

DAILY  
PLANNER

**TODAY**  
Today is Tuesday, June 9, the 161st day of 2020. There are 205 days left in the year.

**TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT**  
On June 9, 2004, the body of Ronald Reagan arrived in Washington to lie in state in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda before the 40th president's funeral.

**ON THIS DATE**  
In A.D. 68, Roman Emperor Nero committed suicide, ending a 13-year reign.  
In 1860, what's considered the first dime novel, "Malaeska: The Indian Wife of the White Hunter" by Ann S. Stephens, was published.  
In 1940, during World War II, Norway decided to surrender to the Nazis, effective at midnight.  
In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Current Tax Payment Act of 1943, which reintroduced federal income tax withholding from paychecks.  
In 1954, during the Senate Army-McCarthy hearings, Army special counsel Joseph N. Welch berated Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, R-Wis., asking: "Have you no sense of decency, sir? At long last, have you felt no sense of decency?"  
In 1969, the Senate confirmed Warren Burger to be the new chief justice of the United States.  
In 1972, heavy rains triggered record flooding in the Black Hills of South Dakota; the resulting disaster left at least 238 people dead and \$164 million in damage.  
In 1973, Secretariat won the Belmont Stakes, becoming horse racing's first Triple Crown winner in 25 years.  
In 1978, leaders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints struck down a 148-year-old policy of excluding black men from the Mormon priesthood.  
In 1980, comedian Richard Pryor suffered almost fatal burns at his San Fernando Valley, Calif., home while freebasing cocaine.  
In 2008, retail gas prices rose above \$4 per gallon.

**LOTTERY**  
**MegaBucks:** \$2.4 million  
1-10-16-23-25-29  
**Mega Millions:** \$410 million  
32-35-37-47-55-22 x3  
**Powerball:** \$20 million  
1-17-38-68-69—PB-18 x2  
**Win for Life:** June 6  
1-13-29-33  
**Pick 4:** June 7  
• **1 p.m.:** 9-2-6-7; • **4 p.m.:** 6-7-6-8  
• **7 p.m.:** 8-4-3-3; • **10 p.m.:** 2-1-9-6  
**Pick 4:** June 6  
• **1 p.m.:** 8-9-7-2; • **4 p.m.:** 7-3-4-4  
• **7 p.m.:** 7-1-2-7; • **10 p.m.:** 9-8-1-5  
**Pick 4:** June 5  
• **1 p.m.:** 7-5-5-2; • **4 p.m.:** 0-8-2-0  
• **7 p.m.:** 5-2-4-9; • **10 p.m.:** 2-3-3-1

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**TODAY'S QUOTE**  
"Imagination was given to man to compensate him for what he isn't. A sense of humor was provided to console him for what he is."  
— Horace Walpole, English author (1717-1797)

# Joseph Charter School graduates 12 seniors

**By Ellen Morris Bishop**  
EO Media Group

JOSEPH — Joseph Charter School showed a style all its own for Saturday's graduation. One student rode in on horseback. Another arrived via stagecoach. Joseph held its graduation on the school football field, but with ominous skies and thunderstorms predicted, hedged the bet with a large tent that covered speakers. Parents and family members were permitted to attend. "Pomp and Circumstance" heralded the entry of seniors, who were chauffeured in everything from a new Toyota Tacoma pickup to a vintage Ford pickup to a slick black Camaro convertible to a stagecoach and 2019 Chief Joseph Days' queen, Rylee Wilcox rode her palomino.

Students ringed the outside of the tent while Principal Sherri Kilgore bid an emotional and inspiring farewell to the class of 2020. "You are the leaders of a new decade," she said. "2020 is a wonderful time to graduate, and to move forward, to accomplish amazing things, which I know that all of you will do. But I want you to move forward with fortitude, with responsibility, with faith that things will be getting better. I want you to move forward with the theme of transformation. Make the changes in the social, cultural and environment ways that we need, to make this world a better place." The number of people under the big top tent was limited to 25 by the Phase 1 guidelines still in effect

— two family members for each senior. School faculty members provided their messages to seniors via recordings, rather than in person. The three co-valedictorians, Camille Crenshaw, Ellyse Tingelstad, and Malichi Roberts, urged their classmates to live fully rounded, purposeful lives, and then dispensed senior gifts, including a bright wig for Ashlie McAfee, a red Dodge keychain to Carson Littlepage and a fireman's hat for Ronny Morello. Tingelstad made the parting comments for the three co-valedictorians quoting from the song "Quiet your Mind" by the Zac Brown Band: "The song is about trying to find a perspective on life that keeps us sane," she said. "Quiet



Photo by Ellen Morris Bishop/EO Media Group  
2019 Chief Joseph Days queen Rylee Wilcox rode her palomino to the Joseph Charter School graduation ceremony.

your mind, soak it all in, it's a game you can't win, enjoy the ride.' ... I wish you all a future where only you decide your definition of success, all while enjoying every single moment along the way."

## COVID-19 experiences show range of symptoms

**By Jade McDowell and Alex Castle**  
EO Media Group

HERMISTON — As COVID-19 spreads locally, stories from Umatilla County residents who have had the virus show its effects can run the gamut from inconvenient to deadly. As of June 5, Umatilla County Public Health has announced 124 confirmed cases and six presumptive cases of COVID-19, with 112 of those people considered recovered, and three patients who have died.



Contributed photo  
Sara Barnett wears an oxygen delivery device while in the intensive care unit at Kadlec Medical Center in Richland, Washington, as a result of COVID-19.



Ben Lonergan/EO Media Group  
Sara Barnett, 53, was diagnosed with COVID-19 and spent two weeks in the hospital before being discharged on June 2. Barnett remains on oxygen.

**A severe case**  
Sara Barnett's experience falls on the more serious side. The 53-year-old Hermiston woman's doctors have told her she is lucky to be alive after two weeks in the hospital. She was discharged on June 2, but is still on oxygen. Her symptoms started May 10. "At first I felt achy — everything ached — and I had a bad headache and cough," she said. A first test for COVID-19 came back negative. Seven days after her first symptoms, she woke up struggling to breathe and drove to Kadlec Medical Center in Richland, Washington, where she was admitted and took a second COVID-19 test, which later came back positive. Things went downhill from there. First they put her on 2 liters of oxygen, then 4 liters, then 30, before

putting her on a machine that she said "blew air so hard my mouth was wide open and I couldn't close my mouth." Hospital staff couldn't get her fever below 102 degrees for days. When she continued to deteriorate, she was rushed to the intensive care unit, where her doctor told her husband they were trying everything they could to keep her from needing to be put on a ventilator. Fortunately for Barnett, she did begin to recover and have her oxygen use stepped back down to 2 liters, which she is on now at home as she recovers from the pneumonia that is one of the side effects of her illness. "They're hoping it will just be a couple of weeks, but it could be forever, or months," she said of her need for an oxygen tank. "They told me it could easily take three to six

months for me to feel like a human again." Barnett said she hopes her tale can be a cautionary one for people who think COVID-19 isn't very serious. She and her father, who both have underlying health conditions, had been "hiding out at home" for weeks, which she said means that her husband brought the virus home to them — something he obviously didn't intend to do. He had serious symptoms but was never hospitalized, while her father was hospitalized for four days. Barnett said it is hurtful to see people write dismissively on social media about the victims of COVID-19 as "just" people who have underlying health conditions, which include common conditions, such as asthma, diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease and a history of smoking.

"I'm 53, and yes I have some pre-existing conditions, but to my family, to my friends, to my church, I am very valuable," she said. "When people say, 'Oh, she's old,' or 'Oh, they had underlying health conditions.' ... What if that were your mother or grandmother or sister?"

**A mild case**  
On the other side of the spectrum of experiences are Teresa and Timothy Curtis, both 62, of Hermiston. They recently returned to work after recovering from a mild case of the virus. Timothy Curtis first started to have some concerns that he may have been infected when he started feeling "off" and heard that someone he knew, and may have recently been in contact with, had tested positive for COVID-19. Though he thought it could be attributed to inhaling some drywall dust at his work with the Umatilla County Housing Authority, Timothy Curtis got tested May 15 and was officially diagnosed with COVID-19 on May 18. Teresa Curtis started developing symptoms, got tested on May 19, and a positive test result came in on May 22. But for the roughly 10 days that she and her husband had symptoms of the virus, it never progressed to more than fatigue and some minor body aches "like if you worked too much in the yard for a day," along with a loss of their senses of taste

and smell. "That was the weirdest part," she said. The two spent a majority of their time isolating inside their home and only left to go on an occasional drive together. Teresa Curtis said they found the virus wasn't as frightening as they expected. "I had more fear before I got it than when I actually had it," she said. "The thing I was most afraid of was spreading it to somebody else."

**A moderate case**  
Stacie Borggaard falls somewhere in the middle. She found out on a Thursday that a co-worker had COVID-19, and the next Tuesday, May 19, she "kind of woke up not feeling myself." "My taste and smell were off, but I thought it might just be one of those days," she said. A few hours later she started to cough, and that progressed to other symptoms that included aches and pains, chest tightness, chills, fever and a loss of all sense of taste and smell. She ran a fever of between 99 and 101 degrees for six days, and said during that time she was so tired that just walking from the couch to the bathroom exhausted her. "It kind of feels like when you get the flu, but this was a whole other level," she said. After a full week without running a fever, she said she feels mostly better.

## 2nd Congressional District still looking red

**By Gary A. Warner**  
For the Oregon Capitol Bureau

SALEM — It's bigger than some states, includes two time zones and is a bright red Republican stronghold in a deeply blue Democratic state. Oregon's CD2 — shorthand for the 2nd Congressional District — has been on electoral autopilot the past two decades, sending Rep. Greg Walden, R-Hood River, to Washington, D.C. 11 straight times. Something that hasn't happened this century will occur Nov. 3. There will be no CD2 incumbent on the ballot — Walden is retiring at the end of the session. Republican Cliff Bentz, a former state senator from Ontario, emerged as the winner from a scrum of 11 candidates in the May 19 GOP primary. He'll face writer and political strategist Alex Spenser of Klamath Falls, winner of the Democratic primary. Odds are the Republican will take the oath of office next Jan. 3 when the 117th United States Congress convenes. "Cliff Bentz is as close to a sure thing as you can get," said longtime Oregon election analyst Jim Moore, a politics and govern-

ment professor at Pacific University. A more than 40,000 Republican voter registration edge over Democrats, combined with Spenser's lack of name recognition and campaign funds, is enough for Bentz to win the district, Moore said, and the 203,000 nonaffiliated registered voters "break the same way as whatever the Republican-Democratic split goes."

**Dems betting on 'Dump Trump' wave**  
Spenser, 55, said she knows she has a tough task to get to Capitol Hill. But 2020 is different: an unprecedented election year of pandemic, record unemployment, and a "divisive" President Donald Trump at the top of the ticket. "There's going to be a blue tsunami," she said. Spenser said she wants to tap into the large number of nonaffiliated voters, along with Republicans who can no longer support the party's agenda under Trump. She sees water as one of the keys that will resonate with district voters. She supports a \$450 million plan to restore the Klamath River by removing four hydroelectric dams

in Oregon and California. Wind farms can provide electricity and also help with irrigation, Spenser said. She wants a more efficient and equitable way to distribute water in Eastern Oregon. "You have 90% of the water going to irrigation and 40% of that is lost through evaporation," she said. "Meanwhile, wells are running low in Harney County. At the bottom is arsenic — we're going to poison these people." The Cook Voting Index rates districts by their propensity to back one party or the other in presidential races. CD2 is "R+11" — meaning it is expected to give the Republican nominee 11% more of the dis-

trict's vote than the national average. In 2016, the district gave nearly 55% of its vote to Trump, while Democrat Hillary Clinton won 35%. In 2012, Republican Mitt Romney received 56% of the vote compared to 40% for President Barack Obama.

**Herding Republicans**  
Voters across the sparsely populated 70,000-square-mile district have solidly backed Republican for the past 40 years. Successive reapportionments have added reliably conservative areas to CD2, with Democrats largely content to put the largest concentration of the state's Republicans into CD2. The move has enabled Demo-

crats to win and hold the other four House seats in Oregon. One of the ironies is among the most politically flexible in the country — just not in a way that helps Democrats.

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