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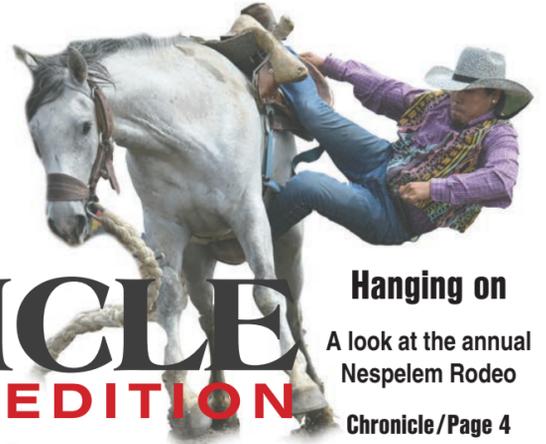
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Area residents remember moon landing 50 years ago

By DEE CAMP The Chronicle

OMAK — Fifty years ago today, many people around the world were glued to their television sets as the Apollo 11 lunar module set down on the moon and, a few hours later, Neil Armstrong became the first human to set foot on a body other than Earth.

The Chronicle contacted several area residents for their recollections about that day, July 20, 1969. Many of those contacted were young adults or children at the time; all who responded had memories of the mission.

Apollo 11 was launched from Kennedy Space Center on July 16, 1969, with astronauts Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins aboard. The lunar module, carrying Armstrong and Aldrin, landed

on the moon four days later, while Collins stayed on the command module orbiting the moon.

For all three, the mission was their second and last space flight. The mission ended July 24 with splashdown in the Pacific Ocean and mission duration of eight days, three hours, 18 minutes and 35 seconds.

The mission culminated the "space race" with the U.S.S.R. and fulfilled the late President John F. Kennedy's challenge to the country that "before this decade is out, of landing a man on the moon and returning him safely to the Earth."

Armstrong died Aug. 25, 2012, at age 82. Aldrin is 89 and Collins is 88.

For area residents, the moon landing was everything from a passing interest to a participatory event. They ran the gamut of life in America at the time - students concerned about the

I was more interested in the war in Vietnam."

She said she was in Omak, living with her parents during summer vacation from college.

"I remember Kennedy and his support of the space program, but again I never paid much attention since I don't have a scientific mind," she said.

Omak resident Ralph Malone said he always remembers the moon landing date, since it's also his birthday.

"I drove down to Warden, where my then-girlfriend was living," he said. "They were wheat farmers, and we were cutting wheat, so we didn't get to sit around the TV all day.

"We did see Armstrong hop off the lunar lander on the 6 o'clock news from Spokane."

Curlew Lake resident Bobbi Weller said she, her husband and their



Weller

young son were in Salt Lake City, Utah, visiting friends they'd met during Fort Ord's boot camp a few years earlier.

"We were all seated around their TV in their downstairs rec room, and it was absolutely unbelievable that we were actually watching the moon landing live," she said.

"Fifty years ago, I was 26 years old. I remember feeling very proud that the USA had accomplished such a great feat, and saddened when it was all shut down," she said.

"At the time, we lived in Seattle and the kids were 5 and 7," said Omak resident Marsha Aufenkamp, referring to children Tony and Shelly (now LaGrou).

"What made the flight so special for us was my husband's oldest brother was in the command center in Houston and we got to see Dr. Don (Aufenkamp) celebrate with the others on live TV," she said.

Don Aufenkamp had a doctorate in nuclear physics.

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Duncan



Malone

Vietnam War, a young military family, a family with a relative in the space program, a farm boy, an international traveler.

Tommie Robbins, Omak, said she remembers seeing the landing, "but

Patrol increases drone fleet to 111

Devices will be used to investigate vehicle wrecks

By AMBER HEDINGTON The Chronicle

OYLMPIA — The Washington State Patrol has about 100 qualified operators to pilot a 111-drone fleet to monitor and document vehicle crash scenes.

The drones are equipped with cameras and referred to as unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs).

The patrol said the UAVs are for monitoring and documenting crash scenes and not for surveillance.

According to Detective Sgt. Clint Thomas, any uses of the UAVs besides monitoring and documenting vehicle crashes and crime scene mapping - such as deployments to help assist the monitoring of wildfires - will have to be personally approved by the chief of the patrol.

"We're not allowed to take video or use it for surveillance," Thomas said. "We're very strict in how we run our program. Essentially we're just taking baby steps."

Having the drones available to the patrol makes documenting a wreck scene easier and faster, which clears road blockades quicker.

According to Thomas, a drone can map a two-car vehicle collision in about 10 minutes, when compared to the half hour-to-an hour time frame using a tape measurer, chalk marks, and/or laser scanner to map the

vehicle crash.

Thomas said the patrol has acquired the drones made by DJI, a China-based company. Some are of a higher quality consumer model and others are a more powerful commercial enterprise model. The state may upgrade the models and broaden and enlarge its fleet with a new injection of cash which was recently approved by the state Legislature.

Drones often bring concern about security and privacy.

Agencies, such as the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), closely monitor the growing number of law enforcement drones. The patrol said it conferred with the Washington state chapter of the ACLU to develop its limited-use drone policy.

ACLU of Washington Technology and Liberty Director Shankar Narayan has often been critical of a few city police departments for not having clear-cut guidelines to ward off warrant-less flyovers or missing restrictions on data sharing.

Narayan said greater transparency is needed around surveillance technology.

"Even if the Washington State Patrol has the best policy in the world, an average person has no recourse in order to enforce it," Narayan said.

There are federal, state and local drone laws in Washington state.

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Lethal action reauthorized against wolf pack

Environmental group oppose wolf hunt in Ferry County

By BROCK HIRES The Chronicle

SPOKANE — State wildlife officials are hunting some members of a Ferry County wolf pack with a history of attacking cattle.

Earlier this month state Department of Fish and Wildlife Director Kelly Susewind reauthorized staff to remove wolves lethally from the Old Profanity Territory Pack.

In 2018, the pack was involved in a total of 16 depredations in less than two months in which there were three killed and 13 injured livestock, according to Fish and Wildlife. Last year's depredations prompted the lethal removal of two wolves. In November 2018, Susewind paused action seeking to remove the two remaining wolves lethally.

Between April and July 2019, fish and wildlife staff counted five adult-sized wolves in the pack. The pack denned this spring and now has at least four pups, totaling a minimum of nine wolves in the pack.

This year, three depredations documented outside of the grazing season were confirmed on Jan. 5. On July 6, department staff confirmed an additional depredation, bringing the total to 20 depredations (seven killed and 13 injured livestock) since Sept. 5, 2018, and 15 in the last 10 months.

Based on the chronic depredation history for the pack and the most recent depredation, Susewind reauthorized incremental removal of wolves from the pack, consistent with the state's Wolf Conservation and Management Plan and the lethal removal provisions of the department's wolf-livestock interaction protocol. The three wolf depredations confirmed on Jan. 5, 2019, were not considered in the director's decision.

"This is a very difficult situation for all those involved, especially given the history of wolf-livestock conflict in this area," Susewind said. "Our goal is to change this pack's behavior."

The goal of lethal removal, as described in the Wolf Conservation and Management Plan, is to manage wolf-livestock conflicts to minimize livestock losses without undermining the recovery of a sustainable wolf population. The purpose of the lethal action in the pack is to change pack behavior to reduce the potential for continued depredations on livestock while continuing to promote wolf recovery.

The department is providing one business day advance public notice before initiating the lethal removal effort. Department officials said they will use humane lethal removal methods consistent with state and federal laws. The objective is to use the best methods available while considering human safety, humaneness to wolves, swift completion of the removal, weather, efficacy and cost.

"It's distressing to see conflict flare up once again in the Kettle Range," said Paula Swedeen, Conservation

Northwest policy director and a member of the state's Wolf Advisory Group. "We have discussed at the WAG the need for innovative solutions to end the cycle of repeated wolf and cattle loss in this area, recognizing the difficulty that the situation creates for everyone involved. In the near term, we're coordinating closely with the state, ranchers and range riders to provide additional resources for range riding and herd supervision in the (Old Profanity Pack) territory if requested or needed."

Conservation Northwest in an environmental group that has promoted the growth of wolf population in eastern Washington.

"The Kettle Range is wild country critical for a variety of wildlife species and important to a broad portion of the public who cares about public land," Swedeen said. "It's also important grazing lands for local livestock producers, many of whom have been working and stewarding these lands for generations. The history of conflict here shows it won't be easy, but we want to see successful coexistence in the Kettles into the future. We are anxious to participate in community-wide discussions of all interested parties on how to end this cycle of loss."

According to the department, a contracted range rider who has been working the area is being shifted to the portion of the pack's territory where the latest depredation took place. Through coordination with the U.S. Forest Service, the grazing rotation on the allotment diverts cattle away from wolf rendezvous sites identified in previous years.



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OKANOGAN VALLEY LIFESTYLE

The blunders of bridesmaid dress shopping

BUMPY ROADS, bumper-to-bumper traffic, belligerent drivers, and bathroom breaks are irritating factors which can affect the whole outlook of a road trip.

A quest to find "the" bridesmaid dress; how shall I compare thee to an epic failure.

When traveling anywhere, make sure you go to the bathroom before you get on the road (you never know when the next rest stop will be available). Have some source of caffeine to keep you awake during your journey to keep you from falling asleep while driving (and get plenty of sleep the night before). Make sure the tires are full of air and there's plenty of gas in the vehicle.

All the above-mentioned items were checked off

everyone's lists. Extra list items included a comfy travel pillow, catchy music and a bottle of Dramamine for certain travelers who get extremely car sick (like me) were checked off as well.

The morning of July 13 started off as such a productive day. It was a planned trip to a Kennewick bridal store to find a bridesmaid dress for my best friend's wedding. The travelers included my mother, father, my grandfather, and myself.

The roads leading up to Moses Lake were relatively smooth, minus the very few spots that were under minor road construction and the occasional butterfly dips (car sick travelers beware). Upon arriving in Moses Lake, we required some much-needed refreshments from Dutch Bros. Coffee. We were waiting in the drive-through when cars were coming at us from both directions. We were in line, between two cars, so there was nowhere for us to go.

Numerous belligerent drivers were honking at us, swearing and looking at us like we were idiots.

While the service and drinks were amazing, the parking and drive-through access to this establishment left much to be desired.

After escaping the death trap beverage establishment unscathed, the unavoidable happened. Yes, kidney pressure and a small bladder for more than one vehicle occupant. Needless to say, there wasn't a rest stop or gas station in sight for nearly 15 miles. Oh, joy! Tensions run high as passengers steal their resolve and concentrate on holding their bladder, and pray a rest stop becomes available in time.

Now, some obvious techniques to hold your bladder are to distract yourself from the problem and try to focus on something else, shift your position and removing any

liquid out of your line of site. Also, try not to lash out at your fellow passengers. If you feel you absolutely cannot make it to a rest stop or gas station, pull over when you are able and relieve yourself. Holding your bladder for too long can lead to urinary tract infections and other complications.

Hallelujah! A gas station finally became available, and by now all four passengers had to use the restroom. When using the restrooms of a gas station, one should always make a purchase (no matter how minuscule the purchase), since you used the business' facilities. Also, a good majority of gas station restrooms are quite disgusting (and shouldn't even be open to the public), so make sure to touch as little of the restrooms as possible and wash your hands thoroughly. Using hand sanitizer upon reaching your vehicle is another excellent decision to make.

The road trip resumed on the

journey to Kennewick.

Around noon we reached our destination. My father and grandfather awaited the arrival of a visiting aunt from Mossyrock while my mother and I went in search of the infamous horizon-blue bridesmaid dress.

Tulle, lace, and silk - oh, my! It looked as if a rainbow of fabrics threw up upon entering the store. We met with the bridal consultant who proceeded to tell us they only had one dress in the size and color we were looking for that could be ordered and delivered in time for the mid-September wedding.

What a shock! We called and booked the appointment two days prior and they said they had five designs in the required color and size and would have them for my appointment. If we had known they were going to tell us that (although they confirmed they had the sizes and colors), we would have never made the nearly four-hour

journey.

Needless to say, I ordered the one and only dress available in the color and size I needed (I didn't even like the dress). I was told the dress would arrive within six-eight weeks and the consultant tried to charge me shipping. I was told there was free shipping on purchases over \$120 and my purchase was well over that. Lucky for me, I had the email proof to back up the store's free shipping claim.

All-in-all, the road trip was a success despite an unsuccessful dress-shopping experience.

As the Mastercard commercial would say: "Death trap beverages: \$25; epic failure of a bridesmaid dress: \$149.50, quality time with family: priceless."

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NEWS OF RECORD

Douglas Sheriff

From Douglas County Sheriff's Office reports

July 12 Animal problem on Kryger Street, Bridgeport.

July 13 Medical call on 13th Street, Bridgeport. Theft on Monroe Avenue, Bridgeport.

July 14 Agency assist on Old Highway 97, Brewster. Agency assist on Moe Road, Bridgeport Bar.

July 16 Property complaint on Foster Creek Avenue, Bridgeport. Animal problem on 10th Street, Bridgeport. Assault on Tacoma Avenue, Bridgeport. Agency assist on Hayden Road, Bridgeport. Theft on Fisk Avenue, Bridgeport. Theft on Crane Orchard Road, Bridgeport Bar.

July 17 Medical call on Highway 173, Bridgeport bar. Vehicle theft on Buckingham Alley, Bridgeport Bar. Vehicle accident on Foster Creek Avenue, Bridgeport.

Brewster Police

From Brewster Police Department reports

July 12 Agency assist on Highway 97, Chelan.

July 13 Suspicious activity on West Cliff Avenue.

July 14 Stabbing or gunshot on South Seventh Street. Threats on Plaza Way.

July 15 Theft on South Bridge Street.

July 16 Animal problem on South Seventh Street. Theft on North Seventh Street. Customer left a card at an ATM; the person behind her withdrew \$300 from her account. Hit-and-run accident on Highway 97.

July 17 Suspicious activity on Highway 97. Animal problem on West Griggs Avenue.

Coulee Dam Police

From Coulee Dam Police Department reports.

July 14 Found property; location not given. Ring found under the bridge.

July 15 Suspicious activity on Columbia Avenue.

July 17 Dispute on 12th Street.

Omak Police

From Omak Police Department reports

July 10 Suspicious activity on Riverside Drive. Harassment on South Granite Street.

Suspicious activity on South Ash Street. Suspicious activity on North Oak Street. Recovered property on East Decatur Street, Spokane. Firearm located. Fraud on South Main Street. Fraud on Shumway Road. Suicidal person on Engh Road. Traffic hazard on Riverside Drive. Dog in traffic. Suspicious activity on West Apple Avenue.

July 11 Medical call on North Main Street. Lost property on South Main Street. Drug call on Shumway Road. Duffel bag found with drug paraphernalia, needles and a gun handle. Theft on Engh Road. Agency assist on Koala Drive. Suspicious activity on Hemlock Street. Threats on South Ash Street. Suspicious activity on West Hale Avenue. Suspicious activity on South Fifth Avenue, Okanogan.

July 12 Vehicle theft on Shumway Road.

Oroville Police

From Oroville Police Department reports

July 13 Noise complaint on Juniper Street. Trespassing on Main Street.

July 14 Trespassing on Chesaw Road, Oroville.

July 15 Theft on Golden Street.

July 16 Fraud on Third Avenue. Firearms complaint on Main Street.

July 17 Missing dog on Sixth Avenue.

Twisp Police

From Twisp Police Department reports

July 12 Agency assist at Pearrygin Lake, Winthrop.

July 13 Animal abuse on Castle Avenue, Winthrop. Dog locked in a hot vehicle. Theft on Canyon Street. Medications taken. Suspicious activity on Second Avenue.

July 15 Agency assist on Highway 20 for an erratically driven tractor-trailer.

Winthrop Marshal

From Winthrop Marshal's Office report.

July 12 Agency assist to Pearrygin Lake.

July 13 Animal abuse on Castle Avenue. Dog locked inside a hot vehicle.

July 14 Animal abuse on Highway 20. Dog in the back of a truck barking for more than an hour. Animal abuse on Highway 20. Two dogs locked in a hot vehicle.

July 16 Injured deer on Castle Avenue.

July 17 Medical call on Highway 20.

STEP Remembering the moon landing

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"I remember how the dignitaries were shown on TV watching from a safe distance. Everyone sure was celebrating," she said.

Lael Duncan, Tonasket, said she was having dinner with her first love's family at a pub in Penrith, England.

"The TV was on in the pub and I remember hearing another person on the pub say, 'Those Americans think they are SO great,'" she said. "I was surprised and offended by his tone, but I was 18 and a guest in the country so I kept

my response to myself.

"I do remember being as thrilled by that landing as I was by the flight of Alan Shepard Jr.," the first American in space.

Marilyn Ries, Okanogan, was in her 20s and recalls the moon shot being "a big deal." She got into the spirit of the event with a moon walk of her own.

Ries said she was with a group of friends at the home of Nancy and Petter Ring, who founded the PowderPig ski school for children.

The home was in the hills between Issaquah and North Bend.

"Their two children and the rest of us 'kids' had on our Norwegian felt apres-ski boots and walked right along with (Armstrong) on the moon in their

living room while watching the landing," she said. "It was very exciting."

Carol McMillan, who is retired from teaching at Wenatchee Valley College, was a fourth grade teacher in Oakland, Calif., and was working on her master's degree at the University of California at Berkeley.

Tensions were high in the wake of student protests over the war, and the campus was under martial law.

"Across the Berkeley hills, isolated in white suburbia, the rest of my family clung to the mythological 1950s culture of TV sitcoms," she said.

"Without cellphones, and with a nearly total news blackout around the protests, where journalists were clubbed and cameras were smashed, those

outside the city could choose to remain oblivious."

She said she and her parents inhabited opposite sides of the growing chasm dividing the country.

"But on July 20, I joined them, and nearly every other American in living rooms across the country, to watch humans reach another celestial body in space," she said. "All our eyes were glued to the fuzzy image of an oversized white boot stepping off the bottom rung of the United States' lunar landing module.

"The dust that puffed around it rose to shroud all our disagreements. For one moment, a country at war with itself stood united in awe.

"One of our own was standing on the moon."

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