

TODAY

In 1776, members of the Second Continental Congress began attaching their signatures to the Declaration of Independence.

In 1873, inventor Andrew S. Hallidie successfully tested a cable car he had designed for the city of San Francisco.

In 1876, frontiersman "Wild Bill" Hickok was shot and killed while playing poker at a saloon in Deadwood, Dakota Territory, by Jack McCall, who was later hanged.

In 1921, a jury in Chicago acquitted several former members of the Chicago White Sox baseball team and two others of conspiring to defraud the public in the notorious "Black Sox" scandal. Opera singer Enrico Caruso, 48, died in Naples, Italy.

In 1922, Alexander Graham Bell, generally regarded as the inventor of the telephone, died in Nova Scotia, Canada, at age 75.

In 1923, the 29th president of the United States, Warren G. Harding, died in San Francisco; Vice President Calvin Coolidge became president.

In 1934, German President Paul von Hindenburg died, paving the way for Adolf Hitler's complete takeover.

In 1939, Albert Einstein signed a letter to President Franklin D. Roosevelt urging creation of an atomic weapons research program.

In 1945, President Harry S. Truman, Soviet leader Josef Stalin and Britain's new prime minister, Clement Attlee, concluded the Potsdam conference.

In 1974, former White House counsel John W. Dean III was sentenced to one to four years in prison for obstruction of justice in the Watergate cover-up. (Dean ended up serving four months.)

In 1980, 85 people were killed when a bomb exploded at the train station in Bologna, Italy.

In 1985, 137 people were killed when Delta Air Lines Flight 191, a Lockheed L-1011 TriStar, crashed while attempting to land at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

In 1990, Iraq invaded Kuwait, seizing control of the oil-rich emirate. (The Iraqis were later driven out in Operation Desert Storm.)

Ten years ago: Gabby Douglas became the third American in a row to win gymnastics' biggest prize when she claimed the all-around Olympic title; Michael Phelps added to his medal collection with his first individual gold medal of the London Games in the 200-meter individual medley.

Five years ago: Former Notre Dame football coach Ara Parseghian died at his home in Granger, Indiana, at the age of 94.

One year ago: The U.S. finally reached President Joe Biden's goal of getting at least one COVID-19 shot into 70% of American adults — a month late and amid a fierce surge by the delta variant.

Today's Birthdays: Rock musician Garth Hudson (The Band) is 85. Singer Kathy Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 79. Actor Joanna Cassidy is 77. Actor Kathryn Harrold is 72. Actor Butch Patrick (TV: "The Munsters") is 69. Rock music producer/drummer Butch Vig (Garbage) is 67. Actor Victoria Jackson is 63. Actor Apollonia is 63. Actor Cynthia Stevenson is 60. Actor Mary-Louise Parker is 58. Rock musician John Stanier is 54. Writer-actor-director Kevin Smith is 52. Actor Jacinda Barrett is 50. Actor Sam Worthington is 46. Actor Edward Furlong is 45. TV meteorologist Dylan Dreyer (TV: "Today") is 41. Actor Marci Miller is 37. Singer Charli XCX is 30.

CORRECTIONS

The Observer works hard to be accurate and sincerely regrets any errors. If you notice a mistake in the paper, please call 541-963-3161.

LOTTERY

Friday, July 29, 2022

MegaMillions

13-36-45-57-67

Megaball: 14

Megaplier: 2

Jackpot: \$20 million

Lucky Lines

3-6-12-13-18-22-28-29

Jackpot: \$27,000

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 6-8-6-0

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

7 p.m.: 7-0-5-7

10 p.m.: 0-5-4-6

Saturday, July 30, 2022

Powerball

4-17-57-58-68

Powerball: 12

Power Play: 3

Jackpot: \$187 million

Megabucks

3-6-10-25-29-46

Jackpot: \$4.1 million

Lucky Lines

3-5-10-14-20-23-25-30

Jackpot: \$28,000

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 9-8-4-5

4 p.m.: 9-1-2-2

7 p.m.: 2-0-4-7

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

Win for Life

12-15-17-69

Sunday, July 31, 2022

Lucky Lines

2-5-10-16-18-21-27-29

Estimated jackpot: \$29,000

Pick 4

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

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

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

10 p.m.: 5-9-5-1

Tireless community service

Linda and Floyd Dixon serve as grand marshals of Huckleberry Festival

By DICK MASON

The Observer

NORTH POWDER — Linda and Floyd Dixon received the ride of a lifetime at the North Powder Huckleberry Festival this past weekend.

The North Powder couple, the festival's grand marshals, helped lead its parade on Saturday, July 30, while riding in a 1926 REO Roadster, a vehicle that had to be started by a hand crank.

"It was a great experience," said Linda Dixon, who said she appreciated being in a vehicle with a roof because it protected her from the harsh sun.

The Dixons, who moved to North Powder seven years ago from Huntington, were selected as grand marshals because of their commitment to community service.

"They are just the people you want to go to if you want anything done," said Dotty Miles, who served as grand marshal of the 2021 Huckleberry Festival with her husband, Myron.

Miles credits the Dixons with keeping North Powder's food bank and fresh food Alliance programs



Al Cook/Contributed Photo
Linda and Floyd Dixon, shown here on Saturday July 30, 2022, served as grand marshals of this year's Huckleberry Festival.

afloat. Miles noted that Linda and Floyd Dixon travel to La Grande each week to the Northeast Oregon Regional Food Bank to get items for stocking pantries in North Powder and Haines.

"Sometimes they make two trips to La Grande," Miles said.

The food bank the Dixons stock in North Powder is located at the United Methodist Church. Miles credits the Dixons with making the church an easy place for people to get

what they need.

The Dixons are members of North Powder's United Methodist Church, which Miles said is one of the oldest operating Methodist churches in Oregon. Miles said that the support the Dixons provide the church is instrumental in keeping the church operating.

Linda and Floyd Dixon are also members of North Powder's Wolf Creek Grange, which is involved in many community service projects, including a Christmas program

The Observer earns 12 awards from ONPA

The Observer

LA GRANDE — The Observer was recognized with 12 awards in the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association's annual Better Newspapers Contest.

The Observer received four first-place awards, three second-place awards and five third-place awards. The winners were announced Thursday, July 28, and Friday, July 29, at Mount Hood Resort in Welches.

Karrine Brogoitti, the publisher of The Observer, said she was proud of the work done by the newsroom.

"I am just so proud of our staff for the hard work they do every day," she said.

The awards were for the 2021 calendar year, and the



The Observer, File

Bullfighting brothers Ryan Manning and Miles Barry, with Sean Peterson, taunt the angry bull White Noise away from downed cowboy Levi Quillan on Thursday, June 10, 2021, at the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show in Union. The photo, taken by former photographer Alex Wittwer, took first place in the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association's annual Better Newspapers Contest.

contest was judged by the Maine Press Association.

Reporter Dick Mason and former reporter Davis Carbaugh took first place

in the best educational coverage for the Aug. 24 story "Local educators weigh in on vaccine mandate." Mason also earned third

place in the same category.

Mason and former photographer Alex Wittwer took first place for the best photo essay June 29 photo package "Fun at Mount Emily."

Wittwer also took first place for best sports photo and best feature photo. Wittwer took second place for best news photo.

The Observer took two of the three top spots in the best general feature story, with Wittwer taking second and Mason taking third.

Page designer Andy Nicolais took second for best page one design.

The Observer took second place for best special section or issue, and Carbaugh took third place for best sports story. Editor Andrew Cutler took third place for best editorial page.

County may ask voters to approve opt out ordinance

By DICK MASON

The Observer

LA GRANDE — Union County voters in November may be given the chance to virtually ban psilocybin products in much of the county.

The Union County Board of Commissioners is set to vote on an ordinance that would prohibit the sale and manufacturing of psilocybin products in unincorporated portions of the county when it meets at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 3, in the Joseph Building's east meeting room. The proposed psilocybin ordinance, if passed by the

board, would be referred to voters in the Tuesday, Nov. 8, election.

The sale and manufacturing of psilocybin in Oregon is now legal after voters approved Measure 109 in 2020. If the board of commissioners does not refer the proposed ordinance to voters, Measure 109 will go into effect in unincorporated portions of Union County. It would also go into effect if the proposed ordinance were rejected by voters.

Measure 109 passed with a 56% majority in Oregon in 2020 but voters in Union County rejected it.

"This would give

voters a chance to reject the measure a second time and opt out," said Union County Commissioner Donna Beverage.

The commissioner views Measure 109, also known as the Oregon Psilocybin Services Act, as flawed.

"It is very vague — there are no guidelines or details," she said.

Measure 109 directs the Oregon Health Authority to license and regulate the manufacturing, transportation, delivery, sale and purchase of psilocybin products.

Psilocybin is the active ingredient in hallucino-

genic mushrooms, and research has indicated it may be a useful drug in treating a variety of conditions, including post-traumatic stress disorder. Beverage noted that even though psilocybin may be used for medical purposes, it can be distributed under Measure 109 by people who are not health professionals, something that concerns her.

Beverage is also worried about what could happen if the proposed opt out ordinance is rejected by voters.

"If voters chose not to opt out it could change the culture of our county," she said.

One of La Grande's finest is remembered

Friends, family of Doug Trice salute him at a celebration of life service

By DICK MASON

The Observer

LA GRANDE — The legacy of Doug Trice, a man who tirelessly lifted Special Olympians to new heights, was solidified over the weekend.

A ribbon cutting ceremony for a field named in Trice's honor was conducted Saturday, July 30, at Pioneer Park as part of a celebration of life ceremony saluting the revered community volunteer who died May 6, 2020 at age 68.

The field was renamed in Trice's honor by the La Grande City Council on Sept. 7, 2020, but a ribbon cutting ceremony and the celebration of life service were delayed until last weekend because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Trice's sister, Gwen, said the service helped her bring a sense of closure she had not experienced until now.

"It was hard to put a lid on the grief, spirit and emotions," she said.

Gwen Trice said her brother was a man of remarkable humility.

"He never sought the spotlight. He always focused the shine of the spotlight on others," she said.

Frank Thomas, of Cove, who grew up with Trice, described him as his best friend, a man who had remarkable concern for everyone and an uncommon temperament.

"In 68 years, I never saw him get mad, even once," he said.

Gwen Trice credited her brother with treating everyone like a family member.

"Doug belonged to all of us," she said.

Trice was a star running back at La Grande High School in the late 1960s before leaving for Monmouth where he attended Western Oregon University, then named Oregon College of Education. Trice enjoyed a sterling football career at Western and was later named to its athletic hall of fame. His teammates at Western included Kurt Davis, who now lives in Central Oregon.

"Doug was an amazing football player and an even better person," Davis said at the celebration of life service.

Trice was hard to tackle because he was quick and elusive and strong.

"He was tough as nails. He could take a hit like nobody else," Davis said.

Going overseas

After graduating from Western, Trice returned to La Grande where he took a job with Union Pacific Railroad where he worked before retiring. Trice, who studied education at Western, put his college education to work while serving as a Special Olympics coach in Union County. He was so successful that he was named assistant coach for Team USA at the World Games in Shanghai, China, in 2007. That same year, he received a Governor's Gold Award from then Gov. Ted Kulongoski for his work in Special Olympics. Four years later, Trice was selected as a Special Olympics coach for Team USA in Athens, Greece.

Davis said to watch Trice work with athletes was to see a master at work.

"It was just a gift," he said.

Davis said Trice was able to connect with people of all types.

"He made people feel special," he said.

Scott Hansell, a classmate of Trice's at LHS, said he had a good naturedness about him that few others share.

"He deserved an angel and now is an angel," he said.

NEWS BRIEFS

La Grande woman dies in crash with wrong-way driver

PENDLETON — A La Grande woman died Friday, July 29, in Umatilla County in a head-on crash on Interstate 84 with a wrong-way driver.

Kari Lindeman, 49, was killed when the Ford Fiesta she was driving collided with a Dodge 3500 pickup driven by Gabriel Velasquez, 55, of Kennewick, Washington, who was traveling in the wrong direction in the eastbound lane near milepost 216,

5 miles east of Pendleton, according to preliminary data from Oregon State Police.

Lindeman died at the scene, OSP reported. Velasquez suffered serious injuries. An emergency helicopter flew him to Providence St. Mary Medical Center in Walla Walla, Washington.

The westbound lanes were closed for six hours during the investigation. OSP was assisted by the Umatilla Tribal Fire Department, Umatilla Tribal Police Department and Oregon Department of Transportation.

Joseph City Council meeting moved to Aug. 11

JOSEPH — The regular Joseph City Council meeting for August has been moved to Aug. 11, at 7 p.m. at the Joseph Events Community Center, according to a press release.

Agendas will be posted at the city's website by noon Aug. 9 or sooner, the release stated.

The Council regularly meets on the first Thursday of each month.