

TODAY

Today is Tuesday, June 15, the 166th day of 2021. There are 199 days left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT IN HISTORY:

On June 15, 1215, England's King John put his seal to Magna Carta ("the Great Charter") at Runnymede.

ON THIS DATE:

In 1775, the Second Continental Congress voted unanimously to appoint George Washington head of the Continental Army.

In 1864, Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton signed an order establishing a military burial ground, which became Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

In 1902, the 20th Century Limited, an express passenger train between New York and Chicago, began service. (The Limited made its last run in December 1967.)

In 1904, more than 1,000 people died when fire erupted aboard the steamboat General Slocum in New York's East River.

In 1934, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed an act making the National Guard part of the U.S. Army in the event of war or national emergency.

In 1944, American forces began their successful invasion of Saipan during World War II. B-29 Superfortresses carried out their first raids on Japan.

In 1955, the United States and Britain signed a cooperation agreement concerning atomic information for "mutual defence purposes."

In 1985, the Shiite Muslim hijackers of a TWA Boeing 727 beat and shot one of their hostages, U.S. Navy diver Robert Stethem, 23, throwing him out of the plane to die on the tarmac at Beirut airport.

In 1988, the baseball romantic comedy "Bull Durham," starring Kevin Costner and Susan Sarandon, was released by Orion Pictures.

In 1991, Mount Pinatubo in the northern Philippines exploded in one of the biggest volcanic eruptions of the 20th century, killing about 800 people.

In 1996, Ella Fitzgerald, the "first lady of song," died in Beverly Hills, California, at age 79.

In 2003, with a deadline passed for Iraqis to hand in heavy weapons, U.S. forces fanned out across Iraq to seize arms and put down potential foes.

Ten years ago: Pushing back against congressional criticism, the White House said that President Barack Obama had the authority to continue U.S. military action in Libya even without authorization from lawmakers on Capitol Hill. Arizona Rep. Gabrielle Giffords was released from a Houston hospital, five months after being shot in the head during a Tucson political event. The Boston Bruins won the Stanley Cup for the first time since 1972, beating the Vancouver Canucks 4-0 in Game 7 of the finals; angry, drunken Vancouver fans ran wild, setting cars on fire and looting stores.

Five years ago: The interim police chief in Oakland, California, Ben Fairrow, was removed after six days on the job by Mayor Libby Schaaf, who said she had lost confidence in his ability to lead the department amid a sex scandal in which a number of officers allegedly had sex with a teenage prostitute. A public funeral was held in Detroit for hockey legend Gordie Howe, who had died five days earlier at age 88.

LOTTERY

Friday, June 11, 2021

MegaMillions

04-43-56-63-68

MegaBall: 13

MegaPlur: 4

Jackpot: \$22 million

Lucky Lines

04-05-10-14-20-21-26-31

Jackpot: \$58,000

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 6-2-0-6

4 p.m.: 4-8-2-1

7 p.m.: 4-3-9-3

10 p.m.: 6-1-4-8

Saturday, June 12, 2021

Powerball

08-25-34-38-41

Powerball: 10

Power Play: 3

Jackpot: \$40 million

Megabucks

01-05-08-12-25-31

Jackpot: \$4 million

Lucky Lines

01-08-09-16-19-22-27-30

Jackpot: \$59,000

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 3-6-6-5

4 p.m.: 6-0-1-4

7 p.m.: 3-8-7-8

10 p.m.: 3-6-5-7

Win for Life

10-16-62-73

Sunday, June 13, 2021

Lucky Lines

04-08-09-13-17-23-28-31

Estimated jackpot: \$60,000

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 4-0-3-7

4 p.m.: 4-5-8-7

7 p.m.: 8-3-3-9

10 p.m.: 5-8-5-2

Sandy Mayor Stan Pulliam makes stop in La Grande



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Sandy Mayor Stan Pulliam's gubernatorial listening tour stopped by Max Square on Saturday, June 12. Former Elgin Mayor Allan Duffy helped organize the event. Pulliam earlier this spring announced he is considering a run for the state's top office. "As I travel the state and visit local communities like La Grande throughout Oregon I continue to hear the same thing," Pulliam said. "Folks are tired of Portland politicians thrusting their values and beliefs onto the rest of us. It's time we empower local communities and governments, parents and school boards to have the power to control their own futures."

Fairgrounds could see huge financial boost

Wallowa County Fairgrounds should get \$500K from American Rescue Plan Act

By RONALD BOND

Wallowa County Chieftain

ENTERPRISE — The Wallowa County Fairgrounds in Enterprise has been in need of repairs for years, possibly even decades.

A huge windfall of cash that would serve as a major boon to getting many of those fixes completed could be just around the corner.

The fair board should receive later this year \$500,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act signed in March through new District 58 Rep. Bobby Levy, R-Echo.

"It will be used for capital projects around the fairgrounds," Fair Board Chairwoman Brinda Stanley said. "We developed a list early this year. We have not prioritized that list, so we'll just work our way down through them and see how much each project is going to take. A new roof with moisture barrier on the roof is a high priority for us."

The money comes from \$240 million in ARPA funding for the state that was divided between Oregon's 90 state senators and representatives to hand out for projects in their districts. Each senator received \$4 million and each representative received \$2 million that they then requested to send to those projects.

County Commissioner Todd Nash, who also is on the fair board, said he brought up the fairgrounds' needs to senators and representatives — including Levy — when he learned of the project

money they had to dole out.

"When I first heard about that and was on the phone with a senator or representative, I did mention to them that the Wallowa County Fairgrounds would be a nice place to put it," he said. "Didn't hear anything back from Sen. (Bill) Hansell. It was about a week later that Rep. Levy decided to do that. We weren't petitioned to say, 'Where would you like this?' It kinda came out of left field and caught us flat-footed a little bit."

Nash said he was thrilled by the prospect of the fair board receiving such a boost to help restore the dilapidated grounds.

"I still believe that is the heart and soul of our community," he said. "It's where we gather not only for fair, (but) for events, for funerals, for graduation parties, you name it. The Cloverleaf Hall has the largest indoor space in Wallowa County."

Laundry list of repairs needed

Many of the buildings at the grounds need varying levels of repair, with the total cost estimated at around \$647,000.

Grants and fundraisers have been used through the years to help fund upkeep, and Stanley, who has been on the board since 2010 and been the chairwoman most of that time, said there is an effort to get some repairs done annually.

"We try every year to have money in our budget to conquer some project on our fair," she said, pointing to the grand-



Bill Bradshaw/Wallowa County Chieftain

Above, a new roof on the show barn is high on the wish list of improvements at the Wallowa County Fairgrounds with about a half-million dollars expected in federal aid.

stands as an asset that recently were upgraded.

Even so, Stanley admitted that, "We struggle to support our fairgrounds. This is going to be much needed."

Nash rattled off a laundry list of restoration tasks that need to be done.

"Right now, the indoor area is in pretty tough shape. It needs a new roof. That was one of the top priorities," he said. "There's quite a few things with Cloverleaf Hall itself, the primary one being the furnace. There is an outside chance we're going to get money to do that. But all of the buildings, the arena itself, the outdoor arena — the footing gets complaints every year from horses slipping."

"The arena infrastructure, there with old panels and rotted posts. There is just a myriad of things there that need help with. Outdoor livestock facilities are in need of repair."

Bringing restrooms to Americans with Disabilities Act standards, upgrading the snack bar and more are also on the list.

Stanley said she believes the grandstands

are the oldest structure on the grounds, and added the beef and sheep barns were constructed in the 1940s.

"I'm hoping at our fair board meeting we'll prioritize our projects so we know what is No. 1," she said.

It's uncertain exactly when the funds would be provided to the board. According to EO Media Group reporter Gary Warner, the money would be in an "as of yet undesignated bill" and would be part of the 2021-23 budget, but won't be made official until the final day of the legislative session, which will be, at the latest, June 27. The budget goes into effect July 1.

Stanley said she hopes the money is in hand so that work can begin later this fall before the snow flies. Work would then resume in 2022.

If the funding does indeed come through, "it means a facility that is more rentable and more ready for events (in) our community which is important to all of us," Stanley said. "That's the main thing."

"It will, for our community, be huge."

NEWS BRIEFS

ATV crash injures one person June 13

STARKEY — One person was injured in a morning ATV crash on Sunday, June 13, in the Starkey Experimental Forest about three miles northwest of Highway 244.

The individual, a state employee, was hurt after failing to negotiate a curve. The injuries are not believed to be life-threatening, according to La Grande Fire Department Capt. Robert Tibbetts.

The crash occurred at about 8:30 a.m. The victim was transported by ambulance to Grande Ronde Hospital.

Cherry fruit fly expected to emerge

LA GRANDE — The Oregon State University Extension Service in Union County is warning cherry tree owners of the impending emergence of the first adult western cherry fruit flies in the county.

The release said the fly was expected to appear Monday, June 14, and 50% of the adult fly population should appear by June 27.

Initial spray applications will need

to be made within the first week after emergence and then follow-up sprays are needed for season-long control, according to the release, and one spray application does not provide season-long cherry fruit fly control.

Adults mature and begin laying eggs in the fruit. After about seven to 10 days, the eggs hatch into larvae which feed on the fruit for two to three weeks. At this time, larvae emerge from the fruit, drop to the soil to pupate and over-winter until this time next year.

People who have cherry trees should either spray their own trees or hire a commercial applicator to spray trees. Those who opt to spray their own trees should make sure the insecticide they use is labeled for use on fruit/cherry trees. Always read and follow label directions for safe pesticide use, frequency of application and pre-harvest intervals.

At this time, Ridley Pest Control is offering local cherry tree spraying services.

Wallowa County hosting Oregon State Grange Convention

ENTERPRISE — The Oregon

State Grange is holding its 148th-annual State Grange Convention in Enterprise from Saturday, June 19, through Thursday, June 24, according to a press release.

The meetings will be at the Wallowa County Fairgrounds, 668 N.W. First St., Enterprise, with a kickoff banquet and talent show on June 19 at the Enterprise Christian Church, 85035 Joseph Highway, Enterprise.

Grange members from throughout Oregon will be in attendance, the release said.

The Grange, officially known as the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, is a fraternal organization with a rich history and an important community presence in the United States. The Grange has its roots in agricultural traditions and today serves the needs of communities across the country. The Oregon State Grange began in 1873.

The Oregon State Grange is divided into six districts that rotate hosting the state convention. District 6 is comprised of the eastern 10 counties of Oregon. With recognition of the importance of rodeos in the area, District 6 chose the theme of "Get Your Kicks in District 6."

— The Observer

WALLOWA COUNTY

New look and a new name

Newsletter is now called Wallowa Quarterly

By RONALD BOND

Wallowa County Chieftain

WALLOWA — For years, the Wallowa History Center produced a newsletter that shared information about the past of the town.

It now has a completely new look — and a new name.

The Wallowa Quarterly made its debut earlier this year. The glossy-paper magazine is an expansion of the efforts made by history center Director Mary Ann Burrows, and still includes many of her latest finds for the center.

"Mary Ann turned out the first newsletter. Membership was only \$5 a year, but members weren't really getting anything, they were just giving," said Mark Highberger, the magazine's editor and publisher. "We wanted to be able to spread the word that we were providing this service."

The first newsletter Burrows produced came out in 2003, two years after the center was formed, and contained old photos and other information she collected for the center.

"It was a four-page photocopy one that was mailed out to members," Highberger said. "The newsletter just started to evolve, but was always between four to eight pages, off a photocopier."

In all, 39 editions of the newsletter were produced over the last 18 years. But with the 20th anniversary of the center approaching, there was a feeling that it was time for more.

After some studying to find the right printing company, the newsletter was transformed.

"The first one came out in March, and we just received from the printer yesterday the second copy," Highberger said during a Thursday, May 27, interview.

It's at least double the size of the newsletter. The first edition of the Quarterly — the 40th overall — was 16 pages, and edition No. 41 was expanded to 20 pages. Inside, it consists of photographs, maps, stories and more.

"It depends on one, what catches my interest, but two, what Mary Ann gives me," Highberger said of deciding on the content. "Not very much time goes by, and she'll come up with a gem."

"That will lead to a story, depending on how much material I can get on it. The history center has a digital online archive of all the historical newspapers. It goes back to the 1870s."

The latest edition has a piece about a now-defunct town that once stood north of Lostine.

"The current one has a lead story about a town called Evans," Highberger said.

Burrows said she was more than pleased with the effort Highberger put into the Quarterly.

"I think it's wonderful. I'm very pleased with the Quarterly," she said. "And we have had great response for it, too. Mark is such a good writer. We worked together earlier, he printed some little books. I really like it. I think it's wonderful."

The cost of a membership has doubled — \$10 now as opposed to \$5, but that includes getting the Quarterly delivered four times a year. The magazine itself sells for \$10.