

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, April 13, the 103rd day of 2021. There are 262 days left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT IN HISTORY:

On April 13, 1970, Apollo 13, four-fifths of the way to the moon, was crippled when a tank containing liquid oxygen burst. (The astronauts managed to return safely.)

ON THIS DATE:

In 1613, Pocahontas, daughter of Chief Powhatan, was captured by English Capt. Samuel Argall in the Virginia Colony. (During her yearlong captivity, Pocahontas converted to Christianity and ultimately opted to stay with the English.)

In 1742, "Messiah," the oratorio by George Frideric Handel featuring the "Hallelujah" chorus, had its first public performance in Dublin, Ireland.

In 1743, the third president of the United States, Thomas Jefferson, was born in Shadwell in the Virginia Colony.

In 1861, at the start of the Civil War, Fort Sumter in South Carolina fell to Confederate forces.

In 1870, the Metropolitan Museum of Art was incorporated in New York. (The original museum opened in 1872.)

In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt dedicated the Jefferson Memorial in Washington, D.C. on the 200th anniversary of the third American president's birth.

In 1964, Sidney Poitier became the first Black performer in a leading role to win an Academy Award for his performance in "Lilies of the Field."

In 1992, the Great Chicago Flood took place as the city's century-old tunnel system and adjacent basements filled with water from the Chicago River. "The Bridges of Madison County," a romance novel by Robert James Waller, was published by Warner Books.

In 1997, Tiger Woods became the youngest person to win the Masters Tournament and the first player of partly African heritage to claim a major golf title.

In 1999, right-to-die advocate Dr. Jack Kevorkian was sentenced in Pontiac, Michigan, to 10 to 25 years in prison for second-degree murder in the lethal injection of a Lou Gehrig's disease patient. (Kevorkian ended up serving eight years.)

In 2005, a defiant Eric Rudolph pleaded guilty to carrying out the deadly bombing at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics and three other attacks in back-to-back court appearances in Birmingham, Alabama, and Atlanta.

In 2015, a federal judge in Washington sentenced former Blackwater security guard Nicholas Slatten to life in prison and three others to 30-year terms for their roles in a 2007 shooting in Baghdad's Nisoor Square that killed 14 Iraqi civilians and wounded 17 others.

Ten years ago: Ousted Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and his two sons were detained for investigation of corruption, abuse of power and killings of protesters.

A federal jury in San Francisco convicted baseball slugger Barry Bonds of a single charge of obstruction of justice, but failed to reach a verdict on the three counts at the heart of allegations that he'd knowingly used steroids and human growth hormone and lied to a grand jury about it. (Bonds' conviction for obstruction was ultimately overturned.)

Five years ago: A task force issued a report saying that Chicago police had "no regard for the sanctity of life when it comes to people of color."

A judge in Fort Worth, Texas ordered 19-year-old Ethan Couch, who had used an "affluenza" defense in a fatal drunken-driving wreck, to serve nearly two years in prison.

The Golden State Warriors became the NBA's first 73-win team by beating the Memphis Grizzlies 125-104, breaking the 1996 72-win record of the Chicago Bulls.

Kobe Bryant of the Lakers scored 60 points in his final game, wrapping up 20 years in the NBA.

CTUIR opens COVID-19 vaccine clinic

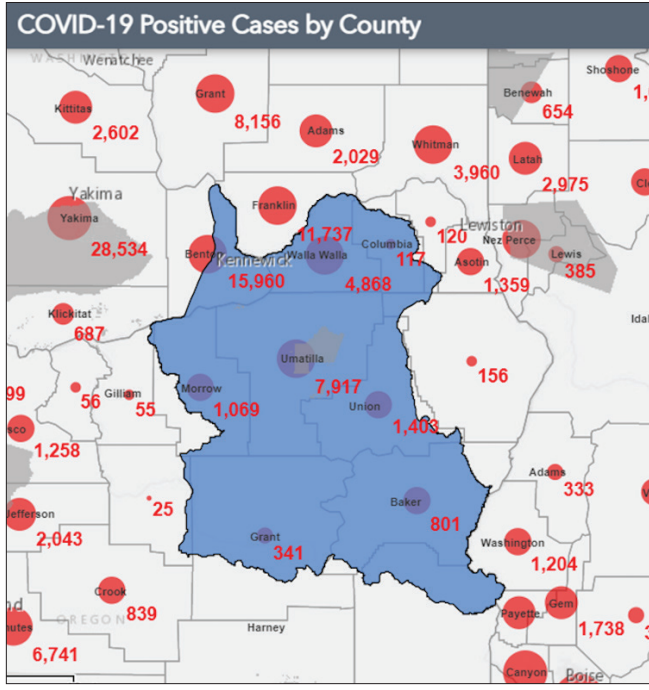
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MISSION — The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation has opened its two-day mass vaccination event to any resident 16 and older who resides in the 11 counties that span the CTUIR ceded territory.

The 11 counties are Benton, Walla Walla, Columbia and Garfield counties in Washington and Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Grant, Baker and Malheur counties in Oregon. Residents of all 11 counties are eligible to participate.

The mass vaccination event is taking place Monday and Tuesday, April 12-13, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days at Wildhorse Resort & Casino off Interstate 84 at exit 216.

People can walk in for an appointment or register online at airtable.com/shrb-74wCvIR6fnJR. The link and a QR code also are online on the Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center Face-



This image shows the number of cases of COVID-19 in counties in and around the ceded territory of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. The CTUIR has opened a two-day mass vaccination event April 12-13, 2021, to anyone 16 and older who resides in the 11 counties that span the CTUIR ceded territory.

book page. For more information or to register by phone, call 541-240-8733.

"We have more than 1,700 first doses to provide but only 600 appoint-

LOCAL COVID-19 VACCINATION AVAILABLE TO ALL

LA GRANDE — On Monday, April 19, COVID-19 vaccinations will be available to all Oregonians.

Locally, the Center for Human Development is holding vaccine clinics at the Riviera Activity Center, 2609 Second St., La Grande. The center is taking appointments, which are required, for next week's clinics.

For more information or to schedule your vaccination, go to www.chdinc.org/gv, or call 541-962-8800 (option 8).

ments are filled," said Lisa Guzman, Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center CEO. "We are eager to support our surrounding counties and get more people in the door."

The National Guard will be on hand to administer the vaccine along with staff from Yellowhawk.

Appointments for the second dose will be made via email after people receive their first dose this week. The second dose will be provided approximately 21 days later.

Yellowhawk will be scheduling another mass vaccination event in May to provide first doses to an additional 2,000 people. All

residents in the 11 counties will be eligible for that event as well.

The ceded territory of the CTUIR encompasses the 6.4 million acres upon which the Walla Walla, Umatilla and Cayuse people relinquished sole occupancy and use rights in the Treaty of 1855 with the United States. The CTUIR reserved other use and access rights for hunting, fishing, gathering and traditional purposes throughout the ceded territory.

Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center is the public health authority for the Umatilla Indian Reservation.



The pig train rolls along during the 2012 Hog Wild Days celebration in Island City. The Island City Lions Club canceled the event for 2021 — the second year in a row — due to the pandemic.

Hog Wild Days in Island City canceled again due to COVID-19

By DICK MASON The Observer

ISLAND CITY — Hog Wild Days, long Island City's most popular annual event, will remain quiet for the second year in a row due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Shelia Evans, the event's director, said it would not be possible to safely conduct the event because of the large crowds it draws. Evans explained that making sure everyone coming was wearing masks and social distancing would be difficult.

The Island City Lions Club, which puts on the event, decided on Friday, April 9, it had to cancel.

"We do not have the manpower to keep people safe," said Evans, a member of the Island City Lions Club.

Hog Wild Days, always held the first weekend in June, long included a Friday dinner, a Saturday breakfast put on by the La Grande Rural Fire Department, a parade, a pig train for children to ride and a

four decades and has often drawn more than a thousand people. Dan Cosner, a member of the Island City Lions Club, credited the event's consistent popularity in part to its timing, noting it is usually the first major summer season event in Union County.

"We have always tried to have it before the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show (conducted the second full week in June)," Cosner said.

Evans said every effort will be made to revive Hog Wild Days in 2022, if the pandemic is over by then.

"We want to continue it next year," she said.

Cosner is confident that once Hog Wild Days is revived, its popularity will remain strong.

"It is a big summer event," Cosner said. "A lot of people look forward to it."

flea market. This year's Hog Wild Days would have included a new inflatable bouncy house the Lions Club purchased for children to play in.

The event is one of the Island City Lions Club's major fundraisers, with money going to scholarships for local students.

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EOU teacher prep programs receive funding boost

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LA GRANDE — Two teacher preparation programs at Eastern Oregon University, La Grande, received more than half a million dollars from state grants that will expand collaboration and responsive teaching practices in rural Oregon.

EOU in a press release announced the Educator Advancement Panel and Oregon Department of Education awarded grants to two EOU programs — one that already is successful and one that is new.

The Oregon Teacher Pathway program received \$350,000 from the Educator Advancement Panel's Grow Your Own/Teacher Pathways grant.

Tawnya Lubbes, Pathway program director and education professor, said in the press release the new funds will improve opportunities for professional development and increase stipends for high school teachers who introduce teens to a career in education. The grant also will support data analysis and collection to evaluate the program, connect first- and second-year teachers with grants and provide multicultural libraries for their classrooms.

OTP began in 2014, according to EOU's announcement, and has allowed more than 250 high school students to explore a career in teaching while being mentored by Eastern U students. High schoolers who matriculate from the program to EOU can earn tuition reductions and serve as mentors themselves. More than a dozen graduates of the program are teaching in

regional classrooms. Educator Advancement Panel reported it received 27 grant applications and has awarded 26 so far for a total amount of \$6.8 million.

Additionally, EOU reported its Teach Rural Oregon and the Eastern Oregon Teaching Academy received \$200,000 in partnership with the Wallowa Educational Service District.

Education professor Dave Dallas founded the two programs to open the door for community college students, paraprofessionals and other individuals to become teachers in rural areas of the state as well as provide professional development opportunities for teachers in underserved rural schools.

Grant funding will provide an opportunity for community college students from Gresham to visit rural Eastern Oregon for three weeks in May to observe classrooms and converse with and learn from rural colleagues. A student board, crisis intervention for teachers, access to EOU faculty and stipends for guest speakers also are part of the vision for the teaching academy. Ultimately, according to Dallas, the program aims to recruit more teachers to the rural areas of Oregon.

Eastern also reported the Oregon Teacher Pathway program qualified to apply for an additional \$100,000 grant through the Meyer Foundation.

You can learn more about the Oregon Teacher Pathway at eou.edu/otp and Teach Rural Oregon and the Eastern Oregon Teacher Academy at eou.edu/teach-rural-oregon.

LG School District names new business director

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LA GRANDE — Michelle Glover, the Baker School District's business manager, is set to join the La Grande School District.

Glover has been named the La Grande School District's next business director. She will succeed Chris Panike, who will retire at the end of June. Panike has been the LGSD's business director since he joined it in late 2006. Glover will become

the La Grande School District's new business director July 1. Glover has more than 30 years of experience in the fields of finance and accounting, with 17 coming in an educational environment.

La Grande School Superintendent George Mendoza said in a press release he is pleased that Glover will be joining his district.

"She has significant experience in the fiscal management of school districts and she will contribute a great deal to our district leadership team," Mendoza said.

Police make 79 stops during distracted driving crackdown

The Observer

UNION COUNTY — Law enforcement in Union County during a three-hour period Friday, April 9, conducted 79 traffic stops in a crackdown on distracted driving.

The La Grande Police Department in a press release announced local law enforcement from noon to 3 p.m. participated in a saturation patrol to increase awareness and deter distracted driving.

The effort is a partnership that also includes the Oregon Department of Transportation, Union County Sheriff's Office and Oregon State Police.

During the three-hour span, the violations included the use of mobile electronic devices while driving. The traffic stops yielded 29 distracted driving citations and warnings, according to La Grande police, "and mul-

iple citations and warnings for other offenses."

Distracted driving has become one of the most common reasons for vehicle crashes on America's roadways. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports 3,142 people died in motor vehicle crashes involving distracted drivers in 2019 — nearly one-tenth of all fatal crashes that

year were reported as distraction-affected.

According to ODOT, from 2014-2018, distracted drivers in Oregon were involved in 13,603 crashes that resulted in 137 fatalities and 20,992 injuries.

La Grande police also reported this was the first of three events agencies planned this year in Union County to educate distracted drivers and enforce distracted-driving laws.



Glover