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TODAY

Today is Saturday, April 4, the 95th day of 2020. There are 271 days left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT
On April 4, 1968, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., 39, was shot and killed while standing on a balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee; his slaying was followed by a wave of rioting (Washington, D.C., Baltimore and Chicago were among cities particularly hard hit.) Suspected gunman James Earl Ray later pleaded guilty to assassinating King, then spent the rest of his life claiming he'd been the victim of a setup.

ON THIS DATE
In 1841, President William Henry Harrison succumbed to pneumonia one month after his inaugural address, becoming the first U.S. chief executive to die in office.
In 1850, the city of Los Angeles was incorporated.
In 1917, the U.S. Senate voted 82-6 in favor of declaring war against Germany (the House followed suit two days later by a vote of 373-50).
In 1933, the Navy airship USS Akron crashed in severe weather off the New Jersey coast with the loss of 73 lives.
In 1945, during World War II, U.S. forces liberated the Nazi concentration camp Ohrdruf in Germany. Hungary was liberated as Soviet forces cleared out remaining German troops.
In 1975, more than 130 people, most of them children, were killed when a U.S. Air Force transport plane evacuating Vietnamese orphans crash-landed shortly after takeoff from Saigon. Microsoft was founded by Bill Gates and Paul Allen in Albuquerque, New Mexico.
In 1983, the space shuttle Challenger roared into orbit on its maiden voyage. (It was destroyed in the disaster of January 1986.)
In 1988, the Arizona Senate convicted Gov. Evan Mecham of two charges of official misconduct and removed him from office; Mecham was the first U.S. governor to be impeached and removed from office in nearly six decades.
In 1991, Sen. John Heinz, R-Pa., and six other people, including two children, were killed when a helicopter collided with Heinz's plane over a schoolyard in Merion, Pennsylvania.

LOTTERY
Megabucks: \$1.8 million
4-7-8-24-35-44
Mega Millions: \$121 million
8-17-51-57-70-2 x4
Powerball: \$180 million
33-35-45-48-60 — PB-16 x2
Win for Life: April 1
4-16-40-53
Pick 4: April 2
• **1 p.m.:** 4-1-9-0
• **4 p.m.:** 7-5-9-1
• **7 p.m.:** 2-9-0-6
• **10 p.m.:** 4-9-8-7
Pick 4: April 1
• **1 p.m.:** 1-6-2-5
• **4 p.m.:** 0-4-7-4
• **7 p.m.:** 7-2-5-0
• **10 p.m.:** 2-6-7-2
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TODAY'S QUOTE
“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.”
— Martin Luther King Jr. (1929-1968)

Enrollment up for ORCA, state online school

By Dick Mason
The Observer

LA GRANDE — Oregon Connections Academy, a public accredited online school, is in a solid position entering April in the midst of COVID-19.

ORCA has a record 4,600 students, including about 150 in Eastern Oregon, and with a limited number of exceptions is operating just as it always has.

“We are up and running,” said Allison Galvin, executive director of ORCA, which as a public

school charges no tuition.

Three hundred new students joined ORCA in March, a definite increase, Galvin said. ORCA’s enrollment will not be growing in the near future, though, because of Gov. Kate Brown’s directive prohibiting Oregon’s public schools from accepting any new students as of March 27.

Brown’s March 12 order temporarily put ORCA in limbo and not because of the enrollment restriction. The directive stated all public schools were to be closed at least through April 28 and teachers were to provide distance learning opportunities to their students via supplemental materials, but teachers could not give assignments and tests that would be graded for credit.

Galvin said the wording of the governor’s directive did not specifically state whether this limitation applied to ORCA.

“The directive was not clear,” Galvin said. “We thought, ‘What does this mean for us?’”

That became moot on

March 30, when the Oregon Department of Education announced all public schools must offer distance classes for credit via a new Distance Learning for All program.

“We were thrilled (when the March 30 announcement was made),” Galvin said, explaining that ORCA would have been thrown for a loop if it could not provide students assignments and tests to be graded for credit.

One of the few changes ORCA has had to make during the coronavirus pandemic is it can no longer

conduct field trips. Previously, ORCA students and teachers regularly met to make trips. ORCA teachers in Union County, for example, took students on tours of Eastern Oregon University and other sites.

In place of actual visits, ORCA teachers now are taking their students on virtual field trips, including to the Smithsonian museums in Washington, D.C., and NASA centers.

“This (the COVID-19 restrictions) have unleashed exciting new opportunities,” Galvin said.

Oregon man, 104, may be oldest coronavirus survivor

By Jonathan Levinson
Oregon Public Broadcasting

LEBANON — Bill Lapschies’ granddaughter Jamie Yutzie said he has a contagious smile tucked behind his pale blue surgical mask.

On Wednesday, Lapschies’ family carried balloons, cake and signs outside the Edward C. Allworth Veterans’ Home in Lebanon, Oregon, to celebrate his 104th birthday. With everyone spaced out 6 feet to maintain social distancing, staff wheeled Lapschies out of the home and onto a small patio surrounded by balloons.



Photo by Jonathan Levinson/Oregon Public Broadcasting

Bill Lapschies of Lebanon arrives for his 104th birthday party. A World War II veteran, Lapschies is believed to be one of the world’s oldest survivors of the coronavirus.

Lapschies’ 100th birthday had over 200 people in attendance so Wednesday’s affair was a little small by comparison. But these festivities are special for another reason. With just over 25 days since his first symptoms and 19 days since he had a fever, Lapschies is believed to be the world’s oldest coronavirus survivor.

Sitting in a wheelchair

under an awning as rain came down around him, his legs wrapped in a blanket adorned in American flags and wearing a World War II veteran hat, Yutzie asked Lapschies how he managed to survive his bout of coronavirus.

With a hearty laugh,

Richardson said, one of the two doctors overseeing care at the veterans home. Richardson said had Lapschies not been in a long term care facility, he likely would have been hospitalized but would not have required a ventilator.

“This could have easily

gone another way,” Richardson said. “There’s not a lot of interventions that can be done.”

Lapschies was born in Salem, Oregon in 1916 and lived through the 1918 Spanish Flu pandemic that killed between 50 to 100 million people worldwide and endured the Great Depression. In 1939, he married Alamadean “Deanie” Buetell. They were married for more than 60 years until she died in 2001. In 1943, with two young daughters, he was drafted into the U.S. Army, and for the remainder of WWII he was stationed in the Aleutian Islands where he dispatched trucks and heavy equipment.

His daughter, Carolee Brown, said her father really only ever talked about one part of the war, the end.

“Coming home, being back with his wife and two little girls,” Brown said. “Not so much about what was going on then. Just getting back to life.”

Pendleton distillery produces hand sanitizer for people in need

■Oregon Grain Growers Brand Distillery turned out 125-gallon batch

By Alex Castle
EO Media Group

PENDLETON — Oregon Grain Growers Brand Distillery is lending a hand in the fight against COVID-19 by trying to help you keep yours clean.

The Pendleton distillery and restaurant has ceased all production of booze and completed production Wednesday of 125 gallons of hand sanitizer that will be distributed for free to local nursing homes, doctor’s offices and first responders.

“I sleep better at night making hand sanitizer than alcohol right now,” said Rodney Bullington, who owns the distillery with his wife, Kelli.

People in the greatest need of hand sanitizer and



Staff photo by Ben Lonergan/EO Media Group

Freshly bottled hand sanitizer sits on a table Wednesday at Oregon Grain Growers Brand Distillery, Pendleton. The distillery produced a 125-gallon batch of hand sanitizer and provided it for free to people who needed it most.

at the greatest risk of being exposed to COVID-19 are being prioritized first, and bottles are being sent to locations from La Grande to Heppner. After those locations have the supplies they need, Bullington said leftover bottles will be available for free to the public.

However, once word got out the distillery was

Research shows younger people take virus seriously

By Dick Hughes
For the Capital Bureau

SALEM — Younger Oregonians are quite concerned about coronavirus compared with older Oregonians, according to new research.

The data released by DHM Research in Portland undercut the narrative prominent in national media that young people as blasé about COVID-19 and feeling invulnerable.

“If you look at these numbers, younger people are more concerned about being infected. They are more concerned about other people being infected,” said John Horvick, DHM’s director of client relations and political research. “They feel less prepared. They have a lot more concern about being able to pay their bills.”

Most Oregonians were concerned they or someone close to them would become infected with the coronavirus. Fifty-three percent of respondents ages 18-29 worried about personally contracting COVID-19, compared with 61% in the 30-44 age group;

55%, ages 45-64; and 40%, ages 65 and older.

DHM conducted the online survey with 507 Oregonians during March 24-30. Oregonians’ outlook for the short term remains dim. Seventy-six percent said problems associated with coronavirus would get worse during the next week.

A “consequential minority” of Oregonians were unsure what is meant by such terms as social distancing (12%), quarantine (13%), self-isolation (16%) and shelter in place (24%), although the latter phrase has been replaced in Oregon and some other states with “stay home.”

The numbers varied by geography, education level and other factors.

“I’m not an epidemiologist, but if you have 10% of the folks who don’t know what they’ve been asked to do, that seems like a problem,” Horvick said.

“It’s a relatively high number of people who say they don’t know what to do considering what we need folks to be doing.”

Idaho quake rumbles northeast Oregon

By Ellen Morris Bishop
EO Media Group

ENTERPRISE — Subtle tremors Tuesday afternoon from a 6.5 magnitude earthquake about 15 miles north of Stanley, Idaho rumbled through northeast Oregon.

“I was sitting at my computer writing,” said Alder Slope rancher Shirley Parker in her Facebook post, “when I felt sort of swaying. The rollers on my chair seemed to be moving. I looked up and the curtains were swaying.”

At the Chieftain office in Enterprise, employees

felt a swaying motion that lasted for several seconds, and the blinds moved back and forth slightly. Residents of Baker City and La Grande also reported feeling the quake.

The quake occurred at about 4:55 p.m. about 115 miles southeast of Enterprise and 135 miles from Baker City. The focus was about 6 miles beneath the surface. The main shock was followed by at least 40 aftershocks of 3.0 or greater, including an aftershock of 4.6 from the same site as the original quake.

Because the quake was centered in a sparsely set-

tled area, no structural damage has been reported, although structures in and around Stanley may have sustained damage. It also apparently caused no landslides or other natural damage of any consequence. But it shook Boise, Stanley and McCall, Idaho, significantly.

The local rumblings were about a magnitude 2 or 3, according to the U.S. Geological Survey’s intensity maps.

The quake likely occurred on the Sawtooth or Trans-Challis faults. While central Idaho might seem tectonically stable,

the Challis, Idaho, area is no stranger to large quakes. These faults can unleash significant earthquakes, including the 7.3 Borah Peak quake in 1983 that killed four people and caused an estimated \$12.5 million in damage.

The Wallowa Fault, with a vertical offset of more than 7,000 feet, provides magnitude 2 and 3 quakes every few years. The last magnitude 3.4 quake centered 4 miles east-southeast of Joseph in November 2014. The Baker and La Grande areas also experience similar small quakes.

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