

TODAY

Today is Thursday, Aug. 5, the 217th day of 2021. There are 148 days left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT IN HISTORY

On August 5, 1962, South African anti-apartheid activist Nelson Mandela was arrested on charges of leaving the country without a passport and inciting workers to strike; it was the beginning of 27 years of imprisonment.

ON THIS DATE

In 1921, a baseball game was broadcast for the first time as KDKA radio announcer Harold Arlin described the action between the Pittsburgh Pirates and the Philadelphia Phillies

In 1936, Jesse Owens of the United States won the 200-meter dash at the Berlin Olympics, collecting the third of his four gold medals.

In 1954, 24 boxers became the first inductees into the Boxing Hall of Fame, including Henry Armstrong, Gentleman Jim Corbett, Jack Dempsey, Jack Johnson, Joe Louis and John L. Sullivan.

In 1964, U.S. Navy pilot Everett Alvarez Jr. became the first American flier to be shot down and captured by North Vietnam; he was held prisoner until February 1973.

In 1974, the White House released transcripts of subpoenaed tape recordings showing that President Richard Nixon and his chief of staff, H.R. Haldeman, had discussed a plan in June 1972 to use the CIA to thwart the FBI's Watergate investigation; revelation of the tape sparked Nixon's resignation.

In 1991, Democratic congressional leaders formally launched an investigation into whether the 1980 Reagan-Bush campaign had secretly conspired with Iran to delay release of American hostages until after the presidential election, thereby preventing an "October surprise" that supposedly would have benefited President Jimmy Carter.

In 2002, the coral-encrusted gun turret of the Civil War ironclad USS Monitor was raised from the floor of the Atlantic, nearly 140 years after the warship sank during a storm.

In 2010, the Senate confirmed Elena Kagan, 63-37, as the Supreme Court's 112th justice and the fourth woman in its history. Thirty-three workers were trapped in a copper mine in northern Chile after a tunnel caved in (all were rescued after being entombed for 69 days).

In 2019, Toni Morrison, the first Black woman to receive the Nobel literature prize, died at 88 in New York; her novels included "Beloved," and "The Bluest Eye."

Ten years ago: A federal jury convicted three New Orleans police officers, a former officer and a retired sergeant of civil rights violations in the 2005 shooting deaths of a teenager and a mentally disabled man following Hurricane Katrina, but the convictions were overturned because of prosecutorial misconduct.

Five years ago: The opening ceremony for the Summer Olympics took place in Rio de Janeiro as Brazil laced its high-energy party with a sobering message of the dangers of global warming.

One year ago: Authorities said protesters in Portland, Oregon, barricaded about 20 police officers inside a precinct and tried to set it on fire; police used tear gas on the crowd for the first time since U.S. agents sent by President Donald Trump left the city the previous week.

CORRECTION

In the Page A1 story "Skoolie Adventures," published Tuesday, Aug. 3, the story incorrectly stated the hometown of Brittany and Ethan Bengé. It is Dunedin, Florida.

LOTTERY

Monday, Aug. 2, 2021

Megabucks

14-19-21-32-36-45

Estimated jackpot: \$1.3 million

Lucky Lines

1-7-9-15-19-22-27-29

Estimated jackpot: \$46,000

Win for Life

8-33-60-75

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 2-0-7-7

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

7 p.m.: 2-1-1-3

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

Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2021

Mega Millions

1-9-17-27-34

Mega Ball: 24

Megaplier: 2

Estimated jackpot: \$xx million

Lucky Lines

1-5-12-13-20-24-26-30

Estimated jackpot: \$47,000

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 4-6-5-9

4 p.m.: 4-9-1-4

7 p.m.: 9-5-7-4

10 p.m.: 5-4-7-3

State authorizes killing wolf in Mount Emily area

The Observer

MEACHAM — The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife on Tuesday, Aug. 3, authorized the lethal removal of one wolf from the OR30 wolves in the Mount Emily Unit, according to a press release.

The decision comes after ODFW confirmed three depredations in a two-month period in the wolves' known area of activity, the release said. The state authorized lethal action and will provide a kill permit to a livestock producer who requested the option after the depredations were confirmed.

The permit allows the producer or their agent to kill one wolf on 4,000 acres of private land they own or lawfully occupy in the Mount Emily Unit within the wolves' known area of activity. The permit expires Aug. 31, when the one wolf is killed, or when the producer's livestock are removed from the area, whichever comes first.

The depredations were confirmed on private land pastures on June 2, July 21 and July 23, resulting in the death or injury of five sheep and two calves. Lethal take can be authorized by ODFW in chronic depredation situations when there is significant risk to livestock present in the area.

The method of take under the permit is restricted to shooting the



Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife/Contributed Photo, File

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wolf from the ground. Foothold trapping could also occur but requires the landowner or agent to undergo training and final approval from ODFW on required trapping protocols and demonstrated abilities.

According to the state's wolf management plan, ODFW can issue a kill permit only if the affected ranchers have used, and documented, nonlethal methods to try to avoid wolf attacks. Also, there can be no identified circumstances on the property, such as bone piles or carcasses, that could be attracting wolves. Fish and wildlife found no attractants, the release said, during each livestock investigation and visits to the investigation sites.

Wolves have made Mount Emily their home for almost a decade, but, according to Roblyn Brown, Fish and Wildlife state wolf biologist, OR30 and his companions are the only wolves known to be in the Meacham area right now.

OR30 was first observed with another wolf in the Mount Emily Unit within the present known area of activity in spring 2020. The new pair bred but only one pup survived through the end of the year. The group was not designated as a pack during the 2020-21 winter count because there were only three wolves. A pack is four or more wolves.

OR30's radio collar failed in early 2020 so

there are no functional radio collars, and lack of access to private land has made monitoring this group a challenge this year. It is unknown if the pair bred this year or the number of wolves in the group.

This is the just the second lethal take permit ODFW has issued since June 2018, which was for a wolf pack in Wallowa County, but the second issue ordered in less than a week. Employees from ODFW, firing rifles from a helicopter, shot and killed two wolf pups from the Lookout Mountain Pack in Baker County on Sunday, Aug. 1, after a removal order was authorized late last week, according to an ODFW spokesperson.

Cougar sightings reported in La Grande

The Observer

LA GRANDE — Over the past week, cougar sightings have been reported in north La Grande near the Grande Ronde River.

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife received two calls, one of which was confirmed last week just north of the river outside city limits.

The unconfirmed sighting was reported on Monday, Aug. 2, on Russell Avenue near Interstate 84, but no new confirmed sightings have been recorded over the last six days, according to ODFW District Wildlife Biologist

Matthew Keenan.

"We are continuing to monitor and respond to any other reports at this point," he said.

ODFW has cellular camera footage from the sighting last week, Keenan said. The agency relies on video footage to gather information regarding potential dangerous animals in residential areas. The camera footage confirmed the cougar sighting last week, but no new footage has been submitted to ODFW from the Russell Avenue incident. According to Keenan, cougars have appeared near the river in the past.

"I wouldn't say it's common, but occasionally we have seen cougars that utilize that river corridor for movement," he said. "It's usually a temporary thing where they're passing through, but we're careful to continue monitoring in case they're not."

ODFW is keeping a close eye on any new information.

"We still have cameras up and we're monitoring it, but at this point we don't have any reason to believe one way or the other if (a cougar is) still in residential areas," Keenan added.

According to Keenan, the best approach for a

citizen who identifies a cougar is to report it to ODFW immediately. In the case of an encounter, ODFW recommends standing your ground and avoiding running away from the cougar. The department's website details precautionary measures for encountering large wildlife.

"The big thing is don't run away and report it to us," he said. "If someone is concerned for their immediate safety, you can always contact law enforcement."

The La Grande Fish and Wildlife Department can be contacted at 541-963-2138.

NEWS BRIEFS



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In this January 2020 shot from the top of the terminal moraine, the East Moraine stretches out like a long arm reaching for the mountains.

County seeking comment on East Moraine plan

ENTERPRISE — The Wallowa County Commissioners are seeking public comments on the East Moraine Community Forest Management Plan, which will dictate the use of 1,800 acres of property around the East Moraine of Wallowa Lake.

Wallowa County purchased the land in January 2020 after a decade of efforts by the Wallowa Lake Moraines Partnership, which is made up of Wallowa County, Wallowa Land Trust, Wallowa Resources and Oregon Parks and Recreation.

According to Kathleen Ackley, executive director of Wallowa Land Trust, this space has much potential for public use, which is why the partnership is seeking public comment.

"We invite the public to review the draft plan and provide comments to ensure the future management of the property is in line with the community's vision," Ackley said.

In the year and a half since the

purchase, the partnership has worked with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Oregon Department of Forestry and the Nez Perce Tribe cultural and forestry divisions to create a plan that will divide the land for uses including forestry, grazing, cultural resources, habitat and recreation.

County Commissioner Susan Roberts said public comments are essential for helping the county make decisions that benefit the maximum number of residents.

"Purchasing the property was a big step, but only the first, in providing economic and recreational opportunities while taking into consideration the overall health of the landscape," she said.

The plan can be found on the Wallowa County website at co.wallowa.or.us. Residents can submit their comments via email to eastmoraine-communityforest@gmail.com or via mail to 101 S. River St., Enterprise 97828. Comments must include name, contact information and a ref-

erence to the page and section of the plan.

A public meeting will be held on Sept. 1 at the Wallowa County Fairgrounds in Cloverleaf Hall to receive more public feedback. The comment period will end on Oct. 2.

Heritage Station reimagines Pioneer Day

PENDLETON — Pancakes with fresh butter are just one of the treats awaiting visitors to Pendleton's Heritage Station Museum's Pioneer Day on Saturday, Aug. 7.

It's been awhile since the museum had a Pioneer Day, said Shannon Gruenhagen, marketing and tour coordinator.

The one-day event also falls on Free First Saturday, with free admission for everyone. From noon to 3 p.m., visitors can pan for gold, try candle dipping with beeswax, learn how to clean clothes on a washboard, and shake cream into butter.

— The Observer

Longtime doctor stepping down

Dr. Stephen Bump concludes 30-year career on Aug. 6

By DICK MASON

The Observer

LA GRANDE — Dr. Stephen Bump rarely has to squint into the sun while driving each morning to his office at the Grande Ronde Hospital Regional Medical Clinic.

Bump gets a jump start on each work day, arriving at the GRH Regional Medical clinic by 5:30 a.m. to prepare for appointments with patients he begins seeing at 7:30 a.m.

"There is always so much to do. I want to walk into each appointment as prepared as I can be," said Bump, an internist.

Bump's days of beating the sun to work are going the way of dial-up internet, for retirement beckons. Bump will conclude a 30-year career as a physician on Friday, Aug. 6.

"I will really miss my patients. It was not an easy decision," said Bump, who has practiced in La Grande throughout his medical career as an internist, a physician who specializes in treating adults.

Thirty-five years ago, Bump did not foresee himself becoming a physician. He had just graduated from Utah State University with a degree in biology/ecology and wanted to become an ornithologist, one who studies birds, just as his grandfather had.

Bump's career as an ornithologist never took flight, though.

"I wanted to do something that would help the lives of people," he said.

Bump was also steered toward health care by his father, Bob Bump, then a physician in Portland who had encouraged him to pursue a career in medicine, telling him that it would allow him to support a family and that he believed he had the personality and skills that would make him a good doctor.

The once aspiring ornithologist, who still is fascinated by birds, took his father's advice and enrolled at St. Louis University School of Medicine, from which he graduated in 1988. Bump and his wife, Jan, moved to La Grande in 1991. They came to the area because of the beauty, its reputation for having excellent doctors and because there was a greater need for doctors, Bump said.

"I wanted to work in an underserved area," said Bump, noting that this objective helped inspire him to remain in La Grande throughout his career.

Upon retiring, Bump wants to spend more time with his family and return to studying birds. Stephen and Jan Bump have a daughter, Joanne, who lives in Port Orange, Florida, and two sons, Tim of Middletown, New York, and Brian of La Grande.

Dr. Susan Rice, also an internist at the GRH Regional Medical Clinic, said Bump is an excellent physician with an uncommon ability for connecting with patients.

"He inspires a huge amount of loyalty in his patients. He has a lot of compassion and they see that very clearly," she said.

Lynette Allen, a patient of Bump's for about six years, also speaks highly of the retiring physician. She said Bump goes the extra mile to help patients.

"You cannot put a price on what he has meant to the community," she said. "He is irreplaceable. I'm so thankful that he took me on as a patient."



Bump