteries, made Shawn Steinmetz's appointment last fall and added two additional members in May. Steinmetz said his interest in nondestructive technologies can be employed to documents, preservation and helping interpret historic properties, and can benefit historic cemetery management.

The other appointees are Sarah Baylinson, who fills a vacated Central Oregon position, and Lisa Sears, who will

fill the vacated coastal position. Baylinson is the collections manager and exhibits coordinator for the High Desert Museum in Bend. Sears is a genealogist and family history researcher who is volunteering in Tillamook County. The new commissioners join Milo Reed, chair, from Portland; Bev Power, vice-chair, from Medford; Charlotte Lehan from Wilsonville; and Sarah Silbernagel from Pendleton.

State law established the seven-member commission to maintain a listing of all historic cemeteries and gravesites in Oregon; promote public education on the significance of historic cemeteries; and help obtain financial and technical assistance for restoring, improving and maintaining their appearances. For more information, visit www.oregonheritage.org. For questions, contact coordinator Kuri Gill at 503-986-0685 or kuri.gill@oregon.gov.

Fire hydrant tests begin in June

LA GRANDE — The city of La Grande's annual fire hydrant testing and maintenance program will begin Monday, June 14, and continue from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. until all hydrants are tested.

The La Grande Public Works Department's program is important to "identify the quantity of water available for firefighting purposes" and "serves to rid the city's water distribution system of accumulations of sedimentation deposits over the past year," according to a press release.

Citizens who experience any unusual water clarity problems after the hydrants are flushed are encouraged to turn on a cold-water faucet outside of their house and let it run for 10 to 15 minutes, the release states. Doing so will normally clear up water from the service line to the home. Additional problems may be referred to Public Works by calling 541-962-1325.

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Eastern Oregon heats up

By CARLOS FUENTES

The Observer

LA GRANDE — Temperatures skyrocketed Wednesday, June 2, across Eastern Oregon, reaching triple digits in several cities and setting multiple records.

Wallowa County and Union County reached highs of 95 degrees on June 2, the hottest temperature recorded since early September 2020.

"We just had high pressure in our area and it led to some pretty unseasonably warm temperatures in the area," Cole Evans, a forecaster with the National Weather Service in Pendleton, said. "We typically don't see triple digits this early in the year, but we saw a lot of record breaking temperatures (June 2)."

Hermiston, Pendleton and Redmond all reached at least 100 degrees and set records. Highs in the surrounding area ranged between 90 and 105 degrees. High pressure also explains the low levels of precipitation La Grande and the surrounding area have experienced in recent weeks, Evans said.

However, the Weather Service predicts temperatures are going to cool off in the few days, with average highs next week dropping to the 70 to 79 range.

"That high pressure that's been causing all of this heat is going to start to break down and move out of the area, so it'll start to cool down," Evans said.

These conditions are predicted to bring some isolated thunderstorms to areas of higher elevations in the coming weeks, along with increased precipitation. With the majority of Oregon facing a drought, this precipitation could provide some relief to the dry conditions associated with wildfire activity and extreme temperatures.

Evans pointed out that weather conditions always are subject to change, but residents should be aware of their activity in extreme temperatures.

"We want to keep people mindful of the warm weather, and if people have to go outside, to keep themselves hydrated and not spend too much time in the extreme heat," Evans said. "With this hot and dry start to the summer, just be mindful of any fire weather concerns if you're going outside."

Intern joins The Observer

By DAVIS CARBAUGH

The Observer

LA GRANDE — The Observer will have an extra pair of hands helping out in the newsroom this summer with intern Carlos Fuentes.

Fuentes comes to the La Grande newsroom through the Charles

Snowden Program for Excellence in Journalism, which pairs student journalists from universities in Oregon with local newspapers.

He just finished up his third year at the University of Portland. Fuentes, a native of Medford, has served as a reporter and a copy editor at the school's student-run newspaper, The Beacon.

"I find the work that journalists do really important, as an avenue to discuss community issues, for community engagement and truth," he said.

Snowden interns apply and are selected based on their potential success in the media and their experience in media, commitment to ethics, passion for journalism and academic success.

Interim Editor Andrew Cutler said he is looking forward to having Fuentes at The Observer.

"We're excited to have Carlos with us and experience our commitment to community journalism," he said.

In his college newsroom, Fuentes has covered a number of topics, including the COVID-19 pandemic and the mental health of students and faculty.

Moving from Portland to La Grande, Fuentes is looking forward to getting to know the community and adjusting to a smaller town.

"I'm super excited to get to know the people here and just be able to walk around and know familiar faces," he said.

Fuentes has his eyes set on a career in any type of editing and hopes to use his passion for writing and English to build a career he can enjoy.



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