

# DAILY PLANNER

## TODAY

Today is Thursday, June 4, the 156th day of 2020. There are 210 days left in the year.

## TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On June 4, 1998, a federal judge sentenced Terry Nichols to life in prison for his role in the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City.

## ON THIS DATE

In 1812, the Louisiana Territory was renamed the Missouri Territory, to avoid confusion with the recently admitted state of Louisiana. The U.S. House of Representatives approved, 79-49, a declaration of war against Britain.

In 1919, Congress approved the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing citizens the right to vote regardless of their gender, and sent it to the states for ratification.

In 1939, the German ocean liner MS St. Louis, carrying more than 900 Jewish refugees from Germany, was turned away from the Florida coast by U.S. officials.

In 1940, during World War II, the Allied military evacuation of some 338,000 troops from Dunkirk, France, ended. British Prime Minister Winston Churchill declared: "We shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender."

In 1942, the World War II Battle of Midway began, resulting in a decisive American victory against Japan and marking the turning point of the war in the Pacific.

In 1944, U-505, a German submarine, was captured by a U.S. Navy task group in the south Atlantic; it was the first such capture of an enemy vessel at sea by the U.S. Navy since the War of 1812. The U.S. Fifth Army began liberating Rome.

In 1972, a jury in San Jose, California, acquitted radical activist Angela Davis of murder and kidnapping for her alleged connection to a deadly courthouse shootout in Marin County in 1970.

In 1985, the Supreme Court upheld a lower court ruling striking down an Alabama law providing for a daily minute of silence in public schools.

In 1986, Jonathan Jay Pollard, a former U.S. Navy intelligence analyst, pleaded guilty in Washington to conspiring to deliver information related to the national defense to Israel. (Pollard, sentenced to life in prison, was released on parole on Nov. 20, 2015.)

In 1990, Dr. Jack Kevorkian carried out his first publicly assisted suicide, helping Janet Adkins, a 54-year-old Alzheimer's patient from Portland, Oregon, end her life in Oakland County, Michigan.

In 2000, President Bill Clinton and Russian President Putin ended their summit by conceding differences on missile defense, agreeing to dispose of weapons-grade plutonium and pledging early warning of missile and space launches.

## LOTTERY

**Megabucks:** \$2.2 million

5-8-15-16-21-29

**Mega Millions:** \$378 million

9-20-23-26-29-8 x3

**Powerball:** \$135 million

13-32-41-58-60 — PB-14 x2

**Win for Life:** June 1

2-12-32-51

**Pick 4:** June 2

• 1 p.m.: 2-2-0-6; • 4 p.m.: 3-0-6-5

• 7 p.m.: 0-0-9-3; • 10 p.m.: 9-2-6-3

**Pick 4:** June 1

• 1 p.m.: 3-6-8-5; • 4 p.m.: 1-4-9-6

• 7 p.m.: 2-6-4-0; • 10 p.m.: 7-6-7-5

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## TODAY'S QUOTE

"If America forgets where she came from, if the people lose sight of what brought them along, if she listens to the deniers and mockers, then will begin the rot and dissolution."

— Carl Sandburg, American writer (1878-1967)

# PROTEST

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that bring in the diversity will show the red city that we shouldn't be separated. I've seen city folks, business owners, open up and talk to the college kids."

While social distancing guidelines to stay 6 feet apart to help curtail the spread of the coronavirus went out the window at the gathering, the majority donned face masks.

The protesters' chants included, "I can't breathe" and "Black lives matter," much like many across the nation, and also yelled messages of equality — "we all bleed red" and "we are one" among them. About midway through the rally, they marched to the corner of Island and Adams before returning to city hall, where drivers largely supporting the rally and honked their vehicle horns.

"We're just ready to see change, especially within our own community," EOU student Josie Shea said. "We want to see everyone feel loved, everyone feels accepted, regardless of their race, color, gender, etcetera. We're here to make a change."

Shea said the support from passers-by and from the protest itself was a huge positive.

"So much community. So much respect. There have been a few that don't support, and it's obvious, but the ones that do, it's great. We've seen coaches, teachers, staff, tons of different people from EOU out here."

James Kelly, another La Grande resident at the protest, commented on equality being present between people on either side of any dividing issue in the country, even if they don't notice it.

"I think people that are on different sides of the fence have more in common than they like to (admit). I think that's it," he said. "We all want freedom. We all want to have the ability to speak our mind. That's the



Staff photo by Ronald Bond

Hundreds of people gathered Tuesday at La Grande City Hall for a racial equality protest.

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starting point. Because we don't agree doesn't mean we should close our ears. That's what happens now. I think we're in a very divisive time in America, but I think uprisings like this are emblematic of a different problem. If we can't come together and find common ground, we're screwed, that's what I think. We're not going to always agree, but I do believe that if we can't find common ground and find some semblance of civility, then our democracy's in trouble."

One man with a rifle slung on his back confronted and instigated the protesters. The clash at moments became testy between him and a few protesters, despite efforts of police and other individuals to diffuse the situation, and boiled over, leading to his arrest on a charge of disorderly conduct. Police did not arrest any protesters, and nobody was injured.

One other tense moment came late in the evening.

A group of armed residents arrived at the Cook Memorial Library, diagonal to city hall, and expressed concerns related to rumors that radicals or members of the group Antifa was possibly infiltrating the group. That group eschewed social distancing and masks. They said they did not want to see the protest turned to riot, as has happened in some big cities,

including Portland. Eventually, members from both sides crossed to the other to engage in conversation and diffuse much of the angst.

There was graffiti at the Island Avenue underpass, and La Grande police Lt. Jason Hays said it appears linked to the protest "because it is all related to the stuff at the protest."

"Black lives matter" and "no justice, no peace" were among the slogans in spray paint. Police do not have a suspect, but an investigation is ongoing.

"That was the only place that we found graffiti," Hays said. "I got a call on this really early this morning, thinking it's going to be all over the place. It is definitely connected to the protest. As far as graffiti goes, it seems to be isolated."

Many protesters said for change to happen, conversations need to take place beyond Tuesday.

We have to keep peacefully protesting," Thayer said. "We have to keep it peaceful. Violence is not the answer. It is never the answer."

"Don't stop talking about it," EOU student Kelsey Ranger said. "It starts at home, so we need to teach at home that this is not OK. Stand up for everybody. Don't let it go. Stand up for what you believe in."

Added Kelly: "Let's hope this moment is a catalyst for change. This has been a long time coming."

# FLOODING

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He fears the flooding may be worse than it appears since it can't be seen from a distance. Merrigan said he cannot believe Union County has been hit with two major floods in such a short span.

"Farmers must feel like they have a target on their backs," he said.

Phil Hassinger's 1,200-acre family farm, 7 miles northwest of Cove and operated by his sons Jed and Seth, is among those the flooding hit hard.

The Hassinger farm's levy along Catherine Creek began to collapse the morning of Sunday, May 24, threatening to ravage an 80-acre field that had a 50-acre peppermint crop. Phil Hassinger learned of the breach from son Jed.

"Early Sunday morning Jed raced, on his motorcycle, from an area of the levee that contained a weak spot. I knew from his body language we were in trouble. Jed confirmed that a breach in the levee was pouring at least 50,000 gallons of water each minute onto the vulnerable mint crop," Phil Hassinger said.

There was no time to spare.

"It was 7:30 a.m. We knew if we didn't do something quickly we would lose



Staff photo by Dick Mason

Seth Hassinger, left, and his brother Jed Hassinger, examine the pump they are using to remove flood water from a wheat field on their family's farm between Cove and Alicel.

the peppermint field," he said.

He, his wife, Trudy, and their sons put out a request for help, and it was answered in heroic fashion.

"People from all over came. Soon we had all of the people we needed. In four to five hours we sealed off the levy," Phil Hassinger said.

A key portion of the work involved bringing filled sandbags in boats and then rowing them downriver to the breach.

The extraordinary hands of assistance of the Hassingers received will not soon be forgotten.

"It was an incredible

(Memorial Day) weekend," Jed Hassinger said.

The Hassinger farm escaped major damage but it did take on so much water that extensive pumping must continue for the next several weeks.

Phil Hassinger said in the 40 years he has had his farm, he has never had to deal with two major floods in a year. Jed Hassinger, who grew up on the farm, said flooding seems to be a growing problem. He noted there also were major floods in 2019, 2011 and 2010. Each at the time seemed to be a once in a 50-year type of event.

# PHASE 2

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shows one case is active.

Wallowa County has had only two cases, and one of those active. The state added that case to the county May 23.

According to data on the Oregon Health Authority website, Union County is meeting all of the previous prerequisites — whether part of the overall state numbers, region numbers or individual county numbers. The entire state currently is below the threshold of emergency department visits for COVID-19-like illnesses, which is to be "less than the history average for flu." Meanwhile, the county itself has the adequate number of contact tracers, while the region Union County is in is continuing to meet requirements for testing capability and managing a surge in hospitalizations should one arise.

Additionally, Union County is meeting the requirements of contact tracing new cases and not having an increase of more than 5% in the previous seven days.

Currently, the only criteria Wallowa County does not meet, according to the OHA website, is for having fewer than 30% of new cases not contact traced to a known source over a seven-day period. The factors, though, were last updated May 27, and the county would be a week past the cutoff for that criteria by June 5.

# ELGIN

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distancing guidelines due to coronavirus concerns, the school closed the commencement to the general public and limited families and supporters to groups of 25.

They and the graduates had to stay at their cars, and Elgin Superintendent and High School Principal Dianne Greif went around to the cars to hand graduates their diplomas.

"I believe our students needed to have a culmi-

Union County has had 461 test results come back, and Wallowa County has had 154.

Official guidelines for counties once they are in Phase 2 were released Wednesday. Phase 2 guidelines will include capping gathering sizes at 50 indoors and 250 outdoors. Travel and work limitations will be reduced, though remote work is still recommended. Theaters and churches, as well as additional indoor and outdoors activities previously restricted, will be allowed to resume should they be able to meet distancing and sanitization requirements. Churches and theaters also are to meet occupancy limitations. Recreational sports and pools also will be able to resume, according to updated guidance. And youth sports and overnight camps will be allowed to resume.

Restaurants and bars will see their curfew extended from 10 p.m. to midnight, will be allowed to use approved outdoor space to increase their table space, and may use partitions to help with physical distancing requirements.

Union County's application also included an invitation to Brown to visit the county.

Each county in the state except Multnomah is in Phase 1 of reopening.

As of Wednesday, Union County had reported 4,399 cases of COVID-19. There have been 159 deaths and 2,164 recoveries. Currently the state has 2,076 active cases.

nating activity for their 12 years of school," Greif said.

There was a sense of longing for tradition from the seniors. Several said walking across the stage to receive their diplomas was something they had been looking forward to for years.

"It sucks we don't get the graduation we planned on having at the beginning of the year," graduate Ty Hammond said. "COVID ruined it, but at least we have what we are having and I am able to still have friends around and my family supporting me."

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