

TODAY

Today is Thursday, April 22, the 112th day of 2021. There are 253 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On **April 22, 2005**, Zacarias Moussaoui pleaded guilty in a federal courtroom outside Washington, D.C. to conspiring with the Sept. 11 hijackers to kill Americans. (Moussaoui is serving a life prison sentence.)

In **1864**, Congress authorized the use of the phrase "In God We Trust" on U.S. coins.

In **1889**, the Oklahoma Land Rush began at noon as thousands of homesteaders staked claims.

In **1898**, with the United States and Spain on the verge of war, the U.S. Navy began blockading Cuban ports. Congress authorized creation of the 1st U.S. Volunteer Cavalry, also known as the "Rough Riders."

In **1915**, the first full-scale use of deadly chemicals in warfare took place as German forces unleashed chlorine gas against Allied troops at the start of the Second Battle of Ypres in Belgium during World War I; thousands of soldiers are believed to have died.

In **1937**, thousands of college students in New York City staged a "peace strike" opposing American entry into another possible world conflict.

In **1952**, an atomic test in Nevada became the first nuclear explosion shown on live network television as a 31-kiloton bomb was dropped from a B-50 Superfortress.

In **1970**, millions of Americans concerned about the environment observed the first "Earth Day."

In **1994**, Richard M. Nixon, the 37th president of the United States, died at a New York hospital four days after suffering a stroke; he was 81.

In **2000**, in a dramatic pre-dawn raid, armed immigration agents seized Elian Gonzalez, the Cuban boy at the center of a custody dispute, from his relatives' home in Miami; Elian was reunited with his father at Andrews Air Force Base near Washington.

In **2004**, Army Ranger Pat Tillman, who'd traded in a multimillion-dollar NFL contract to serve in Afghanistan, was killed by friendly fire; he was 27.

Ten years ago: Syrian security forces fired at protesters, killing at least 75 people around the country.

Five years ago: Leaders from 175 countries signed the Paris Agreement on climate change at the United Nations as the landmark deal took a key step toward entering into force years ahead of schedule.

One year ago: Federal officials said two pet cats in New York state had tested positive for the coronavirus, marking the first confirmed cases in companion animals in the U.S.; the cats had mild respiratory illnesses.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Estelle Harris is 93. Actor Jack Nicholson is 84. Singer Mel Carter is 82. Author Janet Evanovich is 78. Country singer Cleve Francis is 76. Movie director John Waters is 75. Singer Peter Frampton is 71. Actor Ryan Stiles is 62. Baseball manager Terry Francona is 62. Actor-talk show host Sherri Shepherd is 54. Rock musician Shavo Odadjian (System of a Down) is 47. Rock singer-musician Daniel Johns (Silverchair) is 42. Actor Amber Heard is 35. Rapper/singer Machine Gun Kelly is 31.

— Associated Press

EASTERN OREGON | UMATILLA RIVER

94 VOLUNTEERS, 1,660 POUNDS OF TRASH, ONE CLEANER RIVER

BY KATHY ANEY
East Oregonian

Volunteers plucked almost 1,700 pounds of trash from the banks of the Umatilla River during the city's Spring River Cleanup on Saturday. The haul eclipsed the amount of debris gathered in 2019, the last year the event was held, when volunteers gathered 1,500 pounds. Participants found the usual bottles, cans and fast food remnants, but also picked up an eclectic list of items: a set of Press-On nails with jewels, a bag of four cooking wine bottles, the top of an umbrella, one sock, blue Easter egg shells, a wagon axle with wheels, twisted pieces of metal, a brake drum, a computer monitor, one pair of pants, an 8-by-10 rug, twisted rebar, a 2018 newspaper, a pepper-spray container, a 4-foot-long angled iron bar, a shredded blanket in a tree and a plethora of other debris, including many face masks.

East Oregonian owner and organizer Kathryn Brown gave guidelines to the exuberant participants, which included



Kathy Aney/East Oregonian

Volunteers Briana Spencer and Vanessa Algarin-Benitez remove trash from the banks of the Umatilla River during the SURE 2021 Spring River Cleanup on Saturday.

64 adults and 30 youths. They set out wearing gloves, face masks and carrying trash bags. Parks and recreation em-

ployees hauled and weighed the trash that was collected.

Volunteers found three homeless en-

campments. Per instruction, volunteers left the encampments alone.

Brown seemed ebullient about the strong turnout of volunteers despite last year's cancellation due to the pandemic.

"I was grateful to see so many long-time river cleanup volunteers attend, but also many people who were there for the first time," she said.

The cadre of volunteers included contingents from Lost & Found Youth Outreach and Pendleton High School's ASTRA Club.

After the cleanup, some volunteers jotted down wildlife they had seen on a paper at the registration table. Wildlife included a brown snake, butterflies, osprey, robins, crows, a lesser goldfinch, a white-crowned sparrow, a violet-green swallow, a great blue heron, mallards, buffleheads, a northern flicker, squirrels, a garden snake, a frog and spiders.

In 2022, organizers hope to revive the usual volunteer appreciation barbecue, scrubbed this time because of COVID-19 restrictions.

Schools: Deschutes virus infections are up, though 90% of cases are people age 20 and older

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Even so, that crowded hallway photo came at an awkward time for the school district.

COVID-19 case counts have skyrocketed in recent weeks in Oregon, and Deschutes County is no exception. Between April 3 and April 17, weekly case counts in Deschutes County shot up from 150 to 394, according to county data.

However, county data shows that only 10% of local cases come from people aged 10-19. Meanwhile, 55%

of county positive cases come from residents in their 20s, 30s and 40s.

Furthermore, county contact tracers have found that the majority of new cases recently have come from people gathering without masks, said Morgan Emerson, spokesperson for Deschutes County Health Services. That's something not allowed inside schools.

"It's things like carpooling without masks, even barbecues where people aren't distancing," Emerson said.

There have been a few

COVID-19 cases detected in Bend-La Pine's high schools.

Exempting a mid-February outbreak of 43 Summit students — who caught COVID-19 due to an off-campus, maskless party — 18 high schoolers in Bend-La Pine Schools have tested positive for COVID-19 as of April 14, according to state data. Five school staffers at Bend-La Pine high schools have also tested positive this year.

Dean said he doesn't want to assume that the crowded

hallways are or aren't a major COVID-19 risk, although he still finds them concerning.

"None of us are scientists," he said. "(But) we think we can do it better, and that's what we're trying to do."

Although middle schools also have passing periods, Dean isn't as concerned about COVID-19 spreading there.

Not only are younger students more likely to follow COVID-19 rules than high schoolers, but middle schools have multiple lunches, so fewer students are moving about at

once, Dean said.

Middle schools also have much smaller populations — Bend's largest middle school, High Desert, has about 760 students. Mountain View High has over 1,200 students, and Summit and Bend high schools each have more than 1,500 students.

"You don't have 1,500 students moving all at once," Dean said. "In fact, in some schools, you might have 150 or 200 students moving."

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Trooper

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After driving for about a mile, Luna turned left toward the Motel 6, cutting in front of a 2015 Dodge Charger driven by Halladay, who was on duty, the lawsuit states.

Luna was suspected of driving under the influence and refused a breath test. In addition to DUII, he was charged with assault, reckless driving

and making a dangerous left turn.

Halladay suffered tissue damage to his left eye, damage to his shoulder requiring surgery, a herniated disc and multiple injuries to his arms and legs, the lawsuit states. Medical expenses for his care since the crash total more than \$38,000, the lawsuit states. He's seeking an additional \$750,000 in non-economic damages.

In January 2020, Luna

pleaded guilty to driving under the influence, second-degree assault and refusing to take a breath test for alcohol. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail, three years probation and a five-year suspension of his driver's license. Judge Beth Bagley further ordered Luna to write an apology letter to Halladay.

Halladay was hired by Oregon State Police in 2013, according to state police records.

He was placed on leave of absence in December 2019.

Halladay is now working full duty, OSP spokesman Capt. Tim Fox said Wednesday.

Halladay's attorney, Brigid Turner, declined to comment for the record.

A Timbers representative declined to comment. Efforts to reach Luna were unsuccessful.

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Northwest

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Annual mean temperatures in Washington generally increased by up to 0.5 of a degree Fahrenheit, though some places warmed slightly more and some did not change.

Oregon, Idaho and Northern California had a similar pattern, though patches of Southern Idaho warmed by more than 1 degree.

The warming was not uniform throughout the seasons. Normal high temperatures in April and October in much

of Washington, Oregon and Idaho will now be slightly cooler than previously.

"Not every month in every location in the U.S. is always warming despite the fact that we generally are warming in our climate," Palecki said.

Warming shows up more clearly by comparing 1991-2020 temperatures to early 20th century normals, he said. The annual mean temperature has increased in every state since 1901-30.

"There's a huge difference in temperatures over time as we go from cooler climates in the

early part of the 20th century," Palecki said. "We're really seeing the fingerprints of climate change in the new normals."

Roughly speaking, the eastern half of the U.S. is getting wetter, while the western half is getting drier, though there are exceptions.

Western Washington and the Idaho Panhandle became wetter in the past decade, as did Montana and the Dakotas.

Much of Eastern Oregon joined California and the Southwest to form a large re-

gion that became drier.

The World Meteorological Organization on Monday released its annual global climate report.

Global mean temperatures in 2020 were approximately 2.16 degrees Fahrenheit above baseline temperatures from 1850 to 1900, according to the report.

Northern Eurasia was especially hot, but some areas were cooler than average, including Western Canada, parts of Brazil, northern India and southeastern Australia.

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DEATH NOTICES

Raymond Earl Kegley, Jr. of Christmas Valley, OR June 16, 1959 - February 22, 2021

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OBITUARY

Terry Roxanne Rucks

June 06, 1952 - April 07, 2021



In memory of Terry, contributions can be made to the Humane Society of the Ochocos, 1280 SW Tom McCall Rd., Prineville, OR 97754.

Terry Roxanne Rucks (Chambers) passed away April 7th, 2021 in Naples Florida from complications of Dementia. She was born June 6th, 1952 in Yakima, Washington to parents Betty and Glen Chambers. She is survived by her husband Arron Rucks of Placida, Florida; her mother Betty Chambers of Olympia, Washington; a brother, Rex Chambers of Mazatlán; and a sister, Heidi Chambers of Shelton, Washington. Terry was raised in Othello, Washington and graduated at the University of Washington with a Business Degree. She went on to work at Boeing for 24 years and travelled all over the world selling commercial airplanes. Terry met her husband in 1998. They were married on September 18th, 2009 at their home near Redmond. They moved to Placida, Florida in April 2018 to enjoy the sunshine and fishing. A Celebration of Life will be held May 1st at 3pm at Sam Johnson Park Pavilion in