

TODAY

It's Saturday, June 19, the 170th day of 2021. There are 195 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

In **1865**, Union troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, with news that the Civil War was over, and that all remaining slaves in Texas were free — an event celebrated to this day as “Juneteenth.”

In **1775**, George Washington was commissioned by the Continental Congress as commander in chief of the Continental Army.

In **1911**, Pennsylvania became the first state to establish a motion picture censorship board.

In **1917**, during World War I, King George V ordered the British royal family to dispense with German titles and surnames; the family took the name “Windsor.”

In **1944**, during World War II, the two-day Battle of the Philippine Sea began, resulting in a decisive victory for the Americans over the Japanese.

In **1945**, millions of New Yorkers turned out to cheer Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, who was honored with a parade.

In **1953**, Julius Rosenberg, 35, and his wife, Ethel, 37, convicted of conspiring to pass U.S. atomic secrets to the Soviet Union, were executed at Sing Sing Prison in Ossining, New York.

In **1964**, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was approved by the U.S. Senate, 73-27, after surviving a lengthy filibuster.

In **1975**, former Chicago organized crime boss Sam Giancana was shot to death in the basement of his home in Oak Park, Illinois; the killing has never been solved.

In **1987**, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a Louisiana law requiring any public school teaching the theory of evolution to teach creation science, as well.

In **2013**, actor James Gandolfini, 51, died while vacationing in Rome.

In **2014**, Rep. Kevin McCarthy of California won election as House majority leader as Republicans shuffled their leadership in the wake of Rep. Eric Cantor's primary defeat in Virginia.

Ten years ago: Libya's government said NATO warplanes had struck a residential neighborhood in the capital and killed nine civilians, including two children; NATO confirmed hours later that one of its airstrikes had gone astray.

Five years ago: LeBron James and his relentless Cavaliers pulled off an improbable NBA Finals comeback to give the city of Cleveland its first title since 1964 as they became the first team to rally from a 3-1 finals deficit by beating the defending champion Golden State Warriors 93-89. Anton Yelchin, a rising actor best known for playing Chekov in the new “Star Trek” films, was killed by his own car as it rolled down his driveway in Los Angeles; he was 27.

One year ago: Americans marked Juneteenth, a holiday commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African Americans, with new urgency and protests demanding racial justice. The mayor of Louisville, Kentucky, said Brett Hankison, one of the three police officers involved in the fatal shooting of Breonna Taylor, would be fired. A day before President Donald Trump's indoor rally in Tulsa, Oklahoma, the state reported its second-biggest daily increase in its coronavirus case load. British actor Ian Holm, whose career included roles in “Chariots of Fire” and “The Lord of the Rings,” died at 88.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Gena Rowlands is 91. Hall of Fame race car driver Shirley Muldowney is 81. Singer Elaine “Spanky” McFarlane (Spanky and Our Gang) is 79. Nobel peace laureate Aung San Suu Kyi is 76. Author Sir Salman Rushdie is 74. Actor Phylicia Rashad is 73. Rock singer Ann Wilson (Heart) is 71. Musician Larry Dunn is 68. Actor Kathleen Turner is 67. Singer Mark DeBarge is 62. Singer-dancer-choreographer Paula Abdul is 59. Actor Andy Lauer is 58. British Prime Minister Boris Johnson is 57. Actor Mia Sara is 54. TV personality Lara Spencer is 52. Rock musician Brian “Head” Welch is 51. Actor Jean Dujardin is 49. Actor Robin Tunney is 49. Actor Bumper Robinson is 47. Actor Poppy Montgomery is 46. Alt-country singer-musician Scott Avett (The Avett Brothers) is 45. Actor Ryan Hurst is 45. Actor Zoe Saldana is 43. Former NBA star Dirk Nowitzki is 43. Actor Neil Brown Jr. is 41. Actor Lauren Lee Smith is 41. Rapper Macklemore (Macklemore and Ryan Lewis) is 39. Actor Paul Dano is 37. Actor Giacomo Gianniotti is 32.

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College installs American Indians' artwork to reflect its homeland

BY ANTONIO SIERRA • East Oregonian

The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation's ceded territory stretches to nearly every corner of Blue Mountain Community College's service area. Soon, the artwork featured in all of BMCC's five campuses will reflect that fact. BMCC recently used more than \$60,000 in state grants to purchase, frame and install artwork made by American Indian artists from Crow's Shadow Institute of the Arts, a Umatilla Indian Reservation print studio and gallery.

Annie Smith, BMCC's Native American liaison and success coach, said the art purchase represented a boost to the college's American Indian students.

“They'll be able to see themselves in this area,” she said.

Crow's Shadow Marketing Director Nika Blasser said the seeds of the idea grew out of a 2019 exhibit at BMCC's Betty Feves Art Gallery. The gallery reached out to Crow's Shadow after a planned exhibit fell through and the resulting collaboration led to “This Good Land,” an exhibit that spotlighted American Indian artwork from the nonprofit's collection.

Lori Sams, the Feves Art Gallery director, said she solicited feedback from students on the exhibit and received a strong response, especially from the college's American Indian students.

BMCC Grants Manager Bonnie Day said more than 3% of BMCC's students identify as American Indian or Native American. That means BMCC has the largest proportion of indigenous students of any community college in the state.

With those facts in mind, Day and a group of BMCC staff began applying for grants to make the college's visual pre-



Dena Summerfield, right, frames “kahss K'wahyayis” by Shirod Younker on June 14 at Pendleton Art and Frame in preparation for its display at Blue Mountain Community College. Ben Loneragan/East Oregonian

sentation start reflecting some of the students it serves, a process that took more than a year to complete.

The larger of the two grants — a \$59,360 grant from the Oregon Department of Education — provided the lion's share of money to the college to purchase prints from Crow's Shadow. But the grant expanded past artwork, including money for a free Umatilla language class for 25 students, ed-

ucational materials and a “day of learning” for the BMCC Board of Education on the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

Blue Mountain is hustling to use the grant funds, having already selected the art, paid for its framing and chosen specific locations for each piece of art.

Smith said college staff were very intentional with where they placed each print.

For instance, the college is placing an untitled print from

James Lavadour and Lillian Pitt at the Hermiston campus because it's evocative of the Hermiston area's natural landscape, which was known traditionally as K'ulk'ulipa, or “at the bowls,” because of the area's bedrock formations and butte. For the college's veterans center, Smith and the college chose George Flett's “Prairie Chicken Dancer Flashing His Power Through His Mirror” because

Flett himself was a veteran and

the print depicts an indigenous warrior.

“I liked to select pieces that were meaningful to that place,” Smith said.

Blasser said Crow's Shadow artist-in-residency program attracts American Indian artists from all across the country, but the work they produce during their residency is often locally inspired because of their surroundings on the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

Chlorine shortage: Cities ask people to reduce water use

The Associated Press
SALEM — Authorities in Lake Oswego and Tigard in Oregon and Anacortes in Washington are among the communities asking residents to reduce water use during a chlorine shortage.

Oregon Public Broadcasting reports the chemical is used in small amounts by water treatment facilities to prevent harmful bacteria growth in drinking water supply. State officials say they have a plan to help water districts across Oregon get the chlorine they need if their stockpiles run low, and there's no threat to the water the public depends on.

The shortage occurred after a power outage earlier this month at the Westlake chemical facility in Longview, Washington, the main provider of chlorine for Oregon.

Matt Marheine, the deputy director at the Oregon Department of Emergency Management, says the shortage is not unique to Oregon.

“(This) is a situation that is occurring nationally as we see shortages and challenges with chlorine distribution and production throughout the country,” he said.

In the West, the distribution and production of the chlorine used in water and treatment and wastewater treatment is mostly facilitated out of Westlake. The facility had a power

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disruption due to a power connection failure, which is in the process of being repaired.

“We expect to see that that facility has power before the end of the month and production is able to resume and deliveries get back on track,” Marheine said.

Oregon Emergency Management is working with 33 state agencies to keep the public informed of the water status. However, Marheine wanted to make one thing clear:

“The drinking water in the state of Oregon is clean and safe to use and drink,” he said.

The concern is how long the current chlorine supply will last. Most Oregon water districts have around a month's supply of chlorine, according to Andre Ourso, administrator for the Oregon Health Authorities' Center for Health Protection.

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