

TODAY

Today is Tuesday, June 22, the 173rd day of 2021. There are 192 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

In **1970**, President Richard Nixon signed an extension of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 that lowered the minimum voting age to 18.

In **1611**, English explorer Henry Hudson, his son and several other people were set adrift in present-day Hudson Bay by mutineers aboard the *Discovery*.

In **1815**, Napoleon Bonaparte abdicated for a second time as Emperor of the French.

In **1870**, the United States Department of Justice was created.

In **1937**, Joe Louis began his reign as world heavyweight boxing champion by knocking out Jim Braddock in the eighth round of their fight in Chicago.

In **1940**, during World War II, Adolf Hitler gained a stunning victory as France was forced to sign an armistice eight days after German forces overran Paris.

In **1941**, Nazi Germany launched Operation Barbarossa, a massive invasion of the Soviet Union.

In **1944**, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, more popularly known as the "GI Bill of Rights."

In **1945**, the World War II battle for Okinawa ended with an Allied victory.

In **1969**, singer-actor Judy Garland died in London at age 47.

In **1977**, John N. Mitchell became the first former U.S. Attorney General to go to prison as he began serving a sentence for his role in the Watergate cover-up. (He was released 19 months later.)

In **1981**, Mark David Chapman pleaded guilty to killing rock star John Lennon. Abolhassan Bani-Sadr was deposed as president of Iran.

In **1992**, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *R.A.V. v. City of St. Paul*, unanimously ruled that "hate crime" laws that banned cross burning and similar expressions of racial bias violated free-speech rights.

Ten years ago: President Barack Obama announced in a White House address that he would pull home 33,000 troops from Afghanistan by the following summer. James "Whitey" Bulger, the longtime fugitive Boston crime boss and fixture on the FBI's 10 Most Wanted list, was arrested in Santa Monica, California.

Five years ago: Rebellious Democrats launched a 25-hour round-the-clock sit-in on the House floor to demand votes on gun-control bills, forcing exasperated Republicans to recess while cutting off cameras showing the protest. Dennis Hastert arrived at a Minnesota prison to serve his 15-month sentence in a hush-money case involving revelations that the former House speaker had sexually abused at least four boys when he coached wrestling at an Illinois high school. Chicago's Patrick Kane won the Hart Trophy, becoming the first player born and trained in the U.S. to be named the NHL's most valuable player.

One year ago: Mourners filed through Atlanta's Ebenezer Baptist Church for a public viewing of Rayshard Brooks, a Black man who'd been fatally shot in the back by a white police officer after a struggle. President Donald Trump said the United States had done "too good a job" on testing for cases of COVID-19 and that it had more cases than other countries because it did more testing. Trump opened a new front in his fight against mail-in voting, making unsubstantiated assertions that foreign countries would print millions of bogus ballots to rig the results.

Today's Birthdays: Singer-actor Kris Kristofferson is 85. Fox News analyst Brit Hume is 78. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., is 72. Actor Meryl Streep is 72. Singer Alan Osmond is 72. Actor Graham Greene is 69. Pop singer Cyndi Lauper is 68. Actor Chris Lemmon is 67. Actor-producer-writer Bruce Campbell is 63. Environmental activist Erin Brockovich is 61. Rock singer-musician Jimmy Somerville is 60. Basketball Hall of Famer Clyde Drexler is 59. Author Dan Brown is 57. Actor Michael Trucco is 51. Actor Mary Lynn Rajskub is 50. TV personality Carson Daly is 48. Rock musician Chris Traynor is 48. Actor Donald Faison is 47. Actor-comedian Mike O'Brien (TV: "Saturday Night Live") is 45. TV personality/actor Jai Rodriguez is 42. American singer-songwriter John Moreland is 36. Pop singer Dinah Jane (Fifth Harmony) (TV: "The X Factor") is 24.

—Associated Press

LOCAL, STATE & REGION



Smoke covered Clatsop County last year during the Labor Day fires. Hailey Hoffman/The Astorian file

North Coast begins to think seriously on wildfire protection

BY KATIE FRANKOWICZ

The Astorian

With much of Oregon abnormally dry or experiencing drought, communities on the North Coast aren't sure what to expect as fire season approaches, but some wildfire protection measures have taken on a new significance.

Putting aside the catastrophic fires like the Tillamook Burn that blazed decades ago, wildfire has not been a major concern on the coast for some until recently.

But the Labor Day fires that burned across Oregon last year and filled North Coast skies with smoke and ash set off alarm bells.

The fires were not so much a wake-up call as a reminder that the coast is not immune to the threat. A shift in the wind can carry flames here, while a dropped cigarette, a carelessly maintained campfire or logging operations can spark a disaster if conditions are right.

"I would say we were very fortunate last year in that we didn't have a fire that wound up destroying a bunch of homes," said Neal Bond, a protection

unit forester with the state based in Astoria.

"But that could very easily happen here," he added, echoing others involved in coastal forestry.

Fire access roads

In Cannon Beach, the Labor Day fires were fuel for further arguments by city leaders, firefighters and nearby timberland managers pushing for better fire access roads into the city's Ecola Creek Forest Reserve.

The city-owned forestland protects the source of the city's drinking water, and conservation is a driving factor in how the land has been managed. Some city leaders and those involved with updating the reserve's management plan worried that improving access could increase the risk of a human-caused fire, as well as negatively impact wildlife habitat.

Those involved have landed on a compromise, a balance between how some road improvements could proceed and continued conservation efforts. City leaders expect some degree of road improvement for wildfire access is in the reserve's future.

For now, temporary "no smoking" signs have gone up outside the reserve at the request of city Councilor Robin Risley. City Manager Bruce St. Denis readily agreed to the new signs, especially, he said, "with the current drought."

Fire season

The Oregon Department of Forestry announced fire season in Clatsop County will begin Tuesday. A county-wide burn ban will also go into effect Tuesday.

The state declaration affects all lands — public and private. Most other regions in Oregon are already considered in fire season. Meanwhile, state lawmakers are calling for the need for more federal resources to help families and businesses weather drought and wildfire conditions exacerbated by climate change.

The state makes fire season declarations each year when fire hazard conditions exist. Depending on the weather, this declaration usually begins in Clatsop County in late June or early July.

But this year, Bond said, "I'd say we're at a little bit higher concern than average."

LOCAL & STATE BRIEFING

Last call for historical local photos

The Bulletin and Deschutes Historical Museum want your historical family photos for our upcoming pictorial history book, "Hello Bend! Central Oregon Reinvented — 1950-2000: A Pictorial History."

The photos will also be archived by the historical museum to preserve the records for future generations.

We're looking for photos from the 1950s to 2000 of families in group settings or celebrating at large events such as the Bend Water Pageant, July Fourth parade or Labor Day picnics. We also may use school reunion photos and would love to see pictures of various work sites in Central Oregon.

We will scan your photos and hand them back to you at the event. We can scan slides, negatives or regular printed pictures.

Bring your photos to The Bulletin offices at 320 SW Upper Terrace Drive from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday and Friday. You can also set up an appointment to come in until July 16 by calling 541-633-2166 or emailing gobrien@bendbulletin.com.

Corvallis wildlife rehab center is the lone outlet in mid-valley

Wildlife rehabilitation in the mid-Willamette Valley is in a state of crisis. Except for a raptor center in Eugene all wildlife rehab issues are being funneled to the Chintimini Wildlife Center north of Corvallis.

The funnel, however, is completely clogged, forcing Chintimini to stop admitting new patients for the first time in its 30-year history.

"What we hope the public understands is that this has been a difficult situation for everyone," said Sarah Spangler, Chintimini's executive director. "We know how frustrating and agonizing it feels to not be able to help an animal in need. It feels that way to us, too. What's important to remember is that we're legally and ethically required to maintain a humane standard of care, and we aren't able to do that if we choose to work beyond our capacity."

—Bulletin staff and wire reports

Union County proposes first rules related to cats, limiting owners to 10



Union County sheriff's deputy Lani Jones speaks to a pet owner about a noise complaint in May. Cats, previously unmentioned in the animal control ordinance, may soon have restrictions too. Alex Wittwer/The Observer file

BY DICK MASON

The Observer (La Grande)

Union County may soon have a feline ownership limit.

The Union County Commission is considering adopting an updated animal control ordinance that would limit the number of adult cats county residents can own to 10.

Presently, there is no limit on the number of adult cats residents can own, according to Lani Jones, animal control officer for the Union County Sheriff's Office. The lack of an enforceable limit has helped lead to situations in the past with homes filled with dozens of cats, creating unhealthy situations, Jones said.

Diseases like feline leukemia and respiratory infections are easily spread from cat to cat in a crowded home situation. Jones added sometimes feline diseases can spread to humans, such as toxoplasmosis and salmonellosis. Both can be spread by exposure to cat feces. Toxoplasmosis causes about 750 deaths in the United States a year, and salmonellosis, also known as salmonella, claims 420 lives a year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Union County Commissioner Matt Scarfo, who worked with the sheriff's office in creating the proposed ani-

mal control ordinance update, noted that he receives a number of complaints about cats. Many involve felines owned by neighbors who dig in gardens and flower boxes.

"Many of these complaints are from people who do not own cats," he said.

The current animal control ordinance makes no reference to cats, but the proposed update mentions them at least a half a dozen times, including in section four where it states that the Union County Sheriff may "enforce all of the county and state laws relating to the control of dogs/cats within the county, including that of making arrests."

The proposed updated ordinance also stipulates how responsibility for cats would be determined in the event that a cat is found to be a nuisance. It states that anyone who has provided shelter for a cat and fed it for at least seven consecutive days would be deemed responsible for the animal.

Union County's animal control ordinance was last updated about six years ago.

Commissioners approved a first reading of the proposed ordinance on Wednesday. The board is scheduled to vote on a second reading June 30. If passed, the ordinance would go into effect immediately.

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