

## TODAY

In 1521, Spanish conqueror Hernando Cortez captured Tenochtitla, present-day Mexico City, from the Aztecs.

In 1792, French revolutionaries imprisoned the royal family.

In 1846, the American flag was raised in Los Angeles for the first time.

In 1889, William Gray of Hartford, Connecticut, received a patent for a coin-operated telephone.

In 1910, Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing, died in London at age 90.

In 1932, Adolf Hitler rejected the post of vice chancellor of Germany, saying he was prepared to hold out "for all or nothing."

In 1960, the first two-way telephone conversation by satellite took place with the help of Echo 1.

In 1961, East Germany sealed off the border between Berlin's eastern and western sectors before building a wall that would divide the city for the next 28 years.

In 1995, Baseball Hall of Famer Mickey Mantle died at a Dallas hospital of rapidly spreading liver cancer; he was 63.

In 2003, Iraq began pumping crude oil from its northern oil fields for the first time since the start of the war. Libya agreed to set up a \$2.7 billion fund for families of the 270 people killed in the 1988 Pan Am bombing.

In 2004, TV chef Julia Child died in Montecito, California, two days short of her 92nd birthday.

In 2011, seven people were killed when a stage collapsed at the Indiana State Fair during a powerful storm just before a concert was to begin. In eastern Pakistan, al-Qaida gunmen kidnapped an American development expert, Warren Weinstein. (Weinstein was killed in a U.S. drone strike in Jan. 2015.)

In 2020, in an interview on Fox Business Network, President Donald Trump acknowledged that he was starving the U.S. Postal Service of money in order to make it harder to process an expected surge of mail-in ballots. Israel and the United Arab Emirates announced that they were establishing full diplomatic relations in a deal brokered by the U.S.; it required Israel to halt its plan to annex occupied West Bank land sought by the Palestinians.

**Today's Birthdays:** Former U.S. Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders is 89. Actor Kevin Tighe is 78. U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen is 76. Opera singer Kathleen Battle is 74. High wire aerialist Philippe Petit is 73. Hockey Hall of Famer Bobby Clarke is 73. Golf Hall of Famer Betsy King is 67. Movie director Paul Greengrass is 67. Actor Danny Bonaduce is 63. TV weatherman Sam Champion is 61. Actor Dawnn (correct) Lewis is 61. Actor John Slattery is 60. Actor Debi Mazar is 58. Actor Quinn Cummings is 55. Actor Seana Kofoed is 52. Country singer Andy Griggs is 49. Actor Gregory Fitoussi is 46. Country musician Mike Melancon (Emerson Drive) is 44. Actor Kathryn Fiore is 43. Former White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders is 40. Actor Sebastian Stan is 40. Actor Eme Ikwuakor is 38. Pop-rock singer James Morrison is 38. Actor Lennon Stella is 23.

## CORRECTION

The Page A5 story "Neighbors on 20th Street win summer beautification awards," published Thursday, Aug. 11, misstated the roles of Jenny Coles and Jody Hafer at Genesis Salon, La Grande. Coles is the owner, and Hafer is an independent stylist with the salon.

## 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

Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2022  
Megabucks

8-11-27-29-39-41  
Jackpot: \$4.6 million

## Lucky Lines

4-7-12-16-18-23-28-32  
Estimated jackpot: \$39,000

## Powerball

29-44-59-61-68  
Powerball: 19

## Power Play: 2

Jackpot: \$48 million

## Win for Life

16-38-43-61

## Pick 4

1 p.m.: 8-5-6-4

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

7 p.m.: 0-6-1-7

10 p.m.: 3-5-7-1

## Thursday, Aug. 11, 2022

## Lucky Lines

4-7-10-15-18-22-26-29  
Jackpot: \$40,000

## Pick 4

1 p.m.: 7-9-8-6

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

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

10 p.m.: 7-6-7-0

## Trice saluted by former Oregon governor

Ted Kulongoski honors the late Special Olympics coach Doug Trice

By DICK MASON

The Observer

LA GRANDE — Ted Kulongoski, Oregon's governor from 2003 to 2011, has recorded a tribute honoring La Grande's Doug Trice, the late award-winning Special Olympics coach and a hall of fame athlete.

Kulongoski, in his tribute posted on YouTube, credits Trice with doing extraordinary work as a Special Olympics coach.

Trice was so respected for his volunteer work with Special Olympic athletes that he was named an 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 Kulongoski for his work with the Special Olympics. Four years later, Trice was selected as a Special Olympics coach for Team USA in Athens, Greece.

Kulongoski also praised Trice for his work as a youth baseball and softball coach.

"Lessons Doug taught in youth sports are life-long lessons for these kids in resilience, dedication, grace in winning and especially grace in defeat," Kulongoski said in the tribute.

The former governor, who lives in Portland, also praises Trice for his overall contributions to the Northwest Oregon community.

"Doug made life better for so many people," Kulongoski said.

The former governor, toward the end of his presentation, credits Trice with being someone who could connect with people of different backgrounds.

"I want to personally



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Doug Trice, who passed away in 2020, was honored in a tribute by former Oregon Gov. Ted Kulongoski. Trice was a well-respected Special Olympics coach in Union County.

remember him as a Black man who made a difference across cultures," Kulongoski said.

Kulongoski recorded his tribute at the request of Trice's sister, Gwen, who is a friend of Kulongoski's

wife, Mary Oberst. Gwen Trice said her brother would have been deeply honored to hear the former governor's tribute.

"Doug would have been absolutely overwhelmed," she said.

## HOW TO WATCH

To watch the video tribute visit, <https://bit.ly/3bLRNHN>

Trice died May 6, 2020, at age 68.

## Cove City Council passes ordinance banning psilocybin within city limits

Voters will have the final say on November ballot

By ISABELLA CROWLEY

The Observer

COVE — The Cove City Council unanimously approved an ordinance banning psilocybin service facilities and psilocybin manufacturing within city limits during a special session on Aug. 9, and passed a resolution referring approval of the ban to voters on the upcoming November ballot.

Oregon voters passed

Ballot Measure 109 in November 2020. At the time, 67% of Cove voters opposed the measure with 132 voters in favor of Measure 109 and 277 against the measure.

"I'm all for referring it to the voters and I believe they will ban it," said Matt McCowan, council president.

Similar sentiments were shared by all members of the council. In the language of the ordinances, the city council addressed worries that the Oregon Health Authority had not yet finalized how facilities would be licensed and operated, which led the

council to consider the ban.

Although no residents attended the special session, Mayor Sherry Haeger said that she spoke with several people throughout the week who expressed concerns about psilocybin and supported the ban.

"We're giving the people of the city a chance to have their voices heard," she said.

Cove residents will have another opportunity to ban psilocybin during the November election.

Cove joins the La Grande City Council and Union County Board of Commissioners in asking

their voters to consider banning the psychedelic drug from being sold in the county's unincorporated areas before a state-managed system takes effect in January.

The La Grande City Council declared an emergency on Aug. 3 in order to refer an ordinance banning psilocybin service centers within La Grande city limits to voters, while the Union County Board of Commissioners voted on Aug. 3 to refer a proposed ordinance to ban prohibit the sale and manufacturing of psilocybin products in unincorporated portions of the county.

## Law enforcement: Infant still missing from La Grande

Mother says she has done nothing wrong

By ISABELLA CROWLEY

The Observer

LA GRANDE — The whereabouts of a 3-month-old boy are still unknown after he was reported missing from La Grande by the Oregon Department of Human Services.

Officials believe that the infant, Oakley Miller, went missing with his mother, McKinzie Simonis, on Wednesday, Aug. 3.

Simonis is believed to be traveling with Oakley in a silver Mitsubishi Lancer with Washington license plates, according to an updated alert released on Thursday, Aug. 11. The Oregon Department of Human Services believes they may be in Union or Baker counties, possibly in North Powder, Halfway or Huntington.

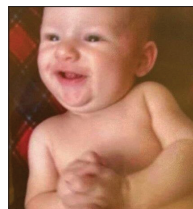
"Oakley is not missing! I haven't done anything," Simonis wrote in an email to The Observer.

According to Union County Sheriff Cody Bowen, Oakley was supposed to be turned over to Child Protective Services and law enforcement believe Simonis took off with the infant.

According to Simonis, she has been clean for over a year and her local child protective services did not have any concerns for Oakley's well being. Simonis said she told Oregon child protective services that she wanted an attorney present.

"My son is fine! He's a breastfeeding 3-month-old that wears 6-month old clothing and is happier than any other baby," she wrote.

Bowen said that anytime CPS looks to take custody of a child they



Oregon Department of Human Services and local law enforcement is searching for Oakley Miller, who went missing with his mother, McKinzie Simonis, on Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2022.

are doing so for the safety of that child.

"Now they don't know where the child is at, don't know where the mother is at, that just intensifies it," the sheriff said.

Due to federal child privacy laws, the Oregon Department of Human Services is unable to disclose any additional information outside of what was shared in the press releases.

The sheriff's office is actively investigating and searching for Oakley. Officers are checking known locations, speaking with family members and following all leads.

Oakley has blond hair and blue eyes. Anyone who has knowledge of Oakley's whereabouts or believes they have seen him are encouraged to contact the sheriff's office.

## IN BRIEF

## Goat wounded by wolves near Lostine

WALLOWA COUNTY — An adult female goat was wounded in a wolf attack by members of the Bear Creek Pack in the Allen Canyon area of Wallowa County, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife reported Friday, Aug. 5.

ODFW's report stated that the attack occurred the previous evening when the livestock owner had gathered his flock from a private pasture and noticed one animal was missing.

The missing ewe goat returned the following day with partially healed injuries consistent with wolf attacks. The injuries were on both hind legs, ODFW reported.

Allen Canyon is between Wallowa and Lostine south of Highway 82.

## Union County reports 123 new cases of COVID-19

SALEM — The Oregon Health Authority reported 15,716 new cases of COVID-19 from July 24 to Aug. 6 in its biweekly report released on Wednesday, Aug. 10.

The two-week total represents a 15.4% decline from the previous biweekly total of 18,567.

During the two-week period of July 24 to Aug. 6, test positivity was 13%, down slightly from 13.8% in the previous two-week period.

During the same two-week period Union County has reported 123 total cases, with 25 cases on July 25, 21 cases on Aug. 1 and 15 cases on Aug. 8. Union County has a seven-day average of five new cases.

Union County recorded one death on Aug. 8, the first since July 21.

Since the start of the pandemic, Union County has recorded 5,488 cases and 86 deaths.

The health authority's COVID-19 Biweekly Congregate Care Setting Outbreak Report shows 206 active outbreaks in care facilities, senior living communities and congregate care living settings with three or more confirmed COVID-19 cases or one or more COVID-19-related deaths.

La Grande Post Acute Rehab is on the active outbreaks list with 19 total cases since the outbreak was reported on July 27. There have been no deaths due to COVID-19 since the outbreak was reported at the facility.

## Stanfield finance director retires

STANFIELD — After 40 years serving the public sector, city of Stanfield finance director Jerry Carlson is retiring.

Carlson began his career as a Stanfield city administrator and worked various roles throughout his career, including spending time as a judge.

"I enjoyed my time here in the city," Carlson said. "I appreciated my ability to work for the city."

Originally hailing from Springfield, Carlson moved to Eastern Oregon. Though he now resides in Hermiston, Carlson spent 19 years living in Stanfield. During his years working with the city, Carlson said he has grown to appreciate Stanfield.

Though he was instrumental in projects such as the 2009 Flood Mitigation Project and the yearly July 4 committee, Deputy City Recorder Sandy Endicott said Carlson never stepped into the spotlight, instead staying in the background and working behind the scenes. Endicott said Carlson viewed Stanfield as an "investment."

After years with the city, Carlson said he will be spending more time with his family in Hermiston.